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Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 15, 2010, 27 out of 27, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

517 Victims Served in One Day

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

342 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	89%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	52%
Children's Support or Advocacy	41%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	37%
Adult Therapy/Counseling (by licensed practitioner)	37%
Transitional Housing	26%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	19%
Children Therapy/Counseling (by licensed practitioner)	11%

152 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.

67 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, 53 (79%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 37% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 22% reported not enough staff.
- 15% reported not enough specialized services.
- 7% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 7% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

74% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 74% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 67% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"On the survey day, we were able to help a wheelchair bound survivor relocate to an area with more resources. Sadly, on that same day we met a victim who was beaten so horribly that she couldn't look at herself in the mirror."

