



Safe at Home

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Safe at Home Program Participation Annual Report January 2013

(January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012)

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, 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	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
Number of Program Participants	111	396	634	958	1,215
Number of Minnesota Households	74	165	274	398	518

Total People Served

Total People Served January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012	1,681
Total People Served Since Program Inception	2,217

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 that have chosen to voluntarily partner with Safe at Home. 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 and to keep enrollment skills fresh. Page three of this report shows a geographical breakdown of the 76 counties and two tribal governments served by the community-based organizations where the application assistants are employed.

Application Assistant Activity

Number of Application Assistants As of December 31, 2012 <i>Note: Application Assistants are employees of community-based organizations.</i>	192
Number of Application Assistants Provided Initial Training or Continued Education January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012	74

Minnesota Counties Served by Safe at Home Application Assistants

As of December 31, 2012

North West

Becker
Clay
Clearwater
Hubbard
Mahnommen
Marshall
Norman
Polk
White Earth Band of Ojibwe

North Central

Beltrami
Koochiching
Red Lake Band of Ojibwe

North East

Lake
St. Louis

West Central

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

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
Redwood
Rock
Yellow Medicine

South Central

Blue Earth
Brown
Faribault
Freeborn
Le Sueur
McLeod
Nicollet
Rice
Sibley
Steele
Waseca
Watonwan

South East

Dodge
Goodhue
Houston
Mower
Olmsted
Wabasha
Winona

Metro

Anoka
Carver
Dakota
Hennepin
Ramsey
Scott
Washington