



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Wyoming Summary

On September 14, 2016, 23 out of 23 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

229 Victims Served in One Day

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

122 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	91%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	65%
Emergency Shelter	52%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	35%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	26%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	26%

123 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 **123** calls, averaging **5** hotline calls every hour.

73 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **73** individuals in communities across Wyoming attended **10** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

22 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 64% (14) 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 **22** 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 Wyoming, **4** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. All (**100%**) 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, “We responded to the ER at the request of law enforcement. The victim was overwhelmed, confused, and wanted someone to talk to. We stayed through the Biological Evidence Kit, provided clothes, personal items, developed a safety plan, and made referrals to other services. She stated, ‘I didn’t know these services existed. I cannot believe how much help you were able to provide.’”

