

# Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 9 out of 15, or 60%, of identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 9 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 291 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 170 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 121 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 89% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 22% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

100%	Emergency Shelter
89%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
67%	Advocacy with Social Services
67%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
56%	Children's Counseling/ Advocacy
44%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
22%	Childcare
22%	Transitional Housing

## 214 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Nevada reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

### NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims' requests for services. 78% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 33% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

## 152 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Nevada answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

## 44 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Nevada attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

*A woman came to our door carrying her two young children. She was wearing little clothing, and the duct tape that her abuser had bound her with was still hanging from her wrists and ankles. As she approached the front door of the shelter, her husband, who had followed her, ran up, grabbed one of the children from her arms, and quickly left. Shelter staff helped her inside and called the police. As of two days after this event, neither her abuser nor her child had been located.*

*We face an overwhelming problem in our community around domestic violence. Our shelters are over run, our counselors have an 8-week waiting list, and we have no room or funds to hire more staff.*