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Domestic Violence Counts Wyoming Summary

On September 10, 2014, 23 out of 23 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

279 Victims Served in One Day

137 domestic violence victims (70 children and 67 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

109 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	57%
Emergency Shelter	43%
Transitional Housing	35%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	35%
Rural Outreach	30%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	22%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	22%

109 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 109 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

67 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 67 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 4 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 5% (1) Were for Housing

Victims made 20 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 services that couldn’t be provided were legal representation and housing.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 35% reported reduced government funding.
- 22% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Wyoming, 14 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.

“We assisted a young victim of a vicious beating by her boyfriend resulting in serious injury and a 3-month recovery. We filed a protection order and worked with the County Attorney’s office until her offender was arrested. She feels safer and more confident in her decision to report her offender to law enforcement. She doesn’t feel alone anymore and knows where to find help to live a life of freedom and peace.”

— Advocate

