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## **DES Offers Multiple Services to Victims of Domestic Violence**

*Department recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

**PHOENIX** – The Department of Economic Security recognizes October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with an outreach campaign to highlight the many services the agency offers to victims of domestic violence.

DES' Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) plays an integral role in Arizona's fight to end domestic violence. The agency's Domestic Violence Program appropriated approximately \$12 million dollars in fiscal 2012 year to domestic violence shelters and service providers across the state to help victims.

Those funds went to help more than **9,500** adults and children who receive serviced in **29** shelters located in **12** counties. Of the total number served in emergency shelters, children represent **47 percent**. During the past year, more than **328,000** nights of shelter were provided to adults and children. These shelters also provided **more than 195,000** hours of case management, individual and group counseling and legal advocacy.

"The services DES makes available to victims of domestic violence provide a great example of how the Arizona safety net system works," said Director Clarence Carter. "Not only does DES help provide funding for victims shelters, we are also able to help victims get back on their feet through other services for which they may be eligible. These include food assistance, cash assistance, health care benefits, child support claims, child care and employment training."

One in four women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Men are not exempt. While women account for 85 percent of intimate partner violence, the other 15 percent are men, according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Domestic violence affects children, women and men of all ages, races and ethnicities.

"One thing is for sure: too many lives and far too many families are coping with the pain and damage that stems from domestic violence," adds Carter. "At DES, we are making sure we do our part to help families rebuild with the goal of making them stronger than ever before."

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