

DAIS

DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION SERVICES

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. On behalf of Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Inc. (DAIS), I strongly encourage you to fully fund our 2013 and 2014 funding request to support the vital services we provide to those suffering and seeking safety from domestic violence batterers in our community.

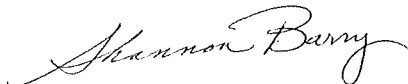
DAIS is often literally a lifeline to some of our most vulnerable citizens. As you know, DAIS operates the ONLY emergency domestic violence shelter for Dane County. Because we have the smallest domestic violence shelter per capita of the entire state of Wisconsin, DAIS is forced to prioritize shelter services for those who are at greatest risk of serious physical harm or death by their abusers. People calling DAIS to request shelter services are screened using a national lethality index. This means the people who are screened as appropriate for our shelter are often individuals at risk of being murdered by their batterers. Even with these screening criteria, we are always full and have up to 50 people on the waitlist on any given night.

We are asking you to support a third Family Advocate position in the shelter. Family Advocates provide residents with case management and support services which are crucial in helping our residents achieve their goals to become safe. The addition of a third Family Advocate will reduce case load sizes giving each resident more time with their case manager during their limited 30-day stays and hopefully reducing the number of times that victims have to return to the shelter.

DAIS is a stable and streamlined organization. We have a long track record of responsible stewardship and efficient and transparent operations. In addition, we have a consistent record of providing high quality programs to the people we serve as evidenced by the achievements of our service outcomes each year – outcomes which are based in best practice research in our field. The management and Boards of DAIS did not take lightly the decision to request additional funding in our application this year. We were very thoughtful to ask for only what is needed to fully fund this program. We see a great need in this community and we believe DAIS can efficiently help meet that need through the addition of more case management services through our shelter program.

Though I am certainly extremely proud of the staff and volunteers of DAIS for their continued commitment to the people we serve and their willingness to step up to meet the increased demands on DAIS services in recent years, I am also keenly aware that DAIS has operated beyond capacity for the last several years and we are in dire need of more support in order to continue to meet the growing needs of the community and the demands on our services.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Executive Director

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YEAR	SHELTER PROGRAM COSTS	REVENUE FOR SHELTER PROGRAM FROM CITY OF MADISON	% OF PROGRAM COSTS COVERED BY CITY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY SHELTER PROGRAM
	<i>(Per audited financial statements unless otherwise indicated)</i>			
2007	\$320,281	\$101,873	32%	381
2008	\$323,491 <i>(includes hotel vouchers from CDBG)</i>	\$139,000 <i>(\$110,000 from Community Services; \$29,000 from CDBG for hotel vouchers)</i>	43%	483
2009	\$333,978 <i>(includes hotel vouchers from CDBG)</i>	\$143,170 <i>(\$113,300 from Community Services; \$29,870 from CDBG for hotel vouchers)</i>	43%	526
2010	\$335,099 <i>(includes hotel vouchers from CDBG)</i>	\$143,170 <i>(\$113,300 from Community Services; \$29,870 from CDBG for hotel vouchers)</i>	43%	524
2011	\$423,923 <i>(includes hotel vouchers from CDBG)</i>	\$143,170 <i>(\$113,300 from Community Services; \$29,870 from CDBG for hotel vouchers)</i>	34%	482 (83% of households were City of Madison residents)
2012	\$432,720* *Budget <i>(includes hotel vouchers from CDBG)</i>	\$143,170 <i>(\$113,300 from Community Services; \$29,870 from CDBG for hotel vouchers)</i>	33%	208 in shelter* *Through 6/30/12 (88% of households have been City of Madison residents)

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Family Advocates (Case Managers) in the DAIS shelter are crucial to providing the resources and tools that a victim needs to be safe. Due to the huge demand and waitlists for shelter services, resident stays are limited to 30 days per stay. Having access to intensive case management services during that 30 day stay provides residents with the support and advocacy services they need to achieve their short-term and long-term safety goals. The opportunity for a victim to work in a one-to-one setting with a Family Advocate decreases the likelihood that they will have to make a decision about returning to their batterers at the end of the 30 day time limit.

Family Advocate (Case Manager) to Shelter Resident Analysis

YEAR	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SHELTERED BY DAIS	NUMBER OF FAMILY ADVOCATES WORKING IN DAIS SHELTER PROGRAM	RATIO (CLIENTS/FAMILY ADVOCATE)
2004	268	2.75	97.5/1
2005	375	3	125/1
2006	335	3	112/1
2007	381	3	127/1
2008	483	3	161/1
2009*	526	2.5	275/1
2010	524	2	262/1
2011**	482	2	241/1

*Between 2008 and 2009, DAIS experienced a 109% increase in the number of callers to the DAIS crisis line requesting shelter services.

**Between 2010 and 2011, DAIS had a 643% increase in the number of nights we had to waitlist people for our emergency shelter. All of those on the waitlist were screened as appropriate for shelter using a national lethality index and had severe safety needs. The number of people sheltered went down slightly in 2011, because residents were more likely to use their full 30 days than they were in the past or come back for multiple stays.

Dear LUAnn,

How are you? I'm OK.

Again it's so beautiful today!

I'm so thank-ful for all of
the staff here, and I'm

thankful for YOU, I ♥ U!

Please give all of the staff a big:

THANK YOU

from me.

love,

From an 11 year old boy staying in the DAIS shelter