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Domestic Violence Counts Colorado Summary

On September 10, 2014, 35 out of 45 (78%) identified local domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

904 Victims Served in One Day

509 domestic violence victims (271 children and 238 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

395 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
Children's Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	71%
Bilingual Advocacy	54%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	43%
Rural Outreach	29%
Transitional Housing	26%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	23%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	11%

357 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 357 calls, averaging more than 14 hotline calls every hour.

199 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 199 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

163 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 84% (137) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 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, followed by financial assistance, legal representation, and shelter.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 29% reported reduced government funding.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 17% reported not enough staff.
- 11% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Colorado, 24 staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Because most of these positions were direct services (82%), such as shelter or legal advocates, there were fewer advocates available to answer calls for help. Fifty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim requested shelter for herself and her three children, but our shelter was full. We provided referrals to other shelters, but often don't know the outcomes of the families who are unable to access our shelter."

— Advocate

