

# Nebraska Summary

On September 14, 2016, 21 out of 21 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### **508 Victims Served in One Day**

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

**361** 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	76%
Emergency Shelter	62%
Transportation	52%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	33%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	5%

#### 233 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 **233** calls, averaging **10** hotline calls every hour.

## 316 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **316** individuals in communities across Nebraska attended **18** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 106 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 78% (83) 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 **106** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Nebraska, **12.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Half **(50%)** 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, "In a meeting with our shelter manager, a survivor who recently fled domestic violence was able to safety plan and start mapping out her future. The survivor started to make progress in securing a job so that she can save money and move into her own place. The survivor is beginning to feel hopeful about her future and all that she is capable of."