

# '09 Domestic Violence Counts Colorado Summary

On September 15, 2009, 33 out of 45, or 73%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 33 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 1,218 Victims Served in One Day

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

651 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Emergency Shelter	61%
Children's Support or Advocacy	55%
Legal Accompaniment/Court Advocacy	58%
Rural Outreach	33%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	18%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	18%
Advocacy Related to Placement/Care of Animals	9%

## 521 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, domestic violence programs answered approximately 22 hotline calls every hour.

## 419 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 419 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 32 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 160 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 107 (67%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 36% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 30% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 21% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 18% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We are working with a senior citizen. Her abusive husband cut off all her funds, and she can't afford medical treatments. She doesn't have any family who can help her."

"We were able to help a hearing-impaired woman in an abusive relationship by offering strategies specific for her needs."