



Safe at Home

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Safe at Home Program Participation Annual Report January 2010

Safe at Home Program Overview

The Safe at Home address confidentiality program is managed by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The program, which began September 1, 2007, is open to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and those who otherwise fear for their safety. Participants in Safe at Home are assigned a designated address (a PO Box in St. Paul) that can be used for all of their interactions with others as an important part of their personal safety plan. The designated address allows the participant to go about their daily life without disclosing their actual home or employment address. All private and public entities in the state of Minnesota must accept the Safe at Home address as a participant's actual address. Safe at Home receives participants' mail and forwards all of their First Class Mail to them. Staff also assist them with their interactions with third parties should problems arise when giving the Safe at Home address to others.

Safe at Home Program Participation

Number of Participants As of December 31, 2009	396
Total People Served January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009	513
Total People Served Since Program Inception	545

Safe at Home Application Assistants

To enroll in Safe at Home, individuals must meet face to face with trained application assistants, who are victim advocates employed by community-based organizations throughout the state. The Office of the Secretary of State provides training to, tracks contact information for, and monitors the status of all application assistants who assist eligible people to enroll in Safe at Home. Due to turnover at community-based organizations and Safe at Home's program growth, trainings for application assistants are ongoing. Continued education is also provided to teach application assistants about legislative changes to the program. Page two of this report shows a geographical breakdown of the 69 counties served by the community-based organizations where the application assistants are employed.

Number of Application Assistants As of December 31, 2009	127
Number of Application Assistants Provided Initial Training or Continued Education January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009	108

Counties Served by Safe at Home Application Assistants

Central Minnesota

Benton
Big Stone
Chisago
Crow Wing
Douglas
Grant
Isanti
Kanabec
Kandiyohi
Mille Lacs
Morrison
Otter Tail
Pope
Sherburne
Stearns
Swift
Todd
Traverse
Wilkin
Wright

Southwest Minnesota

Blue Earth
Brown
Chippewa
Cottonwood
Faribault
Jackson
Lac Qui Parle
Lincoln
Lyon
Murray
Nicollet
Nobles
Pipestone
Redwood
Rock
Sibley
Watonwan
Yellow Medicine

Metro Area

Anoka
Dakota
Carver
Hennepin
Ramsey
Scott
Washington

Southeast Minnesota

Dodge
Fillmore
Freeborn
Goodhue
Houston
Le Sueur
Olmsted
Rice
Steele
Wabasha
Waseca
Winona

Northeast Minnesota

Aitkin
Cook
Lake
St. Louis

Northwest Minnesota

Becker
Beltrami
Cass
Clay
Clearwater
Hubbard
Mahnommen
Marshall