



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS South Dakota Summary

On September 13, 2018, 10 out of 32 (31%) identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 10 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 187 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>
Transportation	60%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	50%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	20%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	20%

### 75 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 in South Dakota answered on average 3 hotline calls per hour.

### 10 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 10 individuals in communities across South Dakota attended 1 training session provided by a local domestic violence program, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 2 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 2 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. The most frequently requested non-residential services that could not be provided were housing advocacy, legal representation, and financial assistance.

❖ An advocate in South Dakota said, “A client was accepted into our transitional housing program. During her time in the program, she found a job and volunteered at our shelter. She later went on to file an application to be a shelter advocate.”

