'12 Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 12, 2012, 22 out of 22, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

541 Victims Served in One Day

244 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

297 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12
Individual Support or Advocacy	82%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	64%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	14%
Rural Outreach	36%
Transportation	45%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	36%
Medical Services/Accompaniment	5%

311 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

899 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 899 individuals in communities across the Nebraska attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

178 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 170 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

36% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 64 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Counseling
3. Transitional Housing

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 23% reported not enough staff.
- 23% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 18% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 5% reported not enough specialized services.

> "The verdict came today for a sexual assault victim that I have been supporting: not guilty. She was devastated. We came up with a safe plan for her and her child and talked about more counseling sessions. She said that knowing that we were open 24 hours and that she can call anytime was a great comfort."