



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.

The number of clients we provided service to decreased over the last few years. We suspect this trend to continue as funding sources continue to remain stagnant or decrease.



Survivors Continue To Suffer From Funding Cuts and Untimely Payment on State Contracts....

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.

OUR STAFF ARE PAYING FOR PROVISION OF SERVICE OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS.

- **Southern Illinois Program:** This program serves 4 of the most rural counties in Illinois, so transportation is a necessity. Right now the agency can't afford to pay mileage reimbursement to staff, so staff are paying out of pocket in order to reach survivors in outlying areas.
- **Central and Southern Illinois Program:** In addition to putting in full work weeks, paid staff are volunteering extra hours without pay only to allow the agency to uphold minimal, basic services to survivors in the community.
- **Southern Illinois Program:** Staff conduct agency business on personal cell phones and the agency is no longer able to reimburse any of those expenses. Advocates are paying for them out of their own pockets.

Of the 2,830 victims served on just one day, Illinois domestic violence programs provided transportation to almost half of them to places like safe shelter, doctors appointments for their children, job interviews, courthouses to seek orders of protection, and more. Transportation is a crucial part of what we do. Last year, we spent over 11,200 hours providing transportation to survivors and their children. Now, there are many advocates not getting reimbursed for gas and their time.*

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

