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Domestic Violence Counts Wyoming Summary

On September 15, 2011, 21 out of 24, or 88%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

344 Victims Served in One Day

167 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.

177 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	95%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	57%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	57%
Children's Support or Advocacy	57%
Transportation	38%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	14%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	14%

115 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, Wyoming programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

29 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.

45% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 13 unmet requests, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be urgent unmet needs. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 🏠 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 29% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 14% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 10% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 5% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"The small victories that happen every day in the fight to end domestic violence and sexual assault are proof that progress is being made to end abuse. The smile from a woman who receives gas money so she can get to work, a hug from a child who is given a backpack full of school supplies, the gratitude from a family that will have food for dinner; these are things that programs see every day."

