



**ONE MISSION. ONE VOICE.**

EMPOWERING WOMEN. EXPANDING AWARENESS. ERADICATING VIOLENCE.  
Serving Victims of Domestic Violence Since 1978

**WHAT WE DO ~ DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES**

Last Year, Over 44,000 Adults and 8,700 Children were Provided 574,400 Hours Domestic violence programs don't just provide counseling. They help victims become survivors by reducing barriers to escaping abusive relationships. Examples of services we provide:

- Help survivors find housing, understand budgeting, obtain job training and education, and find other support to help them become more self sufficient.
- 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**

Last Year, Over 198,800 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence programs are available 24/7 just like the police and fire departments, not only to survivors of domestic violence, but also to:

- Family and friends
- Employers
- Social service agencies
- Law enforcement

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

Over 141,500 Children Received Prevention/Education Presentations

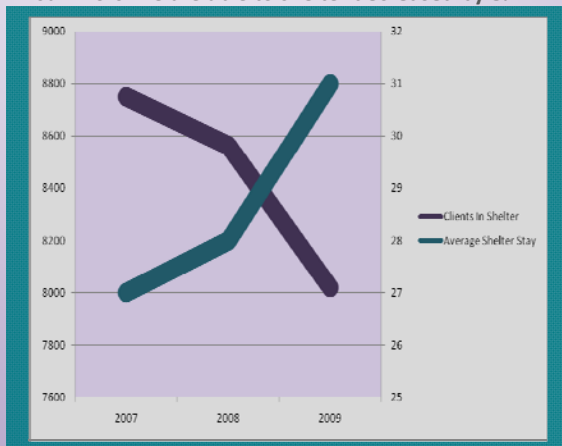
Without this work, these children may never have any support from someone that truly understands the issues they are facing.

**REMEMBER.....8760**

Domestic violence agencies are there... responding and saving lives, much like the police and fire department.  
...8760 hours per year

**With deep cuts and delayed grant payments in state of Illinois funding, agencies will close their doors and discontinue services. Battered women and their children will be left with no options.**

As average shelter stay increased 15% over the last three years, the total number of survivors we are able to shelter decreased by 8%.



Funding reductions and untimely payments from the State have contributed to tremendous reductions in services available to survivors of domestic violence. Last fall, a survey of ICADV member agencies revealed that 48\*\* full-time equivalent (FTE) positions were laid off and an additional 34\*\* full-time positions haven't been filled since September 1, 2009. Since then, some payments to programs have been made. However, even as the State gets caught up on payments, survivors continue to suffer from the long-term impact of funding cuts and untimely payments from the last several months.

**WE HAD TO LAY OFF STAFF AND RESTRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM LATE CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

- Northern Illinois Program:** Agency had to make staff cuts in July 2009. Last year the program consisted of approximately 26 staff members and is down to 18. Since that time, many managerial staff positions were eliminated, including the Director of Prevention.
- Southern Illinois:** Agency is very concerned about the children's services program. Currently, they do not have enough staff or hours to provide the level of service they desire for the children. One advocate only works 20 hours per week and a second only 25 hours. For both advocates, travel can take a significant amount of time relative to services provided in their very rural catchment area.

**On just one day, Illinois domestic violence programs couldn't meet the needs of over 700\* survivors seeking services. We suspect these numbers will only increase over time, like they have increased in each of the last three years. Reductions in funding are adding to struggles domestic violence programs already face. Costs of doing business increase every year, yet funding has remained stagnant, or been reduced, forcing programs to turn away even more survivors seeking help.**

\*According to the 2009 National Network to End Domestic Violence National Domestic Violence Census.