

# District Advisory Committee (DAC) Survey

## Key Findings

To explore the general awareness of the Help Line in Chicago communities, community members from each of the 25 local Police District Advisory Committees (DAC) across the city were surveyed.

### Community residents at DAC Meetings are Aware of the Help Line

- Overall 81% of DAC members were aware of Help Line.

### Residents who called the Help Line found it Useful

- 24% had called or recommended someone call the Help Line
  - 83% thought it was useful

### Most residents were aware of the types of referrals available from the Help Line

#### The Study

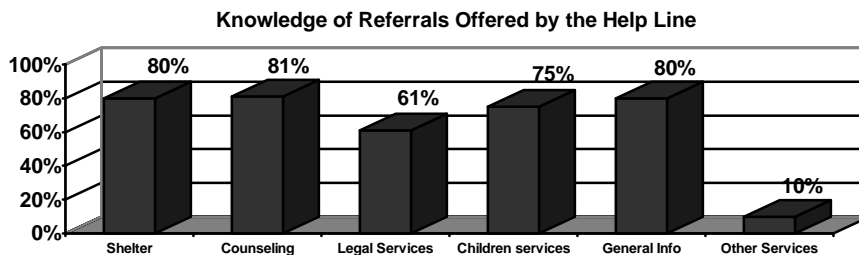
In 2004, we surveyed a total of 326 Chicago residents attending one of the monthly DAC meetings.

#### Survey Completion

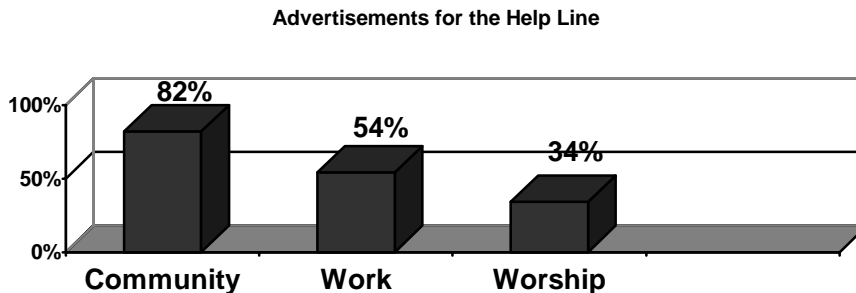
54% Female  
46% Male

Average age range 45 to 55

55% White  
34% African American  
7% Latino  
3% Other



Residents saw advertisements about Domestic Violence in their neighborhoods, work places and places of worship.



Half of DAC members saw advertisements in a foreign language:

- 127 residents reported seeing these advertisements in Spanish.
- 23 residents reported seeing advertisements in Polish.

**Most DAC members had a broad understanding of domestic violence:**

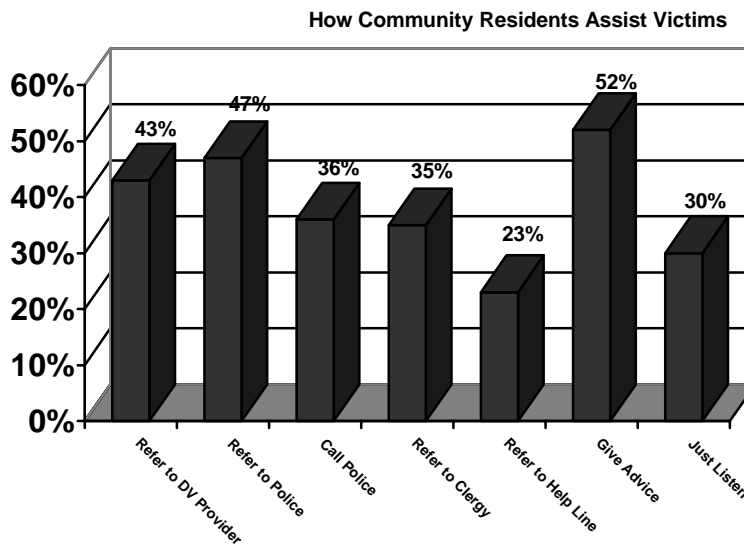
- Those who were younger, female, and White were most likely to have the most thorough understanding of all the characteristics and circumstances of domestic violence.
- Over 80% reported recognizing domestic violence as physical, emotional and sexual abuse.
- Fewer (67%) identified constantly paging or checking up on the person as a form of domestic violence.

**Most saw Domestic Violence as a problem in their neighborhoods:**

- 54% of DAC members thought DV was a somewhat or very serious problem.
- 29% said they were not sure or didn't know.
- Only 17% thought it was not a serious problem.

**DAC Members responses to domestic violence**

- 66% knew someone who had been abused.
  - Almost all (97%) who knew someone reported doing something to help them.



**Many DAC members are involved in organized efforts to address domestic violence in their neighborhoods:**

- 78% were aware of the Police District's Domestic Violence Sub-committee.
- 43% reported being involved in community efforts to end DV.