



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Colorado Summary

On September 14, 2016, 38 out of 45 (**84%**) identified domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 38 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

919 Victims Served in One Day

476 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

443 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Children’s Support or Advocacy	71%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	53%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	34%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	32%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	21%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	8%

338 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, local and state hotline staff answered **338** calls, averaging **14** hotline calls every hour.

220 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **220** individuals in communities across Colorado attended **15** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

253 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 68% (173) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **253** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Colorado, **28** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**67%**) of these positions were for direct services such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “It became apparent that though the victim had been strangled, the responding officer did not charge as such. Our volunteer advocate and the victim met with the police chief and the chief ensured that the proper charge was applied. The perpetrator now faces a felony charge under the recently passed strangulation law, the first such charge in our community.”

