

A Needs Assessment on Nevada’s Response to Domestic Violence

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Background & Methodology

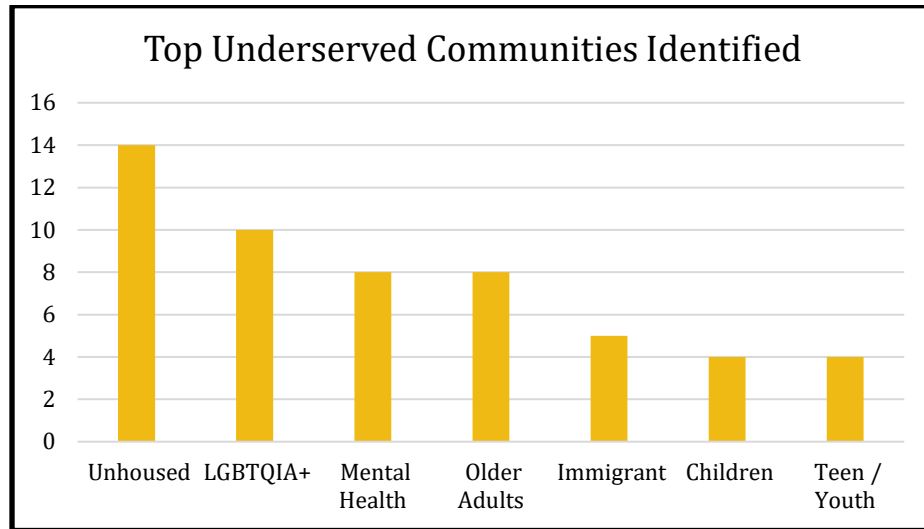
From September 2024 to October 2025, NCEDSV conducted a statewide needs assessment to evaluate Nevada’s response to domestic violence. Data were collected through surveys and listening sessions with victim-survivors, direct service providers, community members, and law enforcement agencies.

Participants Overview

Group Representation	Responses
Community Members	207
Direct Service Providers	64
Victim-Survivors	26
Law Enforcement	5

Underserved Communities

Respondents consistently identified specific populations experiencing greater barriers to safety, services, and stability



Direct Service Provider Insights

Service providers reported critical shortages in long-term housing, emergency shelter, legal representation, childcare, transportation, and mental health services. Emergency financial assistance, particularly

cash aid, was identified as the most urgent need for survivors.

Victim-Survivor Experiences

Victim-survivors described housing instability, difficulty navigating legal systems, limited access to mental health care, and



inconsistent law enforcement responses. Listening sessions highlighted ongoing trauma, fear, and the essential role advocates

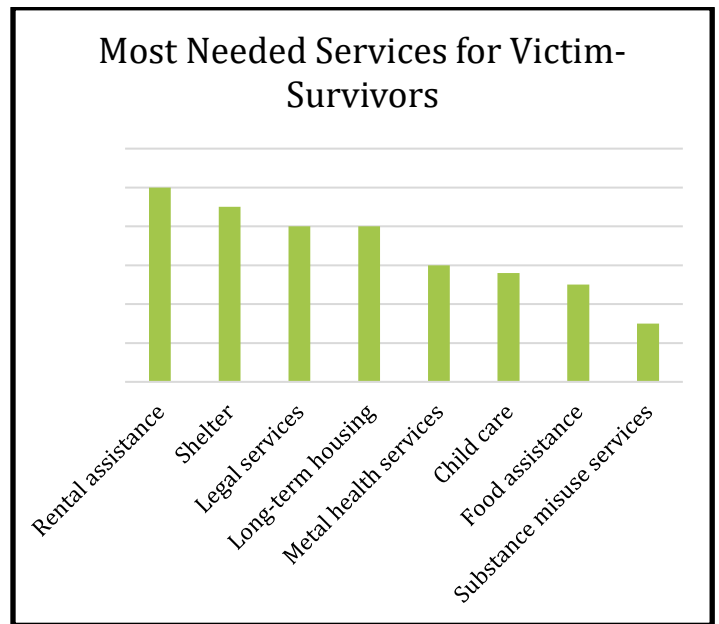
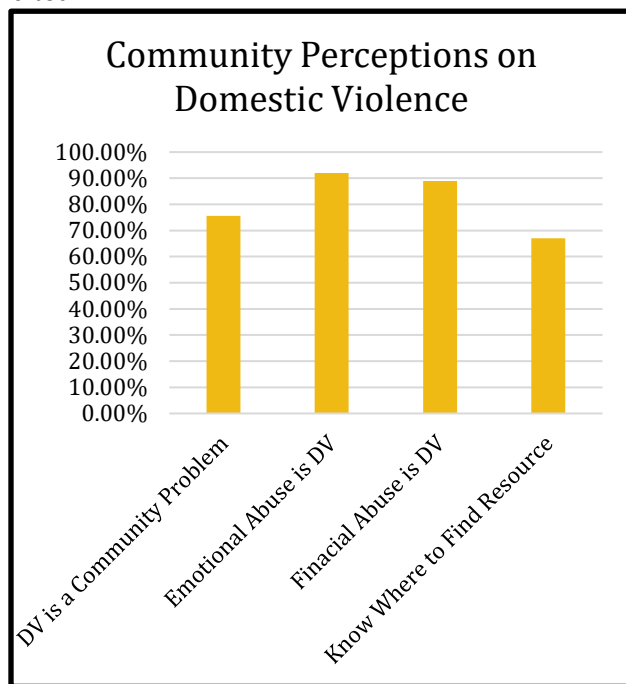
play in helping survivors navigate complex systems.

Community Feedback

While community awareness of domestic violence is high, many respondents reported uncertainty about where to find resources or how to take concrete steps to support survivors. Long waiting lists and limited services for male survivors were frequently cited.

Law Enforcement Perspectives

Law enforcement agencies identified domestic violence and stalking as prevalent crimes and reported that long-term housing, shelter, and rental assistance are the hardest services to access for survivors. Agencies expressed strong interest in trauma-informed training and improved inter-agency coordination.



Priority Recommendations

- Expand access to long-term housing, shelter, and rental assistance.
- Increase survivor-centered legal representation and court navigation.
- Implement mandatory trauma-informed and culturally responsive training.
- Strengthening coordination across law enforcement, courts, and service providers.
- Integrate mental health and substance misuse services into DV responses.
- Expand outreach so communities understand resources and next steps.

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