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## Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 12, 2012, 37 out of 39, or 95%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 37 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,487 Victims Served in One Day

1,104 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.

383 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12 |
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| Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses) | 89%      |
| Transportation                                   | 68%      |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy               | 43%      |
| Advocacy Related to Immigration                  | 30%      |
| Transitional Housing                             | 49%      |
| Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare | 49%      |
| Advocacy Related to Mental Health                | 32%      |
| Bilingual Advocacy                               | 41%      |

### 252 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

### 288 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 288 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 21 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 152 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 150 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

### 93% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 142 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Transitional Housing
3. Attorney/Legal Representation
4. Legal Avocacy/Accompaniment

For many survivors, the ability to hire an attorney to help with legal matters is critical. Unfortunately, lack of funds, few pro bono attorneys, and programs without legal attorneys on staff means that many victims face their abusers in court alone.

Below are the top 5 legal requests from survivors.

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| Child Custody    | 73% |
| Divorce          | 68% |
| Protection Order | 65% |
| Child Support    | 57% |
| Immigration      | 51% |

"Our staff goes above and beyond. Today, one of our advocates drove 200 miles in one afternoon to pick up a victim who had been abandoned to take her to the nearest shelter."

