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Domestic Violence Counts Wyoming Summary

On September 16, 2015, 23 out of 23 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

332 Victims Served in One Day

155 domestic violence victims (83 children and 72 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

177 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children's Support or Advocacy	70%
Emergency Shelter	52%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	52%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	48%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	43%
Transportation	39%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	35%

121 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 5 hotline calls every hour.

93 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 93 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

17 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 59% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Attorney/Legal Representation and Rental Assistance/Utilities services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Wyoming, 37 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 26% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 26% of programs reported fewer individual donations.
- 22% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 17% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.

Across Wyoming, 10 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (67%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"We had a victim come to our office who needed a place to live. By not having a place to live, she had to sign over guardianship of her children to her mother-in-law. We were able to find a relative for her to stay with, but the relative couldn't accommodate the children. It was a very frustrating feeling not being able to do more for this woman and her children."

— Advocate

"We're working with a client whose abuser recently left their shared residence. She relied 100% on him for income. She was destitute, hadn't worked in years and didn't know how to find daycare. We've helped her safety-plan, obtain a protection order, pay rent, shop for necessities, and find daycare. She's working full-time, saving money and participating in financial empowerment classes. She's getting on her feet, feeling better about her abilities to care for her son and is thriving."

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