



Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence
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About the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV)

NNADV provides statewide advocacy, education and support to the front-line organizations that help those impacted by domestic violence. We support our member organizations by providing trainings on best practices in the domestic violence field including topics like the impact of trauma on survivors, understanding the ways technology can be used in abusive relationships and how to work with youth experiencing violence. NNADV also assists programs in finding financial resources to maintain their operations by advocating at the state and federal level to maintain vital funding. NNADV advocates for domestic violence programs in the state legislature to increase victim safety, better address arrests and prosecutions, support programs that educate children on violence prevention and many other topics. To strengthen our systems and better reflect how program services are being provided in the state, NNADV is in the process of becoming a dual domestic and sexual violence coalition. This development recognizes the strong intersection between domestic and sexual violence and the need for the state coalition to represent this reality.

Domestic Violence Program Services

In the 2015 calendar year, more than 41,400 adults, youth and children received services from domestic violence programs in Nevada. Programs also provided more than 49,500 nights of shelter to survivors, prepared 12,023 temporary protection orders and provided 17,948 individual counseling sessions. A detailed 2015 report is attached. Programs continue to do great work in serving victims, however there are challenges in meeting needs. The attached census document illustrates the barriers present for programs including staffing cuts and funding challenges.

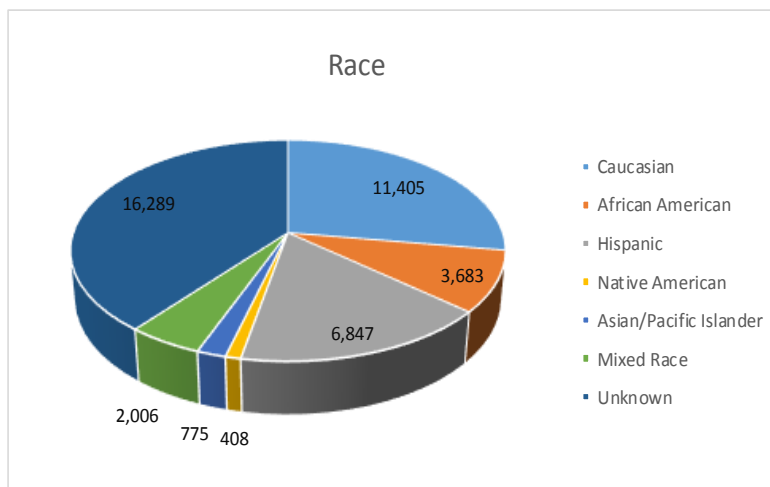
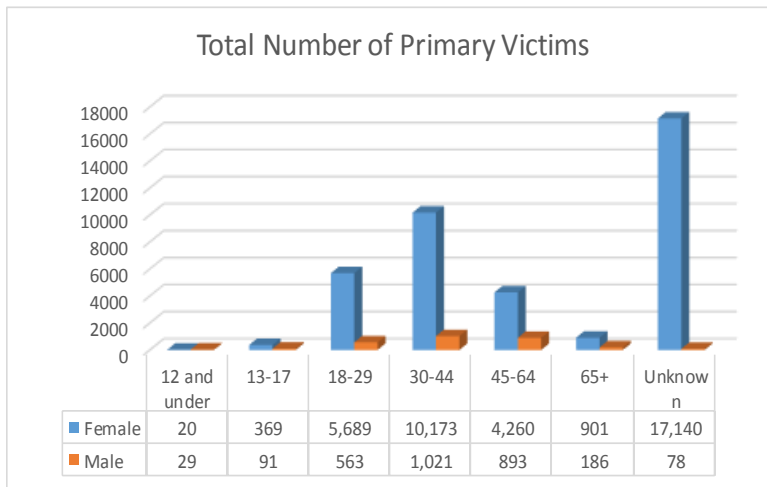
Nevada Arrest and Protection Advocacy Project (NAPA)

To address Nevada's consistently high domestic violence homicide rate and issues survivors experience when accessing the legal system for relief, NNADV has embarked on a new project. Partnering with the Nevada Attorney General's Office and two domestic violence programs, NNADV received a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women to research and develop best practices around protection orders, arrests and prosecutions in domestic violence cases. NNADV is planning listening sessions in communities throughout Nevada which will include participation by law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, batterer intervention programs, program advocates, system advocates, survivors, faith groups, family court judges, legal services and protection order court masters. Sessions will be held in Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno/Sparks, Elko, North Las Vegas and Pahrump from June-August 2016. Beginning in September 2016, a multidisciplinary workgroup will convene to review the information collected from these groups. This workgroup will develop recommendations for best practices to be presented at a statewide summit in year three of the grant.

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2015 Domestic Violence Statistics

More than **41,400** adults, youth and children received domestic violence services in 2015 according to data submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada. Programs also provided more than **49,500** nights of shelter to survivors.



Location:

Carson 1,691
 Churchill 180
 Clark 29,253
 Douglas 62
 Elko 6
 Esmeralda 0
 Eureka 0
 Humboldt 27
 Lander 13
 Lyon 122
 Mineral 65
 Nye 43
 Pershing 11
 Storey 1
 Washoe 8,898
 White Pine 0
 Unknown 730
 Out of State 311

- 12,023 Temporary Protection Orders prepared
- 17,948 Individual Counseling Sessions provided
 - 12,407 Law Enforcement contacts
 - 136,620 Referrals provided to clients

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Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 16, 2015, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

334 Victims Served in One Day

182 domestic violence victims (98 children and 84 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

152 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. 16 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy | 87% |
| Children's Support or Advocacy | 80% |
| Emergency Shelter | 73% |
| Group Support or Advocacy | 60% |
| Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy | 47% |
| Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program) | 47% |
| Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs | 40% |
| Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment | 13% |

105 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 4 hotline calls every hour.

75 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 75 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

108 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 69% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Transportation/Gas services were most in demand.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Nevada, 34 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 33% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 33% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 7% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Nevada, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (86%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Due to the reduction in funding, our organization no longer has a full-time staff member available to provide legal advocacy to victims, especially those needing assistance with protection orders or in court. If things don't change, rural victims are going to be left to fend for themselves and that will be a death sentence for many of them."

— Advocate

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN NEVADA

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All programs in Nevada offer sheltering services.

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