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Domestic Violence Counts Alaska Summary

On September 15, 2010, 18 out of 18, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

467 Victims Served in One Day

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

160 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	94%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	72%
Transportation	67%
Children's Support or Advocacy	56%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	56%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	44%
Rural Outreach	44%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	39%

80 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 3 hotline calls every hour.

41 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. Of these unmet requests, 38 (93%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 17% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 11% reported not enough staff.
- 6% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.

67% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 67% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 28% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"A past program participant came by the shelter to tell us how well she is doing now. She has a great job and her own apartment, and her children are actively involved in extra-curricular activities. It's so inspiring for us to see her with such a great outlook."