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Domestic Violence Counts Colorado Summary

On September 15, 2010, 44 out of 45, or 98%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 44 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,198 Victims Served in One Day

610 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

588 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 15
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	64%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	52%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	50%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	48%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	45%
Transitional Housing	30%
Transportation	30%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	20%

540 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 23 hotline calls every hour.

210 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 146 (70%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 39% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 23% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 18% reported not enough specialized services.
- 16% reported not enough staff.
- 5% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

260 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 260 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 19 trainings sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

“We’ve been working with multiple families to keep them safe from a man who had been stalking them. After he was released on bond, he threatened to kill the families as well as himself before he disappeared. During the survey day, he was found and arrested.”

