

MCEDV is committed to ensuring safety for victims of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. **MCEDV** supports self-sufficiency for survivors and holds abusers accountable for their actions through coordinated community response.

MCEDV (the nine member domestic violence resource centers) provide services for adults, children, schools, businesses and communities affected by domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, for all counties in Maine including:

- Direct services such as safety planning, crisis response, emergency shelter, transitional housing and housing assistance, court and individual advocacy, financial planning and child centered services.
- Prevention, education and training for Maine schools, employers, health systems, faith communities and other community groups.

MCEDV (the coalition office) located in Augusta provides statewide public awareness, prevention education and training, technical assistance and advocacy including the voices of victims, providers, stakeholders and community members in policy planning.

How many people needed us? Resource center service statistics:

Member resource centers provided **88,820 service** contacts with **13,258** people affected by domestic abuse in 2013. **12,610** were adults and **648** were children. In addition to services at the resource centers, **MCEDV** domestic violence advocates placed in Maine Child Protective Services offices, served **560** survivors involved with CPS in the *first six months* of 2013 and provided **769** consultations for CPS caseworkers. Services included:

- ❖ **37,084 hotline calls**
- ❖ **39,741 in-person contacts** at member sites
- ❖ **757** people were **sheltered** for an aggregate total of **26,677** nights by MCEDV resource centers. Of those sheltered, **452** were adults and **437** were children. **835** requests for shelter were unmet due to service limitations.
- ❖ **12,501** people received non-shelter advocacy services including; individual and court advocacy, transitional housing, support group, economic advocacy. Of those who received services **12,158** were adults and **343** were children.

Member resource centers experienced an increase in requests for services and a decrease in funding during this year. Increased public awareness of the issue may be a factor increasing the demand for services. **835** requests for shelter were unmet due to lack of resources in 2013. Additional resources are necessary to respond to the survivors of violence asking for our help in finding safety and creating sustainable lives.



Maine Coalition to
End Domestic Violence

2013 Fact Sheet

- In addition to the core direct services, **MCEDV** resource centers provided prevention and education services for schools and communities
 - ❖ **39,973** youth participated in **2,065** education presentations
 - ❖ **23,510** adults participated in **2,316** training/education events
 - ❖ **2,043** local public awareness events were held

MCEDV member domestic violence resource centers are funded by a range of federal, state, local and private donation sources, leveraging each source to create the seamless, full service, resource center model that is much greater than any of its parts.

Domestic Violence in Maine: Criminal Statistics

- ❖ **Domestic violence assaults** represented **47.4%** of all Assaults reported to law enforcement in 2012 including 5,593 arrests for domestic violence crimes, an increase of 4.3% over 2011.
- ❖ **1** criminal domestic violence assault was reported every **one hour and 34 minutes** in 2012. Many other assaults were not reported to law enforcement.
- ❖ There were 24 **homicides** in Maine in 2013: **11** were domestic violence related. Maine DV homicides average consistently between 45 and 55% of the total.

MCEDV and its member resource centers are community based and community governed. **Community Volunteers** are a vital part of our organizations:

- **585 trained advocacy volunteers** donated **30,737** hours of service, in addition to other volunteer time not linked to advocacy service delivery.
- **Community Boards** provide governance to all member resource centers.

National Network to End Domestic Violence Census: Maine Report

On just one day in September, Maine Domestic Violence resource centers reported:

- **463 Victims Served in One Day**
- **222** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs
- **241** adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups

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Maine Domestic Violence Help Line: 1-866-834-HELP

Hearing Impaired: Maine Telecommunications Relay Service: 1-800-437-1220