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Domestic Violence Counts Alaska Summary

On September 10, 2014, 18 out of 19 (95%) identified local domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 18 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

406 Victims Served in One Day

292 domestic violence victims (116 children and 176 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

114 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. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children's Support or Advocacy	78%
Emergency Shelter	72%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%

54 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 hotlines answered 54 calls, averaging more than 2 hotline calls every hour.

174 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 174 individuals in communities across Alaska attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

28 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 39% (11) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 25 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 28% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported reduced government funding.
- 6% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Alaska, 18 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (71%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A woman we had previously worked with on a protective order came in because she didn't feel that the protective order was strict enough, and was scared for her safety. Upon reviewing the order and hearing about potential contact she could have with her perpetrator, we found that there was, in fact, a loophole in the protective order so the perpetrator could gain access to her. We helped her fill out a modification for the protective order, which she was going to bring to court the next day."

— Advocate

