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Domestic Violence Counts North Dakota Summary

On September 12, 2012, 21 out of 21, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

231 Victims Served in One Day

112 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.

119 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	71%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	48%
Transitional Housing	10%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	5%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	57%
Transportation	48%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	14%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	24%

89 Hotline Calls Answered

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

199 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 199 individuals in communities across the North Dakota attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

15 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 15 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.

80% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 12 requests unmet.

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

1. Attorney/Legal Representation
2. Emergency Shelter

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 29% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 19% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported not enough specialized services.
- 10% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

“Obtaining legal services in rural North Dakota is almost impossible. There are few attorneys in our area who practice family law and those who do require a retainer that victims cannot afford.”

