

Local Statistics on Sexual Assault

- El Paso County is now the largest county in Colorado with only one organization dedicated specifically to Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault survivors. TESSA is that sole agency for both El Paso and Teller Counties.
- In 2013, 15,522 Domestic Violence incidents were reported to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, including 13,070 aggravated and simple assaults, 440 sex offenses, 905 kidnappings, and 26 homicides.
- The Colorado Springs Police Department responded to 13,095 Domestic Violence calls for service in 2013, and makes approximately 2,400 Domestic Violence arrests every year. CSPD responds to 30-40 domestic violence calls per day.
- El Paso County is home to five (5) military installations, the most of any other county in the United States. The Pentagon's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office stated that in FY 2011 there were an estimated 19,000 sexual assaults in the military (approximately 52 per day) with only 14% being reported.
- El Paso County has the highest rate of Child Abuse reports of any Colorado county, with 15,222 reports made in 2013. According to the federally funded Greenbook Initiative, the rate of co-occurrence relative to DV and Child Abuse is likely as high as 50%, making it probable that DV rates throughout the Pikes Peak region are even higher than official reports.
- The rate of Sexual Assault in Colorado Springs is the highest in the state of Colorado and three times higher than the national average (City Crime Rankings 2010-11: Crime in Metropolitan America).
- According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey/NISVS (CDC, 2011), nearly 1 in 5 women have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape and over 1.3 million women were raped in the U.S. in one year.

TESSA's Role:

TESSA is an independent local agency, founded in 1977 and serving regional victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault for 37 years. In 2014 TESSA's service statistics included:

- 12,337 nights of safe shelter to 283 women and 155 children escaping violence in the home.
- 24/7 On-call response to 345 victims of DVSA who sought medical care at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs following an incident of abuse.
- Individual and/or group counseling for over 342 adults.
- More than 6,000 calls for crisis intervention, safety planning, and other support fielded by our staff and volunteers.
- Advocacy and support provided to 1,517 victims through TESSA's main office; 2,255 victims who received Court Support; 345 victims given 24/7 Emergency Hospital Support; TESSA Advocates co-located at DHS providing Advocacy to 125 victims; and Rural Advocates providing confidential assistance to 84 victims in rural Eastern El Paso County and Teller County.

