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Domestic Violence Counts New Mexico Summary

On September 15, 2010, 25 out of 31, or 81%, of identified local domestic violence programs in New Mexico participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 25 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,252 Victims Served in One Day

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

452 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	92%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	68%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	56%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	48%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	48%
Transitional Housing	32%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	32%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	24%

143 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 6 hotline calls every hour.

61 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, 58 (95%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 16% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 16% reported not enough specialized services.
- 8% reported not enough staff.
- 8% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 4% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

76% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 76% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 92% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

“Rural areas are particularly hit hard during an economic recession. Although our costs increase, it is vital to keep our doors open. With emergency shelters in the cities more overburdened than ever and victims financially unable to travel, services in rural areas need to stay open. Without us, victims have no where to go.”

