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Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 12, 2012, 13 out of 15, or 87%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

474 Victims Served in One Day

293 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

181 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12
Individual Support or Advocacy	92%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	69%
Transitional Housing	54%
Transportation	54%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	46%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	38%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	38%

204 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

500 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 500 individuals in communities across the Nevada attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

23 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 20 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

87% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 20 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Counseling
3. Attorney/Legal Representation

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 54% reported not enough staff.
- 31% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 23% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 15% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 8% reported not enough specialized services.

“Domestic violence seems to be increasing and not decreasing. Our county has only two domestic violence programs, and our shelter is consistently full. More funding will expand our life-saving services and we can help more survivors of domestic violence.”

