



# Safe at Home

## MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

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### Safe at Home Program Participation Annual Report January 2011

(January 1, 2010 - December 31, 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 including law enforcement and judicial personnel. Participants in Safe at Home are assigned a designated address (a P.O. Box in St. Paul) that can be used for all of their interactions with others. The designated address allows the participant to go about their daily life without disclosing their actual home, employment, or school 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, and assists them with their interactions with third parties should problems arise when giving the Safe at Home address to others. Staff also works with third party stakeholders to ensure legal compliance and to make sure their business practices accommodate the safety needs of Safe at Home participants.

#### Safe at Home Program Participation

	12/31/2008	12/31/2009	12/31/2010
Number of Program Participants	111	396	634

#### Total People Served

Total People Served January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010	799
Total People Served Since Program Inception	974

## Safe at Home Application Assistants

Safe at Home is a successful private sector/government agency partnership that utilizes limited state resources to recruit, train and monitor application assistants from local community-based organizations throughout Minnesota. 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. 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 three of this report shows a geographical breakdown of the 69 counties served by the community-based organizations where the application assistants are employed.

### Application Assistant Activity

Number of Application Assistants As of December 31, 2010  <i>Note: Application Assistants are employees of community-based organizations.</i>	165
Number of Application Assistants Provided Initial Training or Continued Education January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010	83

## Minnesota Counties Served by Safe at Home Application Assistants

### North West

Becker  
Clay  
Clearwater  
Hubbard  
Mahnommen  
Marshall  
Roseau

### North Central

Beltrami  
Itasca

### North East

Lake  
St. Louis

### West Central

Chippewa  
Douglas  
Grant  
Kandiyohi  
Lac qui Parle  
Otter Tail  
Pope  
Traverse  
Stevens  
Swift

### Central

Benton  
Cass  
Crow Wing  
Morrison  
Sherburne  
Stearns  
Todd  
Wadena  
Wright

### East Central

Aitkin  
Chisago  
Isanti  
Kanabec  
Mille Lacs  
Pine

### South West

Cottonwood  
Jackson  
Lincoln  
Lyon  
Murray  
Nobles  
Pipestone  
Rock  
Redwood  
Yellow Medicine

### South Central

Big Stone  
Blue Earth  
Brown  
Freeborn  
McLeod  
Rice  
Steele  
Waseca

### South East

Dodge  
Fillmore  
Goodhue  
Houston  
Mower  
Olmstead  
Wabasha  
Winona

### Metro

Anoka  
Carver  
Dakota  
Hennepin  
Ramsey  
Scott  
Washington