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Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report Shows Nevada Service Providers Reaching More Victim Survivors Since Before Pandemic Began

(**March 20, 2023**) The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) says the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) just dropped their annual Domestic Violence Counts Report and the [Nevada results](#) are startling. On September 7, 2022, 13 of the 18 domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the national count and findings show what providers have been saying for months, their advocates are increasing those they are reaching and how.

The Executive Director at NCEDSV, Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, talks about her discussions with service providers from across the state, “Over the last few months, I have been meeting with our direct service providers and our rural programs are saying the same thing as our programs in larger cities; they are all seeing and serving more victim-survivors than they have over the past several years.” Although the agencies are serving more people, they are also having to turn away fewer callers than in previous years, one silver lining the Executive Director says.

Abdur-Raheem went on to explain a few possible links for the increased need for services. “One thing that has increased markedly compared to previous years is the number of people reached through community trainings. These trainings may increase numbers of people getting help because the public and professionals know where to turn for support when abuse is occurring. The increase could also be attributed to economic insecurities. We know that when community and family economic insecurity rise, family stress rises as do all the precipitating factors that may lead to partner violence. The housing crisis, low wages in Nevada and the lack of a strong social safety net could all be contributing to the increased calls for support we are seeing.”

NNEDV has been conducting the DV Counts report for 17 years and while it is a one-day snapshot of services provided, it is fairly representational of the work being done 24/7, 365. She also points out that, as a single point in time survey, this report doesn’t fully capture all of the work being done here in Nevada.

About NCEDSV

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (previously The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence), is the statewide coalition of domestic and sexual violence programs. NCEDSV provides statewide advocacy, education and support to the front-line organizations that help those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. To learn more about services provided by NCEDSV, visit ncedsv.org.