

Domestic Violence Counts:07

On September 25, 2007, 18 out of 24, or 75%, of identified domestic violence programs in Wyoming 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.

349 VICTIMS SERVED IN ONE DAY

- 93 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 256 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.
- In just one day, 94% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 22% were able to provide transitional housing. Other services provided by programs include:

94%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
83%	Legal Accompaniment/ Services
56%	Emergency Shelter
33%	Children’s Counseling/ Advocacy
28%	Advocacy with Social Services
28%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
22%	Childcare
22%	Transitional Housing

61 UNMET REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Wyoming 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. 100% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 78% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.

107 HOTLINE CALLS ANSWERED

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger. Domestic violence program staff in Wyoming answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

617 PEOPLE TRAINED

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

Today, we helped a woman get a protection order, arranged for a police standby so she could get her belongings, and were able to fill her car with gas so she could get to another town.

We do not have a shelter. The biggest problem our clients have is not being able to find affordable housing. We do not have low-income housing, and what is affordable is not really livable.