110 Domestic Violence Counts Minnesota Summary

On September 15, 2010, 44 out of 75, or 59%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 44 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,815 Victims Served in One Day

990 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

825 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual 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. 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	55%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/ Welfare	50%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	41%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	27%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	27%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	9%

582 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 24 hotline calls every hour.

266 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- ▲ 43% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 41% reported not enough staff.
- 39% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 23% reported not enough specialized services.
- 18% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

86% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 86% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 73% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"During a support group, a survivor shared how she left her abuser with nothing but the clothes on her back and her daughter on her hip. With the help of a local domestic violence programs, she was able to secure housing for herself and remain safe."

