

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 18 out of 32, or 56%, of identified domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 18 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,055 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 761 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 294 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, 83% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 56% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

83% Emergency Shelter

83% Individual Counseling or Advocacy

78% Group Counseling or Advocacy

56% Legal Accompaniment/ Services

56% Transitional Housing

50% Children's Counseling/ Advocacy

44% Advocacy with Social Services

44% Childcare

110 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Arizona reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims' requests for services. 44% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 17% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

182 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Arizona answered more than 8 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

181 PEOPLE TRAINED

Individuals across Arizona attended community education and trainings, gaining much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

The women we serve are generally running away from their abusers. On a good note, one of our participants received permanent housing today for herself and her children.

Our shelter turned away five people fleeing domestic violence because of lack of bed space. Clients struggle with transportation issues and getting to appointments. We have two case managers, which are not enough to get everyone to where they need to go.