



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS South Dakota Summary

On September 13, 2017, 11 out of 32 (34%) identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

268 Victims Served in One Day

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

68 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
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	82%
Transportation	73%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	45%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	18%

50 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 South Dakota answered on average two hotline calls per hour.

31 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 31 individuals in communities across South Dakota attended six training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

Zero Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made zero requests for services that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, four local programs in South Dakota laid off or did not fill five staff positions. All of these positions (100%) 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 woman’s ex-partner was still threatening and harassing her. The woman had recently taken in her four nieces and nephews because her sister had passed away. She was able to receive transitional housing and provide a home for the children who were suspected of being victims of sexual abuse. This lady has come a long way. She got discouraged but she was patient and persistent. She is doing great and all the kids are doing great.”

