## Arizona Department of Economic Security Domestic Violence Services Fund Report State Fiscal Year 2024 (A.R.S. § 36-3007)

### STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES FUND REPORT

This report represents data collection under the reporting system established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-3007. In preparing the report, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES/Department) consulted with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV). The reporting system provides information on the population served, the types and usage of the services provided, and the unmet needs of persons receiving services.

The data represents the use of the Domestic Violence Services Fund (DVSF) to establish a broad range of services to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence. The services are defined as follows:

**Emergency Shelter** – Provides short-term housing and supportive services such as case management and lay legal advocacy.

**Transitional Housing** – Provides longer-term housing for up to two years with support services such as case management and lay legal advocacy.

**Mobile and Community Based Advocacy** – Provides supportive services such as case management and lay legal advocacy services in a safe location for the individual.

**Hotline** – Provides 24-hour access to advocacy services, information, and resources.

#### **APPROPRIATION**

The amount of \$4,000,300 was appropriated from the DVSF in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024. While the expenditure authority is \$4,000,300 for the DVSF, the SFY 2024 contracted amount of \$3 million was based on a combination of annual revenues and carryforward balances.

#### POPULATION and SERVICES PROVIDED1

Service	Adults & Children	Unit of Service
Emergency Shelter	5,588	200,373 Bed Nights*
Transitional Housing	344	73,681 Bed Nights*
Mobile and Community Based Advocacy	14,942	72,455 Hours
Hotline	43,517	Calls received

<sup>\*</sup>Bed night is defined as one bed per person per night

#### **UNMET NEEDS OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVE SERVICES**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 2023, ADES awarded new contracts with revised reporting requirements effective SFY 2024. Reporting requirements were updated to align with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) funding that the Department was awarded. Changes from last year's Domestic Violence Services Fund Report include:

<sup>-</sup> Contractors count clients once, regardless of the types of services a client receives. This change in reporting provides an unduplicated count of clients served by the agency.

Contractors provide data on clients served, bed nights, and hours by location. Many contractors have shelters or satellite
offices in different cities or counties. This change provides a more accurate representation of where clients are being
served.

Contractors report hotline calls received as an agency rather than by location. Oftentimes, the 24-hour hotline is housed out of their main location.

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In SFY 2024, the Department surveyed the providers of services to assess the current unmet needs of persons who have received domestic violence services. The ACESDV, in accordance with state and federal statutes, also conducted a needs assessment that validated the responses received by ADES. The responses from both services indicated the need for affordable housing, child care, legal assistance, mental health resources, and flexible financial assistance to support survivors' needs such as car repairs and cultural, non-traditional services that assist with emotional or physical healing.