

Domestic Violence Services 2009

We are more than emergency shelter...

Reduced and stagnant funding resulted in fewer survivors of domestic violence, but the most pronounced outcome of these funding challenges is their impact on vulnerable children who have witnessed domestic violence in their homes. Due to lack of resources, the number of child witnesses we **turned away from shelter** increased by 23% and the number of hours provided to child witnesses has decreased by 5% in the last three years.

While emergency shelter is an important service that we offer communities, only about 44% of child witnesses we served last year received residential services. 56% of all child witnesses we served received nonresidential services and not shelter. Domestic violence programs provide a wide variety of services for child witnesses of domestic violence.

- Counseling and therapy help child witnesses better understand the dynamics
 of domestic violence and provide them emotional support to help them heal
 after experiencing the trauma of domestic violence.
- Services to strengthen the parent-child bond, such as family groups and parental services, are provided to help reestablish a healthy relationship between victimized parent and their children.
- ✓ Other supportive services help child witnesses establish routines in a life filled with chaos resulting from domestic violence, such transportation and case management.
- Assistance with educational issues and life skills increase their self esteem and help them gain confidence after witnessing domestic violence in their homes.

CHILD WITNESSES 8.499 Hours Education RECEIVED OVER and Life Skills 134,000 HOURS Assistance OF SFRVICE 12,202 Hours Other Supportive Services 24,751 Hours Services to Strengthen Parent-Child Bond 88,879 Hours Counseling, Emotional Support and Therapy

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responding and saving lives,
much like the police and fire department.
...8760 hours per year

The Impact on Children....

Over the last three years, reduced and stagnant funding negatively impacted our resources to reach children who are witnessing domestic violence





