



#### WHAT WE DO ~ DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES

**Over 43,000 Adults and 9,000 Children Were Provided Over 568,000 Hours**

Domestic violence programs don't just provide counseling services. They help victims become survivors helping them overcome many barriers to escaping abusive relationships. We provide:

- Adults and children safe, emergency shelter
- Help survivors understand the court process and petition for orders of protection
- Support survivors when filing charges against abusers
- Spend thousands of hours helping survivors find housing, understand budgeting, obtain job training and education, and find other support to help her become more self sufficient
- Transport survivors to and from court; school; job interviews; medical care; and child care helping her achieve self sufficiency
- Support child witnesses of domestic violence and address issues they may be facing as a result of experiencing trauma

#### WHAT WE DO ~ 24 HOUR HOTLINE FOR SURVIVORS AND COMMUNITY

**Over 198,800 Hotline Calls Answered**

Domestic violence programs provide 24 hour hotlines, that are not only used by survivors, but for others people throughout each community needing information and referral. We are available 24/7 just like the police and fire departments, not only to survivors of domestic violence but also:

- Family and friends of survivors wanting to know how they can help
- Employers wanting to know dealing with domestic violence in their place of business
- Social service agencies trying to access appropriate referrals for their clients
- Police wanting to know where to find information about domestic violence or how to place a survivor in safe shelter in another county
- Person who is hungry or homeless and has no idea where to go for help

#### WHAT WE DO ~ SUPPORTING OTHER SYSTEMS IN COMMUNITIES

**Over 177,000 Professionals Received Over 17,000 Presentations/Contacts**

Survivors of domestic violence and their children intersect all community systems and we devote a significant amount of time helping those systems better respond to those survivors by helping them understand the impact their work has on survivors, what they can do to help empower survivors knocking at their doors, and helping those system develop procedures that hold batterers accountable, while keeping survivors safer. We work with:

- Hospitals, Emergency Rooms, Doctors, and Other Medical Staff
- Police, State's Attorneys, Judges, Probation, County Clerks
- Social Service Providers, DCFS, Youth and Civic Organizations
- Teachers and Educators
- Clergy and Religious Organizations
- Employers/Employees

#### WHAT WE DO ~ PREVENTION WORK AND EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

**Over 141,600 Children Received Prevention/Education Presentations**

Schools are dealing with children every day who are experiencing domestic violence at home. We provide prevention and education in schools; helping children understand what is going on at home; and reaching children who we don't reach any place else. Without this work, those children may never have any support from someone that truly understands the issues they are facing. We provide these services to:

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- Grade School
- High School

#### WHAT DO DEEP FUNDING CUTS REALLY MEAN TO COMMUNITIES?

With deep cuts in state of Illinois funding, agencies will close shelters and discontinue other services. Battered women will be left with no options.

We asked survivors what they would have done without domestic violence services, Here is what some of them told us:

*"He may have killed me or caused me to have a miscarriage."*

*"Probably be on the street or return to a violent situation."*

*"I would have been homeless with no where to go. I was living in a storage unit."*

*"I would have looked for a cave or a vacant barn and stayed there."*



Several domestic violence programs will close their doors.

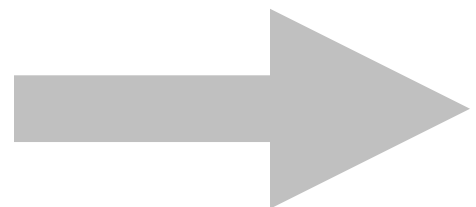
Most will eliminate all community services and prevention/education services.

Some will eliminate emergency shelter.

Some may eliminate 24/7 hotline coverage.

And those remaining will be forced to drastically cut direct client services so only a small fraction of the survivors in need of help will receive assistance. The number of survivors turned away from services will increase significantly.

Examples of actual impacts of deep funding cuts for each region of Illinois are provided on the back of this sheet.





## JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW DEEP FUNDING CUTS WILL IMPACT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR CHILDREN

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

7 Southern IL Counties ~ Population 46K ~ Square Mileage 75K  
**NO MORE SERVICES**

With deep cuts in State funding, one agency reported they would be forced to close their doors. They have other grants supporting services, but those grants require state and local match funds. With deep cuts in State funding, they would be unable to meet match requirements on those grants, forfeiting up to \$300,000 in federal dollars available to them to help support survivors.

Who will:

- ? Be there for the 480 survivors and child witnesses who need help each year?
- ? Provide 2000 hours helping survivors with orders of protection and criminal cases against their abusers?
- ? Provide 6400 hours annually of counseling and services to survivors, helping them build supportive bridges to safety?

3 Southern IL Counties ~ Population 325K  
**NO SHELTER, NO COMMUNITY SERVICES**

One agency reported they would be forced to close its shelter. In addition, all other client services would be cut by 40% and they would eliminate 24 hour availability, leaving survivors in danger. Losing the majority of State funds will force them to forfeit \$250,000 in federal funding that require match funds from State sources. Through its community services, this agency helps over 25,000 members of the community each year better understand how they can help reduce domestic violence. 90% of that work will be eliminated. Who will:

- ? Respond to 8500 requests for service from survivors and 1400 from other community members without a 24 hour hotline available?
- ? Who will be working in the community to build a supportive network throughout all systems that will benefit families impacted by domestic violence?

### COOK COUNTY

Chicago and the Cook County Suburbs Will Lose Services  
When There Already Isn't Enough Available For  
The Cook County Population Of 5.2 Million

There are already victims in need of shelter, help obtaining orders of protection, and other crucial services who are turned away every day.

One agency reports having to cut all services by 50% in a time when they have experienced increases of 40% on their hotline and an increase of 260% from survivors needing services. Who will:

- ? Help those 1200 survivors and children who are looking for help to escape abuse?
- ? Help those survivors obtain orders of protection when the agency no longer can afford to have advocates in the courthouse?
- ? Respond to this huge growth in need for services?

Another agency serving a population of 870K in Cook County, would eliminate 1000 hours of legal advocacy; 3000 hours of counseling support; 2400 hours of self sufficiency services. So who will:

- ? Provide that support to help women and child escape abuse?
- ? Provide support to criminal justice, medical and other systems to over 5000 professionals annually?
- ? Provide support that will allow them to keep federal grants requiring match funds from state or local sources?

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS

4 Central IL Counties ~ Population 80K  
**NO MORE SERVICES**

One agency will close with deep funding cuts. Who will:

- ? Help 300-400 survivors annually escape abuse?
- ? Educate 14,000 children annually, helping them understand domestic violence through school presentations.
- ? Support over 1000 professionals encountering survivors understand appropriate responses to battered women and their children?
- ? Answer over 800 hotline calls the community makes each year?

3 Central IL Counties ~ Population 354K  
**NO SHELTER, NO 24/7 AVAILABILITY**

Another agency reports they will no longer be able to support a 24 hour hotline or shelter-- only responding to requests for services during normal business hours, leaving survivors and their children in danger. Services to the two rural, outreach counties will be reduced by 50%. It is also likely that with these cuts, they will lose trained, experienced staff equipped for addressing domestic violence issues. They will discontinue 90% of all community services and 100% of child services. Who will:

- ? Respond to needs for services after normal business hours? Domestic violence doesn't only occur between 9-5, Monday through Friday.
- ? Provide a safe place to stay for the 350 survivors and children who need it annually?
- ? Have the training, expertise and dedication to provide professional services and helping battered women escape abuse?

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS

2 Northern IL Counties ~ Population 97K  
**Will Go WITHOUT SAFE SHELTER**

One agency will close their shelter; their outreach office; and greatly reduce other services offered to their communities. Who will:

- ? Shelter over 100 adults and children in need of a safe place to stay? They will turn away 1-2 survivors a day each day their shelter is closed. Where do they go now?
- ? Provide the 3800 hours of counseling services no longer available?
- ? Help support 1000 people from religious groups, employers and community organizations better understand domestic violence and help the victims they encounter in their every day lives?

1 Northern IL County ~ Population 507K  
**NO MORE SERVICES**

One agency has already been forced to lay off several staff members due to recent years of stagnant funding while costs of doing business increase every year; cuts in other funding sources; and a reduction in private donations. With more deep cuts in State funding, they will be forced to close. Who will:

- ? Help the 1800 survivors and their children supported by this agency annually? Last year they provided over 17,000 of crucial services to survivors and their children. This no longer will be available to survivors and their children.
- ? Take the 5200 hotline calls they respond to annually—morning, noon and in the middle of the night?