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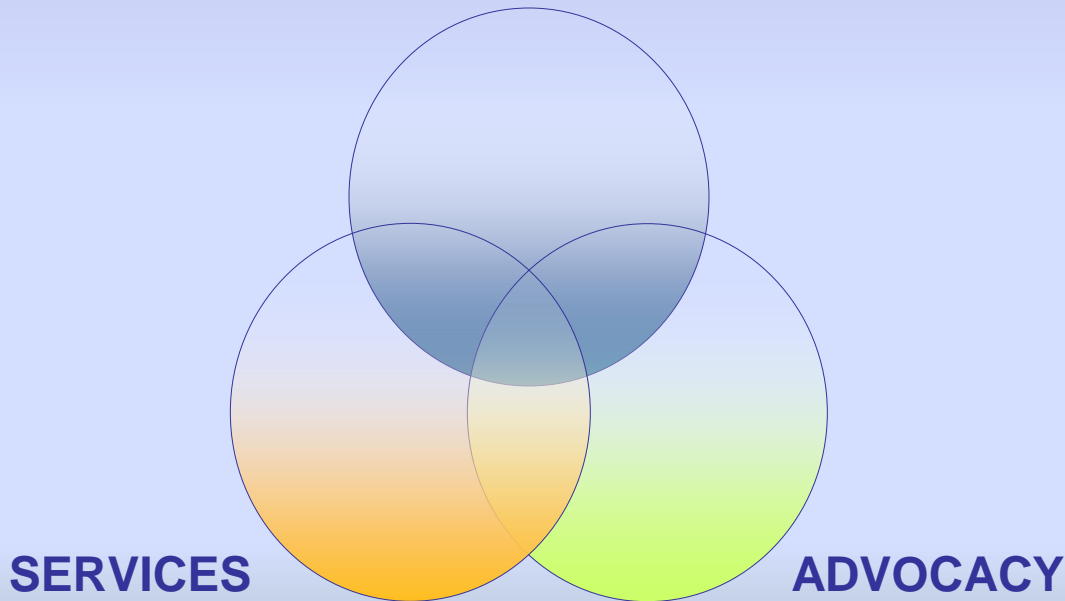
FORMERLY THE EL DORADO WOMEN'S CENTER



The Center's Mission

Build healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual assault and domestic violence in western El Dorado County through...

EDUCATION - PREVENTION



The Center's Outcomes

Fiscal Year 2009-2010

**Our Education
Department
Gave 259 presentations
to 3692 community
members**

**The Center
Provided 1539
counseling sessions
with 5.5 counseling
staff members.**

**The Center experienced
A 20% increase in
New Clients last year.**

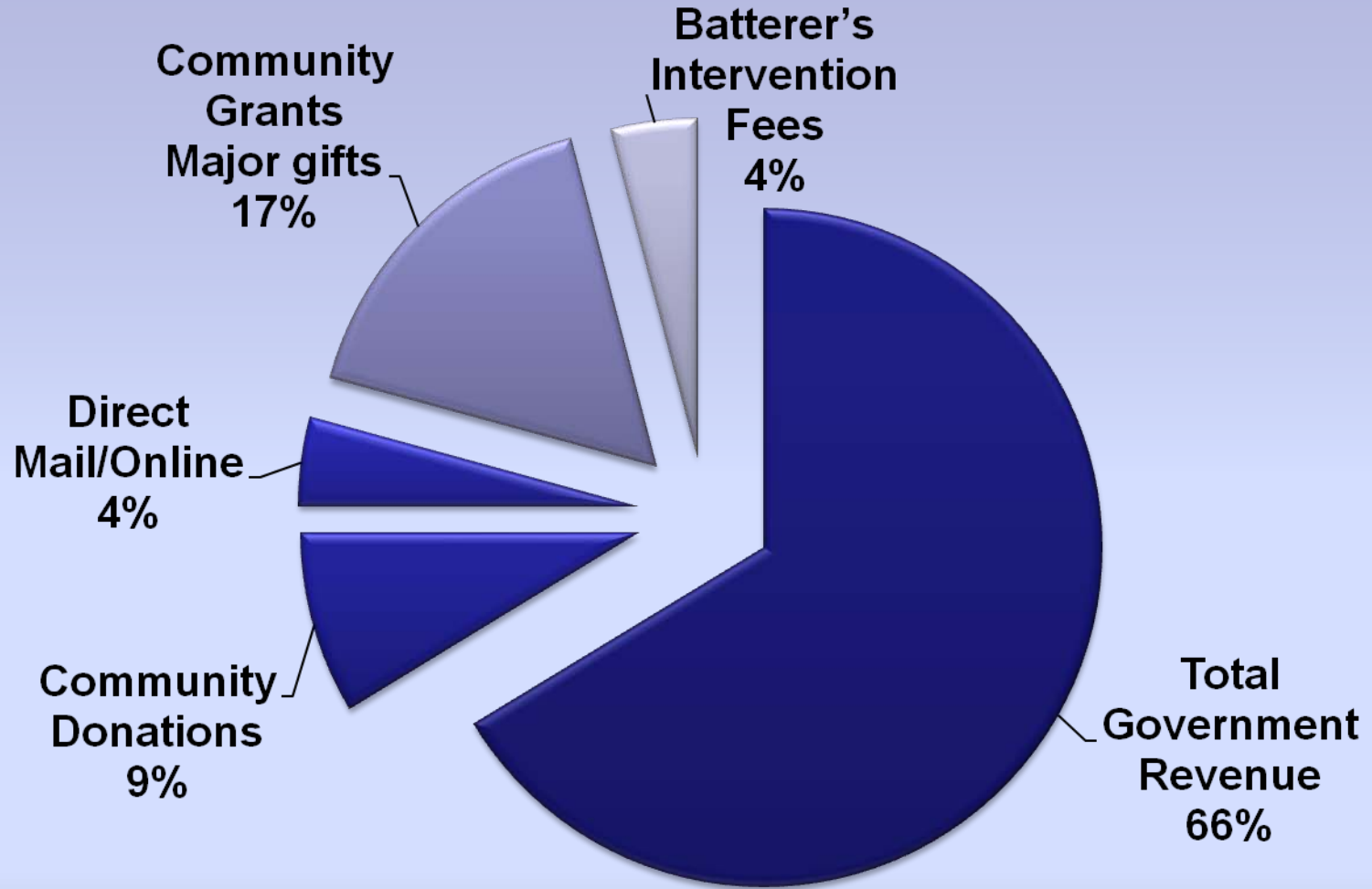
**The Center's Safe house
served 6,426 meals
Last year.**

**1229 crisis line
calls from
domestic violence
and/or sexual assault
victims**

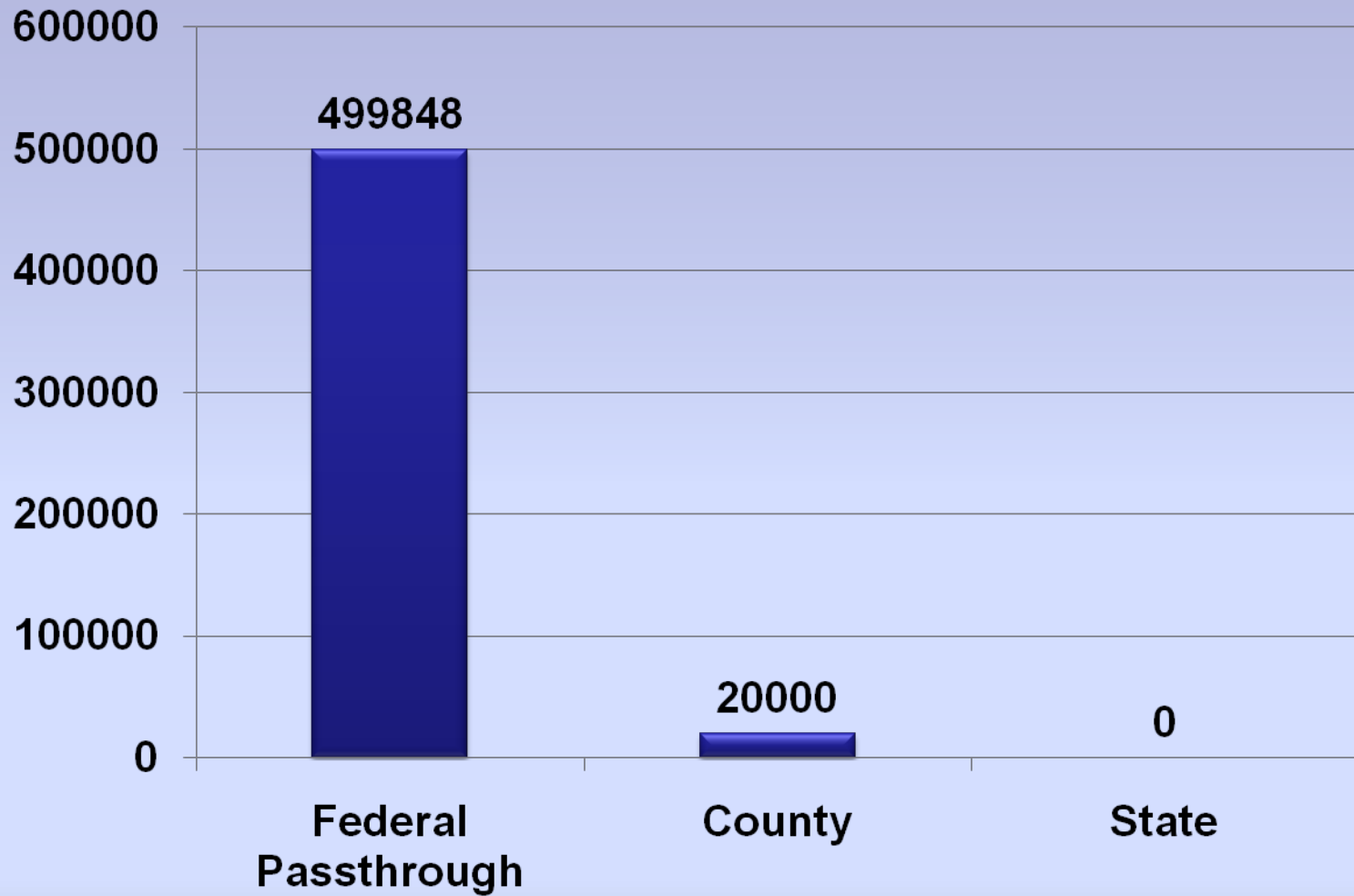
**The Center provided
2142 nights of shelter
To victims of
domestic violence**



Revenue for 2010-2011

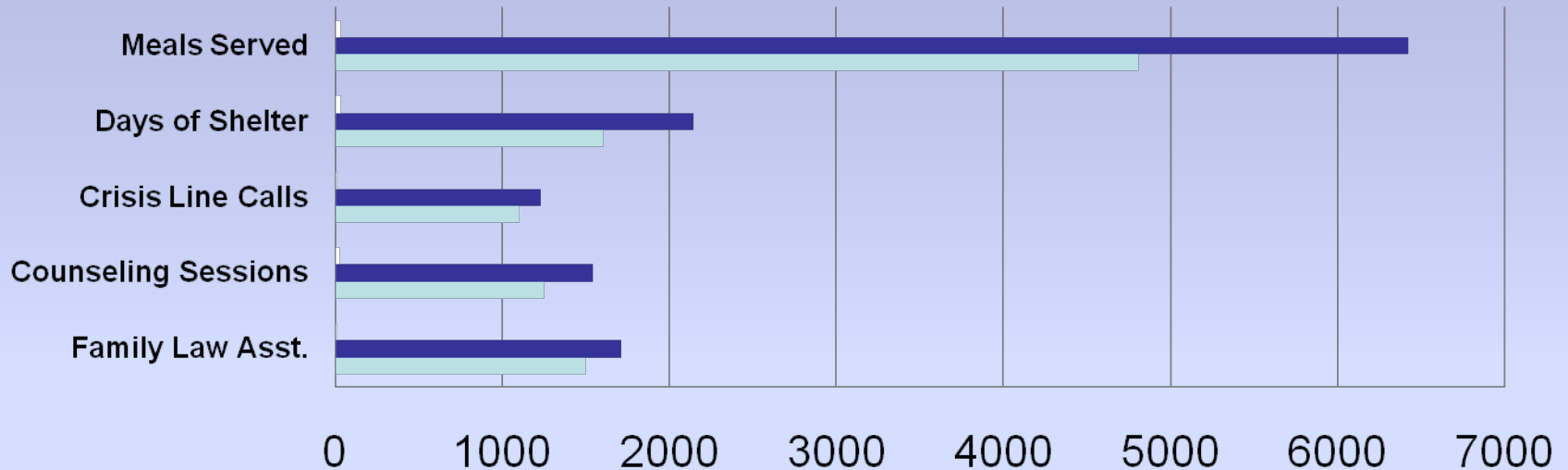


Break Out of Government Revenue



Snapshot of the Last Year

Service Statistics



	Family Law Asst.	Counseling Sessions	Crisis Line Calls	Days of Shelter	Meals Served
■ % Increase	14	23	12	34	34
■ 2009-2010	1714	1539	1229	2142	6426
■ 2008-2009	1502	1249	1102	1603	4809



What Constitutes Domestic Violence?

- A pattern of behavior establishing **power and control** in an intimate relationship through fear and intimidation.
- Power and control are obtained through:
 - Physical abuse
 - Sexual abuse
 - Emotional abuse
 - Verbal abuse
 - Denied medical care
 - Economic abuse
 - Isolation and separation from loved ones
- It is repetitive and increases in both frequency and severity over time.
- It crosses all racial, ethnic and socio-economic boundaries.



How Big is the Problem?

- Every **9 seconds** a woman is battered in the U.S.
- 1 in 3 women will experience domestic violence in their life time.
- Domestic violence is the **leading cause of injury** to US women.
- 25% of pregnant women are abused - domestic violence is the **leading cause of preventable birth defects.**



El Dorado County Sheriff's Office 2008 Statistics

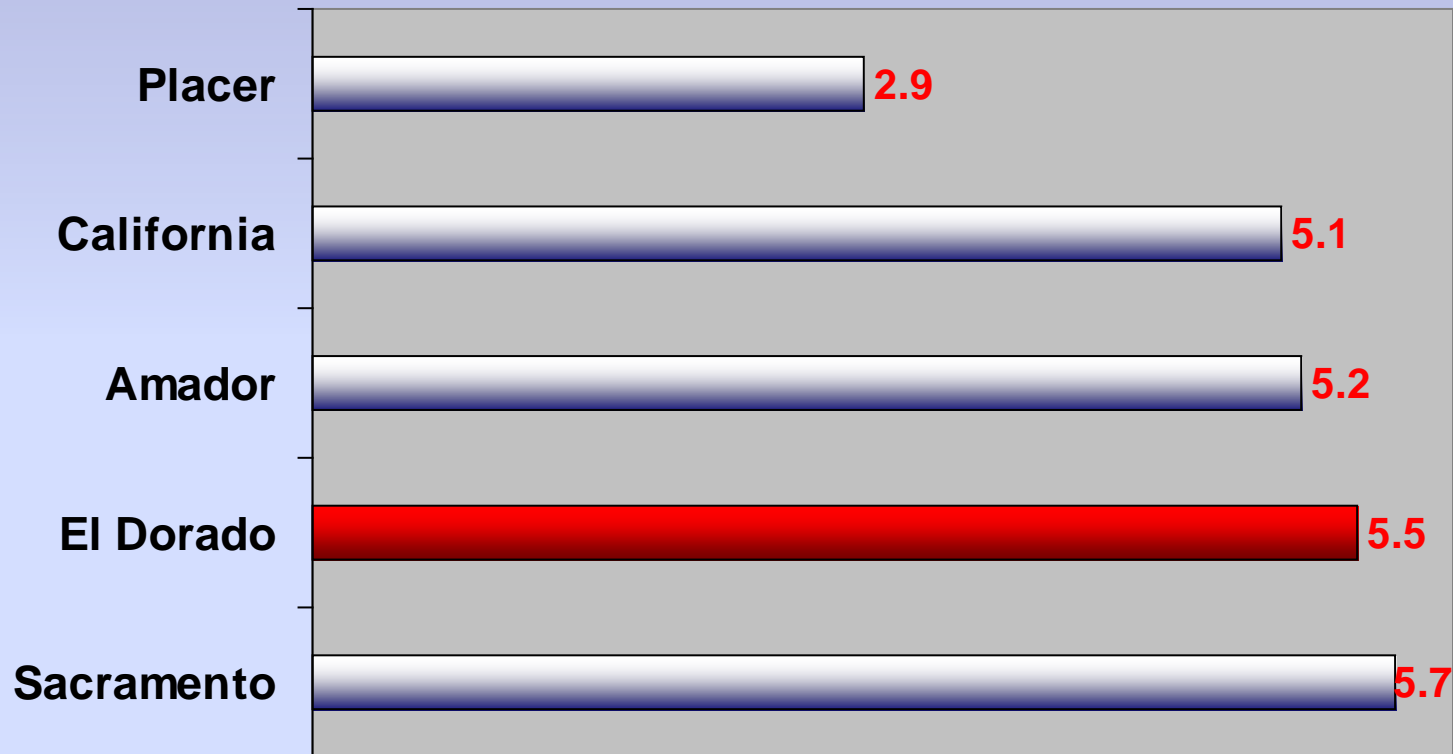


- Domestic violence calls to law enforcement in 2003 were 852 – in 2007 that number jumped to 1,326
- **That equals a 64% increase in just 4 years.**
- Calls for Domestic Violence equal 1 every 8.5 hours
- **That is approximately 3 calls a day – every day.**
- Domestic violence call rate for El Dorado County is higher than neighboring counties of Amador and Placer.
- Some counties have experienced a decrease - Yolo (-18.28%) and Shasta (-8.01%)



Domestic Violence-Related Calls to Law Enforcement for Assistance

Rate Comparison per 1,000 Population



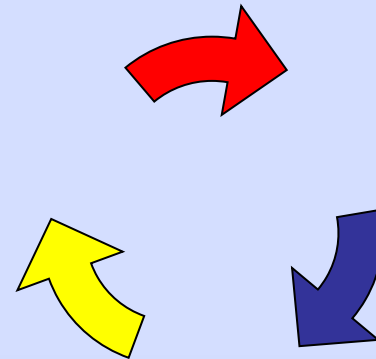
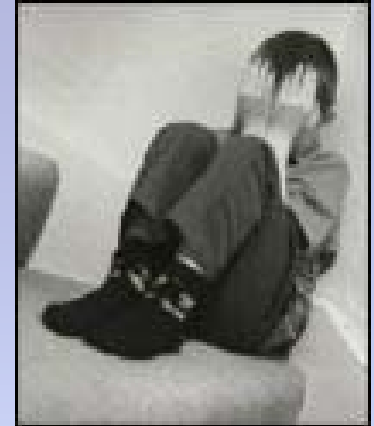
Violence Against Our Children

- Every year, over two million children are victims of physical or sexual abuse.
- By the time a child reaches 18 – 1 in 4 will be touched directly by violence.
- 1 in 5 adolescent girls report assault by someone they dated.
- 1 in 5 13-14 year olds say their friends are victims of dating violence.
- 69% of all teens who had sex by age 14 have been in an abusive relationships.
- 1 out of 5 pregnant teens are victims of violence.



Multi-Generational Cycle of Domestic Violence

- 80% of male children who witness violence in their homes grow up to be batterers
- 30 to 60% of batterers also abuse their children
- Children growing up in a violent home suffer extreme long term psychological trauma – increasing their risk for:
 - Substance abuse
 - Teenage pregnancy
 - Anti-social criminal actions
 - Victims of other abuse – easier targets for pedophiles
 - Perpetrators of abuse



Generation 2 Generation



Children from violent homes repeat the cycle of violence in their own relationships.



“When I grow up I am going to use my muscles to hit my Mommy just like my Daddy does.”

*5 year-old son of a client
sheltered by The Center, July 2008*



The Center's Solution - Services

- **Since 1980** The Center has provided vital services to those affected by sexual assault and domestic violence by providing high-quality, comprehensive services at **no cost**.
- **24 hour crisis** counseling
- **Individual and group counseling** on site and workplace satellite offices
- **Intervention programs** for men and women learning how to change abusive patterns (CAP/MAAP).
- **Empowering victims** with safety plans, financial management training, work re-entry, employment information, referral to community resources.
- **Legal advocacy services** Restraining orders, child custody, court accompaniment
- **“Safe House” shelter** – an 18 bed safe house shelter that includes housing, food, clothing, daily counseling, transportation
 - **All services available in Spanish**



Safe Pet Program

In a Violent Home, PETS are victims too.



Meet Bubba and Shiloh – two survivors of domestic violence.

Bubba, a loving 100 pound Saint Bernard mix, was badly hurt and even shot by the abuser in the family.

The victim stated, “*My husband wanted to hurt me and he knew the best way was through the kids and animals.*”

Animals, like humans, need routine, consistency, and love. That is exactly what The Center accomplishes through our Safe Pet Program.



The Center's Solution - Advocacy

- Advocacy to develop community leadership and influence public opinion in support of the prevention of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Relationship building with
 - Law enforcement
 - Faith Community
 - Justice System
 - Local Government
 - Office of Education
 - Community Organizations
- Community involvement - The Center offers comprehensive volunteer training twice a year and utilizes volunteers to help fulfill our mission.



The Center's Solutions - Education

- **Young Children** “No Go Tell” & “My Body Belongs to Me”
- **Middle School** T.E.A.C.H.
- **High School** Personal Safety
My Strength Is Not for Hurting

- **Adult professional training** for law enforcement, in the workplace, for social service providers and medical professionals, service clubs, schools, and faith community.

- **Adult Prevention Education** “Peace First” 8 week workshops teaching non-violent communication skills. Intervention programs for men and women learning how to change abusive behaviors.



T.E.A.C.H.

- Teens Educating Against Classmate Harassment.
- The Center's TEACH program reached over 3000 students in 2009-2010

During a recent survey students were asked...

“Do you feel safe at school?”

BEFORE TEACH

- 55% yes
- 0% no
- 15% sometimes

AFTER TEACH

- 95% yes
- 5% most of the time



My Strength is Not For Hurting

This program Builds a Young Man's Capacity:

- To challenge harmful aspects of traditional masculinity
- To value an alternative vision of male strength
- To embrace their role as allies with women in building healthy relationships and gender equality.

MyStrength.org





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