



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

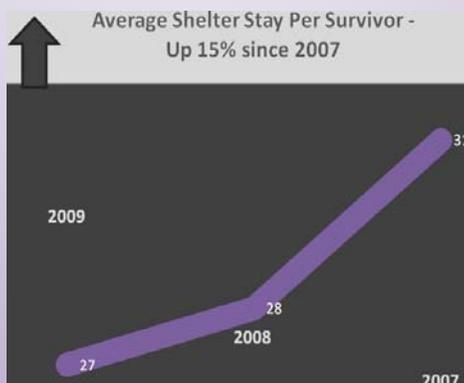
Without this work, these children may never have any support from someone that truly understands the issues they are facing.

REMEMBER.....8760

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

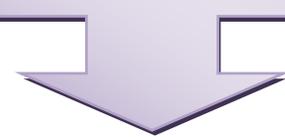
With deep cuts and delayed grant payments in state of Illinois funding, agencies will close their doors and discontinue services. Battered women and their children will be left with no options.

Over the last three years, we have seen the average stay in shelter increase by 15%.



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 LOST TRAINED STAFF, WHICH ADDS TO AN ALREADY HIGH TURNOVER RATE, FORCING US TO COMMIT MORE RESOURCES ON INTERVIEWING, HIRING, & TRAINING NEW STAFF. THAT IS TIME WE COULD BE SPENDING WITH SURVIVORS.



- **Central Illinois Program:** Agency had to lay off two of its excellent, long-term legal advocates in November as a direct result of the State's late contract payments. When offered their jobs back in January, advocates declined. Staff turnover rates are already high due to low salaries and high rates of burnout. These historical challenges increase exponentially when the threat of being laid off is a paycheck away.
- **Southern Illinois Program:** Agency is having a difficult time filling a vacancy in a rural county in the St. Louis Metro area. With reduced and stagnant funding sources, the agency is having a difficult time competing with jobs and pay rates available across the river in the St. Louis area.

On just one day in 2009, Illinois domestic violence programs answered 1,236 hotline calls, which averages 52 calls per hour in that 24-hour period. That number is up from 44 calls per hour answered during the Census Day in 2007. We are answering more hotline calls, and turning away more survivors. We can't afford to continue having high staff turnover rates. Time committed to hiring and training new staff is time we could be spending serving those survivors we are turning away.

*According to the 2009 and 2007 National Network to End Domestic Violence National Domestic Violence Census.