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# Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 15, 2011, 23 out of 23, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 495 Victims Served in One Day

228 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

267 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy                      | 100%     |
| Transportation                                      | 70%      |
| Children's Support or Advocacy                      | 70%      |
| Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses) | 61%      |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy                  | 39%      |
| Medical Services/Accompaniment                      | 17%      |
| Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence | 13%      |

### 228 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, Nebraska programs answered more than 9 hotline calls every hour.

### 129 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

### 63% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 81 unmet requests, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 🏠 43% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 17% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 13% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 13% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 🏠 4% reported not enough staff.

"Being present in our office on September 15th meant witnessing the miracles we achieve every day. We have extremely limited resources, yet we find ways to provide services needed by survivors who have nowhere else to turn. However, it takes a toll on our advocates, leading to burnout, high turnover rates within our staff and delays in programming advancement that could otherwise be avoided if programs received the funding needed to provide such critical services to those who need it most."

