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Domestic Violence Counts South Dakota Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 47 (32%) identified local domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

238 Victims Served in One Day

152 domestic violence victims (93 children and 59 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

86 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	93%
Emergency Shelter	73%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	53%
Childcare/Daycare	33%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	27%
Rural Outreach	20%
Transitional Housing	13%

74 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 74 calls, averaging more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

143 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 143 individuals in communities across South Dakota attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

10 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 10 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 legal representation.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across South Dakota, 3 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A woman who had been in our shelter in the past called to say that she was having a problem with paying her utility bill and wanted our assistance. We did not have the funds to help her. However we did give her some phone numbers of other people that might be able to help her."

— Advocate

