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## Domestic Violence Counts Colorado Summary

On September 12, 2012, 37 out of 45, or 82%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Colorado 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.

### 1,055 Victims Served in One Day

617 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.

438 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	97%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	46%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	43%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	73%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	76%
Transitional Housing	27%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	32%
Transportation	24%

### 434 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 390 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 390 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 8 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 187 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 180 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.

### 83% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 156 requests unmet. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

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 8 legal requests from survivors.

Protection Orders	84%
Child Custody	81%
Child Support	70%
Child Protection Issues	70%
Divorce	73%
Benefits (social security, TANF, etc.)	59%
Financial or Economic Issues	41%
Relocation or Name Change	46%

“For our programs to move beyond crisis response, we need more funding so we can truly create violence prevention services that promotes self-sufficiency, conflict resolution, and ultimately peace in our community and world.”

