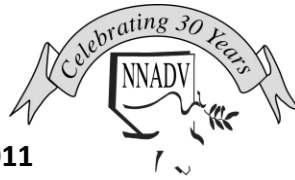


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New Survey Presents Snapshot of Domestic Violence in Nevada

Reno, NV – In one 24-hour period, 448 victims of domestic violence and their children across Nevada received life-saving services from local domestic violence service providers. Domestic violence advocates here answered 120 emergency hotline calls. At the same time, 12 requests for services went unmet, largely due to lack of funding.

These are just a few of the numbers from the latest survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). In Nevada, 11 out of 15 (73 percent) of identified domestic violence programs participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The Nevada-specific data along with the full National Domestic Violence Counts 2010 are available online at <http://www.nnedv.org/census>.

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 91 percent of Nevada programs are reporting a rise in demand for services from survivors of domestic violence. At the same time, 82 percent of programs reported a decrease in funding. Though the economy does not cause domestic violence, factors associated with economic uncertainties can increase the severity and frequency of abuse. At the same time, options for survivors to escape can be more limited.

“The stress of the economy is adversely affecting victims within our community, not only while living with their abusers but when trying to establish a safe home for themselves and their children,” says Sue Meuschke, Executive Director of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV). “With limited housing available and high unemployment it is challenging for victims to support themselves. I urge our communities to work together to address this critical issue and I thank our programs for their dedication to provide safety and resources to victims.”

For Nevada in one day alone:

- 152 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 296 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

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- 40 individuals in communities across Nevada attended four trainings sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.
- 12 requests for services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation were unmet. This included five requests for emergency shelter or transitional housing, mostly for lack of funding.

As stated by a Nevada advocate, “More victims request shelter than we have beds available. We need more programs to help victims, we need to hold abusers accountable, and we need more education about domestic violence.”

National statistics on domestic violence

Each year, NNEDV conducts a [24-hour survey](#) of local domestic violence programs. On Sept. 15, 2010, despite the difficulty to raise funds, domestic violence programs nationwide provided services to more than 70,000 adults and children in one day alone. Other national data include:

- More than 929 crisis hotline calls were answered every hour.
- More than 9,500 requests for services went unmet, mostly due to funding shortfalls.
- More than 30,000 individuals attended 1,240 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs to help prevent violence and intervene early in cases of abuse.
- Three women were murdered by their intimate partners.
- Thirty-six babies were born to mothers living in domestic violence shelters.
- Three-hundred-ninety-one survivors started new jobs.
- Three men committed suicide—one after murdering his wife, another after a failed attempt to kill his girlfriend, and the third after holding his partner hostage and participating in a standoff with the police.

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About NNADV:

The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons. As Nevada’s statewide coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network which both supports its member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state.

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About NNEDV:

NNEDV, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a leading voice for domestic violence victims and their allies. Its members include the 56 state and territorial coalitions against domestic violence. It works closely with them to understand the needs of domestic violence victims and advocacy programs. NNEDV has been a premiere national organization advancing the movement against domestic violence for the past 15 years, after leading efforts among domestic violence advocates and survivors in urging Congress to pass the landmark Violence Against Women Act of 1994. To learn more about NNEDV, please visit www.nnedv.org.