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Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 17, 2013, 12 out of 15 (80%), of identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

359 Victims Served in One Day

169 domestic violence victims (101 children and 68 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

190 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. 17
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children's Support or Advocacy	83%
Emergency Shelter	75%
Transportation	75%
Group Support or Advocacy	58%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	42%

86 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 more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

66 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 66 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 5 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

20 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 75% (15) Were for Housing

Victims made 20 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and nonresidential services, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential service that couldn't be provided was housing advocacy, followed by counseling, financial assistance and transportation.

Impact of Unmet Requests for Help

Domestic violence programs do not always know what happens when a survivor courageously calls a stranger to ask for a bed or other help and the services aren't available however 50% of programs report that victims are forced to return to their abuser and 8% report that victims become homeless.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 67% reported not enough available staff.
- 58% reported private funding cuts.
- 58% reported reduced individual donations.
- 50% reported reduced government funding.

Across Nevada 21 (23%) staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

A survivor who has been in shelter for nearly three months is nearing the end of her stay. In previous years she would have been placed in transitional housing, but this is no longer an option. She does have a job and continues to look for a place to rent that she can afford, but rates are just too high in our rural community. And with no public transportation, she walks everywhere.

— Advocate

