



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Utah Summary

On September 13, 2017, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,014 Victims Served in One Day

674 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

340 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

| Services Provided by Local Programs                                | On Census Day |
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| Children’s Support or Advocacy                                     | 93%           |
| Emergency Shelter  | 93%           |
| Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment                 | 60%           |
| Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual) | 50%           |
| Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs                    | 33%           |

### 245 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Utah answered on average ten hotline calls per hour.

### 257 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 257 individuals in communities across Utah attended 18 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 305 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 30% (91) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 310 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, seven local programs in Utah laid off or did not fill 16 staff positions. Half of these positions (50%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “A new client was extremely frightened because her abusive partner found her at another shelter and was stalking her with a phone tracker. She has cancer and is going through chemotherapy. Her immune system is very low and needed to be put in a secure room where she has her own bathroom for sanitary safety and her own refrigerator for her expensive medications.”