

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Wyoming Summary

On September 15, 2009, 23 out of 24, or 96%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

238 Victims Served in One Day

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

149 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	91%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	70%
Emergency Shelter	57%
Children's Support or Advocacy	52%
Transportation	43%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	39%
Group Support or Advocacy	35%
Rural Outreach	35%

112 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 approximately 5 hotline calls every hour.

129 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 129 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

24 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, 18 (75%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 39% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 17% reported not enough specialized services.
- 9% reported not enough staff.
- 4% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

"Agencies like ours give survivors information, support, and hope. In these harsh economic times, maybe hope is the most important element we foster."

"We helped a domestic violence victim, who has a traumatic brain injury, move hundreds of miles away from her abuser. We put together a packet for her, ensuring that she'll be okay once she gets there. All is going well, and she feels safe now."