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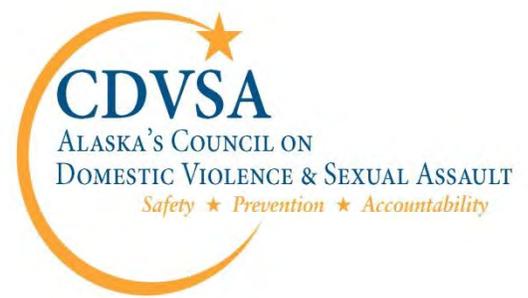
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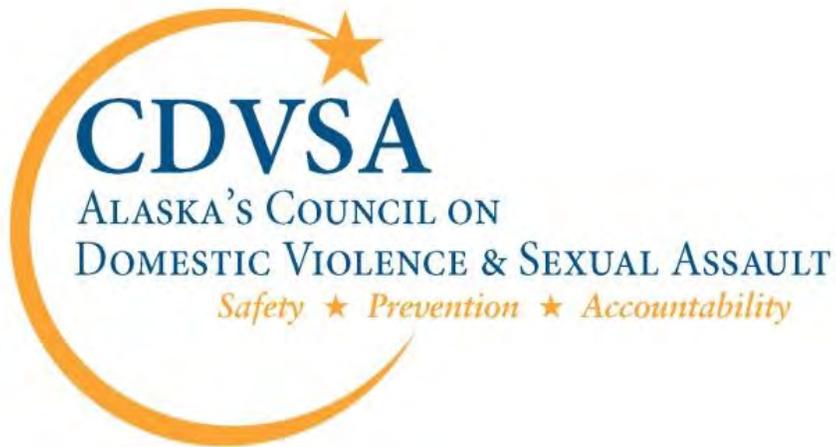
Date:

October 13, 2016 from 9:00am – 5:00pm
Public Hearing: YK Delta DVSA Projects from
7:00pm – 9:00pm
October 14, 2016 from 9:00am – 3:00pm

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DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, October 13, 2016

9:00am	Call to Order-Roll Call Greeting	Patty Owen Tundra Women's Coalition
	Agenda Review, Conflict Inquiry Welcome New Board Members-Michelle DeWitt, Allison Hanzawa Chair Comments	Patty Owen
9:30	Minute Review July August	Patty Owen
9:45	Executive Director Report Financials	Lauree Morton
10:15	ANDVSA Report	Carmen Lowry
10:45	BREAK	
11:00	Tundra Women's Coalition	Eileen Arnold
Noon	LUNCH—potluck with TWC	
2:00pm	Public Comment	Patty Owen
2:15	AFS Prevention Update	David Wilson
2:30	Council Comments	Patty Owen
3:00	BREAK	
3:15	Prevention Update	Lauree Morton
3:30	Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART)	Christine King
4:30	Regulations Review	Lauree Morton
5:00	BREAK	
7:00	Public Hearing: Y-K Delta DVSA Projects	Patty Owen
9:00	RECESS	



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Friday, October 14, 2016

9:00 am	Welcome and Review	Patty Owen
9:15	Women In Safe Homes Report from Interim Executive Director	Lauree Morton Katie TePas
10:00	Executive Session WISH	Patty Owen
11:00	BREAK	
11:15	Council Comments continued	Patty Owen
Noon	LUNCH	
1:30 pm	Cooperative Funding Possibilities	Lauree Morton
2:00	State MOA draft Items for next meeting; closing comments	Patty Owen
2:45	ADJOURN	
3:00	Tour of TWC	Eileen Arnold



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Meeting Minutes July 12, 2016 Audioconference

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:40

Council members present: Patty Owen-Chair, Karen Forrest, Jim Cantor, Susan Cushing, Walt Monegan—a quorum was present to conduct business

Staff present: Lauree Morton

Guests present: Cheri Smith-LSC, Donn Bennice and David Wilson-AFS, Nora DeWitt and Don Moss-WISH, Sam Foist-Swart-SCS, Rebecca Shields-KWRCC, Lynn Crane-USAFV, Michelle Mahoney-SAFV, Carmen Lowry-ANDVSA

Ms. Owen stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider rescinding grant award actions taken during the May 11-12, 2016 meeting concerning Kids Club Mom’s Empowerment funds and the Batterer Intervention Program funds.

At the time of the May meeting the funds had been deleted from the FY17 budget; subsequent to the May meeting, the Legislature met in special session and as part of the overall FY17 budget negotiations restored these funds to the Council’s grants line. The Governor in signing the FY17 operating budget agreed with the restoration of funds so they are now available for distribution.

If the Council rescinds the May actions, motions would be in order to restore the available funds to the programs from which they were taken to allow all programs to maintain level funding during this second year of the FY16-17 grant cycle.

Ms. Cushing moved to rescind the Council’s action taken on May 11th to reduce the victim service awards by \$65.0. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monegan. Roll call vote was taken—**all in favor, motion passed**

Ms. Cushing moved seconded by Ms. Forrest, to restore the Kids Club Mom’s Empowerment funds to:

AWARE in the amount of	\$20.0 for a total FY17 award of	906,255
IAC in the amount of	\$15.0 for a total FY17 award of	1,092,695
SAFV in the amount of	\$15.0 for a total FY17 award of	493,006

SPHH in the amount of \$15.0 for a total FY17 award of 413,239

Discussion: Mr. Cantor asked if the reductions were made solely due to budget constraints or was there a reason to discuss the programs individually. Mrs. Morton replied the reductions were made solely due to budget constraints.

Roll call vote was taken—**all in favor, motion passed**

Ms. Cushing moved to rescind the Council’s action taken on May 11th to eliminate funding for batterer intervention programs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monegan. Roll call vote was taken—**all in favor, motion passed**

Ms. Cushing moved seconded by Commissioner Monegan to fund to batterer intervention programs as follows:

AFS in the amount of	\$41,812
AWARE in the amount of	4,979
IAC in the amount of	69,292
KIC in the amount of	38,354
LSC in the amount of	20,000
SPHH in the amount of	25,563
For a total award amount of	200,000

Discussion:

Mr. Cantor asked if the reductions were made solely due to budget constraints or was there a reason to discuss the programs individually. Mrs. Morton replied the reductions were made solely due to budget constraints.

Ms. Cushing asked whether or not the funds could still be taken from the FY17 operating budget by an action in the current special session. Mrs. Morton responded, No. The legislature may take up vetoed budget items during the first five days of the special session, but these funds are not in that category.

Roll call vote was taken—**all in favor, motion passed**

Ms. Owen reminded everyone of the next scheduled meeting of the Council, next Wednesday, July 20th 9:00am-Noon. The meeting will be the first of two reviewing possible FY2018 budget scenarios. Documents and Webex information will be sent out this week.

Thanks for the work done were exchanged and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauree Morton



July 20, 2016
FY2018 Budget Prep Work Session
Webex/audioconference

Council Members Present:

Patty Owen, Allison Hanzawa

Teleconference: Richard Irwin, Susan Cushing, Karen Forrest

Council Staff:

Angela Well, Rocket Parish, Lauree Morton,

Public:

Carmen Lowry, Mary Norcross ANDVSA; David Wilson, AFS

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:07am. Chair Owen asked for members to report conflicts with any agenda items; none were noted. This is an informational meeting to discuss the FY2018 CDVSA Budget.

Public comment was not taken during the meeting.

Ms. Morton presented a Flowchart documenting the state budgeting process from departmental drafts through OMB reviews, the legislative process and the governor's line item veto power/acceptance of the operating budget for state government.

Ms. Morton presented the FY2017 authorized budget for the Council; reviewing the funding components and the expenditure line items. Designated funds are new to the Council for FY2017 due to the fiscal note passed through SB91. It is \$1 million dollars from the anticipated marijuana tax and/or alcohol tax dollars to be collected and will be used for prevention, research/evaluation and materials development for rural remote areas.

Ms. Morton reviewed the FY2017 increments and cuts document included in the packet. While funds were not reduced to victim services grants; the Council staff was reduced from nine to six. Duty distribution is being discussed.

Ms. Morton reviewed the Potential Available Funding Sources document. Ms. Cushing asked about known outcomes of grant applications. Ms. Morton replied with an expectation of hearing about federal grant awards in September and referred members to the current federal grant awards listed on page ten of the packet.

Ms. Morton updated Council members on known reductions faced by victim services providers through other funders; especially difficult was the reduction of HUD dollars for transitional housing services.

Chair Owen introduced Carmen Lowry-executive director of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Ms. Lowry thanked Council members for their service and appreciated the opportunity to present information. ANDVSA is seeing a reduction of funding for their youth engagement projects and for working with men and parents. ANDVSA has scheduled a strategic planning meeting for the last week of July in

Kotzebue. They will be looking at impacts of the work; changes that are happening; and, how to improve quality of services. Ms. Lowry is looking forward to working with the Council in reviewing funding streams and how each agency can best complement the work of the other.

Mr. Irwin and Ms. Forrest thanked Ms. Lowry for her leadership and the advocacy ANDVSA brings to the work.

Ms. Owen extended her thanks to both Ms. Lowry and Ms. Morton regarding advocacy for the Council and for prevention funds. She hopes creative ideas will be forthcoming to keep prevention moving forward.

After a break, Ms. Morton presented the FY17 office budget to Council members. She noted she will attempt to hire interns to help with special projects and will look at contracting out services; hiring short term non-perm; and reducing the number of on-site evaluations to help relieve staff burden. State travel restrictions are still in place and Ms. Morton will look to use federal funds when travel is necessary.

Ms. Morton reviewed the federal formula grants to states and referred Council members to the PowerPoint presentation included in the packets which was made before the DPS House Finance Subcommittee during the legislative session.

Chair Owen asked if an RFP was required to distribute Sexual Assault Services Program funds. Ms. Morton replied that recipients were written into the plan and an RFP was not necessary.

Ms. Morton presented information regarding research/evaluation efforts funded by the Council including the Alaska Victimization Survey; the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey; and evaluation efforts of the prevention projects. Ms. Morton hopes to bring researchers together during FY2017 to discuss how to move forward in a cohesive manner.

Chair Owen asked for a prevention budget. Ms. Morton will make the prevention budget available at the next meeting as well as outcome measure instruments. Ms. Morton asked Council members to let her know if there were specific materials members wanted to review for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17th.

There being no other business, Ms. Owen adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

The meeting packet is on file at the Council office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauree Morton

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August 17, 2016
FY2018 Budget Prep Work Session
Webex/audioconference

Council Members Present:

Patty Owen, Jim Cantor, Rachel Gernat, Walt Monegan, Dean Williams (10 am)

Council Staff:

Angela Well, Lauree Morton, Ann Rausch, Meggie Reinholdt, Marybeth Gagnon

Public:

Carmen Lowry, ANDVSA; David Wilson, Heather Miller, AFS; Missi White, SPHH; Annette Wooton, WAVE; Amanda Price, Gov's Office; Eileen Arnold, TWC

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10am. A quorum was not established so the meeting proceeded as an informational meeting. Chair Owen asked for members to report conflicts with any agenda items; none were noted.

Ms. Morton presented the FY2017 proposed prevention projects and associated budgets. Action was held until a quorum could be established.

Ms. Morton presented the outcome measure reports for prevention activities; victim service providers; batterer intervention program providers; the Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS); and, the pro bono project. The prevention, victim service provider and batterer intervention program reports are in the meeting packet.

A mistake was made on the batterer intervention program reports and will be corrected. An amended written report will be added to the meeting materials online and go out to Council members. Ms. Morton provided the corrected information orally to the members.

3, 027 women participated in the AVS; 39 estimates were produced and three baselines of data were established. Only .2% of women (7) surveyed were reported distressed. 2,950 surveys or 98% were fully completed.

The pro bono project received 410 new referrals and was able to accept 50% of those cases. 71 attorneys volunteered their time for an in-kind donation of over \$858,000 dollars. 54 attorneys attended the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) conference and the pro bono project provided intranet training through a basecamp program for attorneys; revised the Family law manual and the Women's Legal Rights Handbook.

Ms. Morton reported the FY2018 Office of Management and Budget guidance to be used in preparing FY2018 budget scenarios for meetings with OMB this September. Departments are asked to look at both a 2% and 10% reduction.

Ms. Owen recognized Ms. Lowry. Ms. Lowry reported the ANDVSA member programs met the last week of July and decided on primary prevention as their number one strategic goal for the next five years. She presented information from victim service providers regarding the loss of funding experienced in FY17 from other funders. Losses included funds for transitional housing, children's services and legal advocacy. While the Network appreciated the Council's efforts to maintain funding at the FY16 level, Ms. Lowry asked the Council to be mindful that "maintenance or level funding" did not mean services would be

sustained at the same level as FY16 because costs rise each year. An example shared was the rising costs of insurance such as health and workers' compensation insurance.

Ms. Morton let Council members know Alaska Family Services also sustained funding losses and that program reports to the Council were in the information shared by Ms. Lowry.

Public Comment

David Wilson with Alaska Family Services provided brief comments appreciating the work of the Council.

A quorum was established at 10am.

The May 11-12, 2016 and July 12th meeting minutes was approved with all members present voting in favor.

The FY 2017 Prevention Budget was approved as presented. Motion made by Ms. Gernat and seconded by Mr. Cantor. Roll call vote—all in favor

Ms. Owen recognized public member Susan Cushing for her outstanding work with the Council over the last nine years. Ms. Cushing had a family emergency and was not available for the meeting. She sent her regrets and a written message thanking the members for their thoughtful card and farewell gifts. Individual members thanked Ms. Cushing on the record for her work and years of service. Her voice on behalf of victims will be missed.

The Council discussed possible FY2018 budget scenarios. Commissioner Williams asked for Ms. Morton's opinion. Ms. Morton stated there were no easy answers. She recommended eliminating funds for the batterer intervention programs for the 2% scenario and for the 10% scenario eliminating the funds for batterer intervention programs and reducing the victim services grants line. She did not recommend further reductions to the office after sustaining the loss to travel, commodities and services in FY16 and the loss of three staff for FY2017. Ms. Owen supported keeping the remaining staff and office budget intact.

Ms. Gernat asked for an explanation of the staff positions lost and remaining staff and duty assignments. Ms. Morton reported the staff positions lost as the Office Assistant II, Administrative Officer I and a Program Coordinator I.

Remaining staff are the Prevention Coordinator to facilitate prevention programming implementation statewide and monitoring of the federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant; Program Coordinator I and II to work with funded programs and federal grants management (Justice for Families, Grants to Encourage Arrest, Sexual Assault Services Program and if successful in competition the Rural grant); the Administrative Assistant II-responsible for the accounts payable/receivable, special projects such as the community hosts boxes, SART training logistics, routine office tasks; the Research Analyst II who is on ¾ time -responsible for victim service and batterer intervention databases, federal data reporting, the Dashboard, annual report and other data projects; and the Executive Director. Ms. Morton has taken responsibility for the Victims of Crime Act and Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors federal grants.

The Administrative Services division within Public Safety has taken on travel processes and the duties of the administrative officer I position including grant advances and reimbursable services agreements. Ms. Morton further relayed that she will be exploring with the University of Southeast the possibility of using interns for certain projects during legislative session and that Ms. Westman has agreed to coordinate the One Billion Rising event in February 2017. Staff meetings are held on a weekly basis to hopefully keep tasks from falling through the cracks; she is planning two staff retreats; and,

the office motto of “doing less with less” while an effort to relieve stress and bring a little levity to the group, is in fact what will be happening at a time when more needs to be done.

Ms. Owen asked about the proposed decrements faced in FY2017. Ms. Morton responded. \$200.0 which would have eliminated the batterer intervention program funding and \$140.0 which would have eliminated the kids club moms empowerment funding. The full amount was slated for reduction until the special session. It was included in the budget closeout package as a capital appropriation to the Council. The only reduction sustained by the Council for FY17 was the loss of three staff.

Ms. Morton stated her preference to have on record the actual needs of the funded programs. Her thought being if you don’t ask for what you need, people will not know there is a need. While there was general understanding of this sentiment, it was decided the better thing to do was acknowledge the need but not ask for any funding increments.

Commissioner Monagan counselled to ensure any matching dollars for federal funds were protected and Mr. Cantor talked about the need for balance and the hope for focus on prevention, treatment and victim services through the reinvestment dollars associated with SB91.

The Council directed Ms. Morton to use her judgment and pass along the suggested reduction scenarios to DPS as had been discussed.

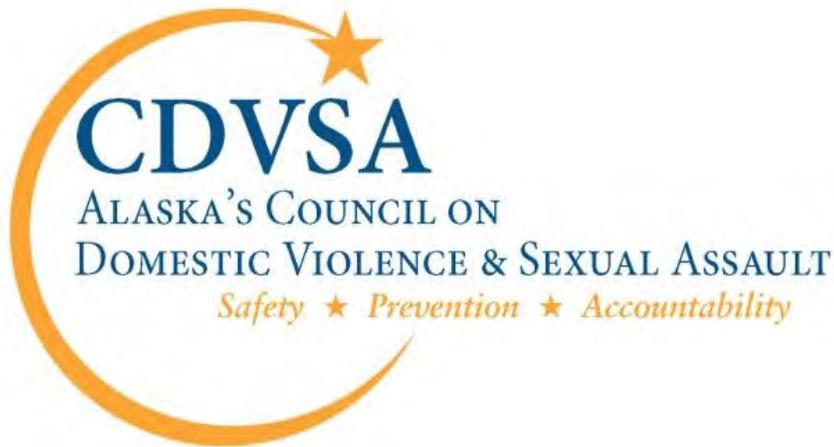
In lieu of Mr. Irwin’s absence, under Council Comments Mr. Cantor told of a sign recently seen in a state office building: Thank you every day for not quitting

Ms. Owen announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 13-14, 2016 in Bethel and being at the end of the agenda, adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kids Club Mom's Empowerment Program

The Kids Club Mom's Empowerment Program (KCME) kicked off FY17 with a roundtable workshop held September 21-22, 2016 in Juneau. Staff members from IAC (Fairbanks), SAFV (Sitka), SPHH (Homer), and AWARE (Juneau) gathered together to train advocates who might be new to the curriculum, as well as share strengths and challenges experienced by those who have been participating in the program the past two years. This 1.5 day workshop was a success in that not only did all attendees leave with more knowledge and understanding of the program, but each site was able to walk away with ideas for recruitment, group facilitation techniques, and an overall feeling of support and networking options amongst other sites.

This year, we are asking sites to complete two full rounds of the program, while continuing to conduct the interviews which are necessary for program evaluation. Year to date, we have collected 11 active interviews (those who have received the group), and 22 control interviews (which serve as our baseline). As we are in need of active interviews for an accurate comparison, each site will be responsible for conducting the interviews before and after groups in hopes of obtaining data on the effectiveness of the program.

While there have been prior challenges in recruiting for KCME and sustaining groups, each site agreed that when KCME is able to get off the ground, it is a huge success and valuable program. We are hopeful and optimistic for a successful FY17!

Victim Services Regulations Revision DRAFT Timeline

Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar.-17	May-17	Jun-17
Two-day retreat last of September; 2-hour time blocks first week of October; overview with Council; finish draft last two weeks	Hold meetings with victim service providers to introduce new concepts and draft; accept feedback and incorporate suggestions	Hold meetings with statewide partners to introduce new concepts and draft; accept feedback and incorporate suggestions	Prepare draft for Council member review	Council member review during quarterly meeting; incorporate member comments and prepare to submit to Law Regs attorney	Law regulations attorney prepare and send out for public comment	Council staff prepare public comments for review-make recommendations for changes; Council members review public comment and vote to finalize draft	Submit to Law for final and send to Lt. Gov for inclusion in AAC
Council Staff Review and Draft		Stakeholder Meetings-Victim Service Providers		Stakeholder Meetings-Partners		Council Staff Revisions	
Council Review		Law Regulations Attorney and Public Comment		Council Review Public Comments/Finalize Draft		Law Final; Submit to Lt. Gov Office	

Effective July 1st. Programs have year to come into compliance-technical support from Council staff. Monitoring to begin in FY19.

AFS-Alaska Family Services, Inc.-PALMER

SUCSESSES

Alaska Family Services continually strives to meet program participants where they are at, and provide services that are easily understood. They have advocates in the court house, at the shelter, and traveling to surrounding communities assisting those in need.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

In the month of April AFS had sexual assault awareness booths at Mat-Su Regional Hospital, Public Health, and at Mat-Su College; they saw over 300 participants. AFS had a table at the Baby Health Fair at Mat-Su Regional where they saw approximately 250 participants. AFS presented to local high schools on the topic of sexual assault. AFS co-hosted the 2nd annual NO More Mat-Su Summit with over 100 in attendance and the winners of the PSA contest were announced. This Summit featured speeches by former Olympians, an NBA player, and others. The event was a success and had media coverage from KTUU and local newspapers. Also in April, AFS and the Mat-Su Valley Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Taskforce gave coffee sleeves with sexual assault with public service announcements to local coffee shops for sexual assault awareness month. In May AFS provided training on their DVSA services to the new Chickaloon police officers. AFS had a booth and spoke at the Willow Emergency Preparedness Fair. In June AFS gave presentations to the students of Jobs Corps on the topic of domestic violence. AFS had a booth at the Chickaloon Health Fair and saw over 400 participants that stopped by their booth. AFS gave a presentation on ACEs and DVSA in their community to Heart Reach and Mat-Su Public Health.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

At the time of this report AFS was not able to get data from the CDVSA database. Requests to fix the issue were made to CDVSA personnel. This caused some difficulties with the accuracy of their data. Additionally it has made the data collection for other funding sources harder and has limited the data AFS was able to provide for non CDVSA grants. The YTD totals in the stalking protective order columns are not adding correctly in the Quarterly Narrative Report form. Text in page 9 of the same report copies to page 10, which allows for one less page of reporting.

AVV-Advocates for Victims of Violence, Inc.-VALDEZ

SUCSESSES

The shelter was at full capacity during this quarter. One program participant was a foreign national with a long history of mental disability, substance abuse, and domestic violence. She was one of the most difficult participants AVV had worked with, as she was abusive to the staff, other participants, and to other service providers. Because of her behaviors many of the other care providers refused to work with her. AVV's principle was, "If other providers won't help her then who will?" After working with her patiently, things started to change. She started opening up slowly but surely. She was referred to a counseling center, public assistance, and job center, and now she is ready to transition into her apartment. It was not an easy road for her but for now, she has a good start by having a job, counseling schedule in place, her own apartment, and most importantly, she has the continuous support from AVV.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AVV maintains a good working relationship with community partners, especially the Valdez Police Department, who provided training to AVV during this quarter on street drugs. AVV was recognized by the City of Valdez for 35 years of providing services to the community. In April, AVV did activities to promote safety at the local elementary school for Child Abuse Prevention, as well as led a community-wide effort to raise awareness of Child Abuse by requesting that everyone wear blue on April 1st. For Sexual Assault Awareness Month, AVV hosted "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and had 59 men and boys from the community participate. Also in April, AVV held a training for community partners, school staff, advocates, and community members, with speakers from ANDVSA, Identity Inc., Native Corporation, and Valdez Police Department to discuss "Working LGBTQ community, Cyberbullying, Historical Trauma, and more." They also had three separate presentations at the middle school, high school, and college about Cyberbullying. Also during this quarter, AVV hosted free summer camps for 1st-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. The camps for 6-8th grade and the 9th-12th grade will happen in July. The objective of these camps is to continue to provide services to the children outside of school, teach them healthy relationships through outdoor activities, and bring out the best in them.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Of concern this quarter were two cases of sexual assault (one of which was of a minor) that were dropped by the District Attorney. AVV was told that one case was dropped because the minor was drunk when it happened and that she was not a very good witness, while the other case was dropped for not having enough evidence. During this quarter, a devastating fire broke out in the middle of the night at a trailer park and left several families homeless. During this time all the hotels were and there was no Red Cross representative in Valdez. This meant that there will be no immediate help available from Red Cross until they arrive to Valdez. Immediate resources for the families were secured by first responders until Red Cross representatives could arrive from Fairbanks. AVV was able to house a mother and her children, as well as provide safe homes for two other families affected by the fire. The mother with children was also experiencing domestic violence, so continued to receive services at AVV, including support in accessing medical care, public assistance, and other community resources.

AWAIC-Abused Women's Aid in Crisis-ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

In April AWAIC held a retreat for staff. The retreat included team building activities, a review of what had been accomplished from the previous year's retreat, goals for the coming year and work on information and activities around vicarious trauma. Two issues that resurfaced from the previous year were the interpretation of guidelines and the voluntary services model of service provision. Following the retreat there were several sessions in which the staff prioritized areas to focus on for further consideration and problem solve. Eventually a small group of staff convened and decided to interview other agencies about their service provisions for victims. The group pulled agencies from a list of attendees at a voluntary services model training by OVW. The group plans to use the information to lead a conversation about how the voluntary services model is implemented at AWAIC and use best practices to strengthen the model to better support victims.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWAIC continues to coordinate Green Dot Anchorage instructors. The group is meeting regularly and has created teams to address specific areas. The teams are strategic planning, action, marketing and branding and the instructor team. These four teams are working to ensure the continuity of Green Dot and that the message continues to be shared throughout the community.

AWAIC held the first 'Ride AWAIC' event on May 25th. The event was sponsored by The Diamond Girls Motorcycle Club. They assisted with all planning, working the logistics of the ride and obtaining the support of the biker clubs and associations. This was a motorcycle fun run from Anchorage to Wasilla with three stops along the way for riders to get a 'card' so they had a full hand at the end of the ride to be eligible for prizes. Riders paid entry fees to participate and there were approximately 50 participants. The event went well and there was a picnic and drawings at the end. AWAIC has scheduled the next ride for May 17th.

AWAIC's annual golf tournament was held on June 3rd. This year's tournament was called 'Drive out Domestic Violence'. This year's event was anticipated to be smaller because of the loss of a major sponsor. The event was still a great success.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AWAIC's Moving Forward Program is funded through HUD and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). This program has been supporting victims to achieve safe, permanent housing for 19 years. In 2014 AWAIC applied as a newly defined HUD project type however was not awarded funding. Through the appeal process AWAIC was successful in continuing the program however HUD now considered AWAIC a new program. In the next round for the Anchorage CoC process AWAIC scored well locally however was not funded nationally. Communities throughout the nation lost a great deal of funding. In Alaska three of the four domestic violence agencies with CoC funded programs lost their funding. This puts a real strain on Alaska communities and most significantly victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

AWARE-Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies-JUNEAU

SUCSESSES

AWARE provided 2,620 nights of emergency safe shelter for 54 women and 31 children during FY16Q4. They provided a total of 10, 593 nights of safe shelter for 163 women and 101 children during FY16. This total is slightly higher than last year, making it their busiest year to date.

Shelter staff and residents are fully engaged in deferred maintenance renovations. This quarter AWARE worked to prioritize stabilizing the foundation and the columns that support the deck as well as repairing and re-finishing the deck floor. With the help of volunteers and staff, they also broke down 16 bunk beds (and one homemade pallet bed) with mattresses and removed them from shelter. New metal bunk beds (bed bug resistant) are ready to install next quarter. The shelter is also having all of the shelter flooring replaced, and have started on several bedrooms, with the rest of the shelter scheduled for next quarter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWARE partnered with SEARHC in Haines to share and staff a booth at Celebration 2016 in June. During that time, staff talked with many women and families that have used services over the years, or volunteered in the shelter, or offered their homes as safe homes in rural communities. It was an amazing chance to celebrate and honor the values upheld by the Alaska Native community, as well as express gratitude for the invitation to participate. During the Veterans Dance, each dancer danced with an AWARE bandana in a show of support for AWARE, their services, and working to end violence against women.

AWARE also had the opportunity to work with Tribal TANF workers from around Southeast during this quarter. Staff trained 11 regional TANF workers on the dynamics of domestic violence, AWARE intervention services (including advocacy, legal support and shelter), as well as programs supported by their Prevention team and the Juneau Choice & Accountability Program.

The Dept. of Law, Public Safety, and ANDVSA coordinated a state-wide training for advocates, law enforcement, and prosecutors. AWARE and JPD were asked to co-present on relationship building, and offered a 90 minute training on creating and sustaining a meaningful relationship with advocacy and law enforcement. Discussion during the training was great, and overall the training was very well received, as indicated by participant evaluations.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AWARE staff was working with the Juneau Economic Development Council to hire two volunteers via their STAR Americorps program, established last year. Unfortunately it was found out late within the process that they did not receive funding for the program this year, and they were directed to work through the Sitka Community Schools program. At this point AWARE had two positions advertised, but no viable candidates.

AWIC-Arctic Women in Crisis-BARROW

SUCCESES

Based on information from the gold sheets and from participants, this quarter AWIC assisted twelve (12) adult survivors of child sexual abuse. Advocates help the survivor begin establishing safety and hope and begin building trust by offering unconditional acceptance, and referring them to community resources, and therapeutic services at the North Slope Borough Health Department (NSBHD) and other agencies that can help the survivors begin and/or continue the healing process.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The NSBPD asked AWIC for financial help to transport ten minors and non-offending caretakers to Stevie's Place in Fairbanks. AWIC offers advocacy and support for cases of child sexual abuse and maltreatment.

AWIC continues to host the Multidisciplinary and Sexual Assault Team monthly meetings. This MDT and SART consists of several key service agencies, such as the North Slope Borough Police Department, the Barrow Office of Children's Services, Arctic Slope Native Association SART Nurses, and the NSB Integrated Behavioral Health. It has been years since both the NSB Police Department and AWIC worked towards opening up a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Barrow. A local CAC means that Barrow will not have to send out children for forensic investigations or examinations in cases of sexual assault. AWIC asked the NSB Health Department who is committed to partner with law enforcement and community members, to look at available space that could offer a private entrance and examination facilities. They agreed that the unused Allied Health Training Center would make a perfect location for the new CAC. AWIC is planning for the NSB CAC to open later this year. The NSBPD recently hired a victim advocate, and they have begun plans to renovate the Allied Health Center and turn it into the child advocacy center.

The Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, a Native led philanthropic organization, invited an AWIC Client Advocate to their first "Thriving Women's Initiative Alaska" in Anchorage, Alaska in May. This was held at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. This special initiative is designed to support culturally relevant preventative strategies to violence perpetrated against Native women and children in that region. Seventh Generation Fund believes that Native Peoples know and understand the issues and problems in their own communities and contexts. Their organization is deeply committed to supporting and nurturing meaningful change through responsive empowerment models that build the capacity and strength of Peoples, communities, and organizations.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

In July, Barrow will face another mayoral election. This period of transition continues to be disconcerting to staff, though AWIC continues to move forward in their mission to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their participants.

BSWG-Bering Sea Women's Group-NOME

SUCSESSES

The Kawerak, Inc. Wellness Program proposal to the Office on Violence Women was granted so a Safe Home Representative Manager was hired. During the fourth quarter, this representative made five trips to village communities to work with other Safe Home Representatives and seek interested individuals to serve as Safe Home Reps. She has also made presentations and headway in establishing safe homes in Nome.

BSWG moved out of the Shelter and offices during the last days of May for major renovation and were fortunate to have the support of local organizations and individuals. The President of Norton Sound Health Corporation allowed them to use free-of-charge a hospital apartment for three months. The President/CEO of Bering Straits Native Corporation also allowed them to use free-of-charge a suite of offices for three months. They were able to store all their belongings, furniture, and office equipment in a vacant building owned by Sitnasuak Native Corporation.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

BSWG continues to lead the Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) to improve access and services for individuals with disabilities. They also continue to work closely with their community partners. Four BSWG staff members attended the statewide Strangulation Training in Nome in April, with six more staff members receiving the training later in the month. Three BSWG staff members participated in the statewide DV/SA Conference in Anchorage in May, which the BSWG Executive Director helped plan. All three trainings were very relevant and useful.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

CFRC-Cordova Family Resource Center-CORDOVA

SUCSESSES

CFRC has 4 student volunteers in its Career Ready Program, where the students receive credit for the time they are engaged in learning about the DV/SA field. These students have even been able to participate in out-of-town trainings due to support from CDVSA and ANDVSA.

The B.I.O.N.I.C group students continue to meet, working on their project from Lead-on, a music video that they unveiled at a JR/SR high school assembly in April. This video is now on Youtube and CFRC's Facebook page, and during the first month had over 400 views.

Another success is that an increasing number of male members of the community are reaching out to seek services. CFRC continues to see youth seeking additional services and information as well as requesting ways that they can volunteer with the agency.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

CFRC networked with Alaska State Troopers and Salvation Army to provide services and safe shelter to a male victim. The trooper stated that he was not aware of all that CFRC was able to do, but was grateful and stated his intention to continue utilizing CFRC in future DV cases.

CFRC has taken the lead role in a community DART and held a meeting with other providers to discuss services and options. CFRC continues to reach out to the Latin and Filipino communities, and have included members on our SART, DART and Green Dot Teams in hopes to have allies within those communities to provide support. CFRC meets with the local canneries each season to share with them the services they offer.

CFRC has had a great working relationship with Cordova Law Enforcement, AK Troopers, Courts, School, and Sound Alternatives Behavioral Health. The collaborated efforts and working together in the community has allowed CFRC to be more visual in the community.

CFRC partners with the Infant Learning and Native Village of Eyak to travel to the villages. They were able to travel to the villages during this last quarter.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

CFRC continues to see a huge increase over last year's numbers in protective orders, male victims, and participants with extreme cases.

An area of continued concern is the lack of OCS in our community. Although they have an awesome worker out of Wasilla, he is only in Cordova once a month.

IAC-Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living-FAIRBANKS

SUCSESSES

In quarter four, IAC provided shelter to 34 new adult survivors and 27 new children, with an increase of 60 shelter nights. Of the 192 families they provided shelter for since July 1st, 118 of those families have moved on to permanent housing. Also this quarter 3 families from the permanent supportive housing program moved out, two of which moved into permanent housing and one of them gained employment. This allowed for IAC to move 3 new individuals into permanent supportive housing and to begin providing more intensive case management for these individuals.

One of IAC's greatest success stories this quarter is of a past participant who had been in and out of shelter numerous times. She had abused drugs for the majority of her life, and her children had been removed by OCS over a year ago. This participant enrolled herself into a drug treatment program and into parenting classes. She was able to successfully complete these programs, move into safe and permanent housing, work closely with OCS and now nine months later is reunited with her children and thriving on her own.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is an International Men's March to stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence. The 3rd annual event was held at the end of April with over 120 participants, raising over \$8,000. This event focused on engaging men and the community to raise awareness and get involved in violence prevention.

IAC continues to offer Girls on the Run in Fairbanks at two locations. 17 girls completed the spring 2016 season, 13 of whom received a full scholarship. The prevention program recruited 14 coaches who performed a total of 220 coach hours over the season, and recruited 12 additional event volunteers who supported the 5K celebration. IAC hosted a Spring 5K celebration at West Valley High School on May 15th. The prevention program strengthened local partnerships this season, networking with GoldStream Sports, The Boys & Girls Club, Pearl Creek Elementary, and Running Club North to support Girls on the Run in Fairbanks.

Again this quarter IAC had the opportunity to present at the Fairbanks Police Department Citizens Academy on domestic violence and sexual assault and the services they provide. This is a great opportunity as there are many in this program from local law offices, the Mayor's office, business owners and many more prominent positions within the Fairbanks community. This has allowed IAC to make new connections with the intention to create more partners in the community that will be available to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

KWRCC-Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center-KODIAK

SUCSESSES

KWRCC continues its beginning advocacy class and still has 6 people in attendance.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

KWRCC had an outreach table and display the Kodiak High School Foyer for Child Abuse Awareness Month. The display was put together in collaboration with the Child Advocacy Center and Sunaq Tribe. They also coordinated the "Challenge of the Rock" 5K for Sexual Assault Awareness event and assisted in bringing a RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training to Kodiak for Sexual Assault Awareness.

KWRCC hosted their annual Choose Respect Crab Festival booth. At the booth they gave prizes away for participants, such as Choose Respect tee shirts and wrist bands.

In June KWRCC Outreach participated in Explore the Rock, which is a self-discovery summer group for school kids. The group explores the trails of Kodiak Island while discussing self-esteem and prevention issues.

KWRCC hosted a faith leadership DV/SA training in Kodiak. Their presenters were from Safe Havens which is based in the Boston area. The training is geared toward building understanding and partnerships between church leadership and shelters so victims identified in congregations can be safely referred for safety and services. The training was well attended and KWRCC received awesome feedback. This was a good starting point for future outreach, education, and collaborations.

KWRCC and their MDT/CCR team participated in a strangulation training. The training was very well received by the Kodiak teams and will help them in their team-approach efforts.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

KWRCC is seeing more chronic lifetime trauma cases of DV/SA impact. They are also dealing with increased substance abuse issues as their community deals with the current Heroin and Meth epidemic. With funding streams depleting due to budget cuts, this could prove to be even more of a challenge as they head into FY17.

LSC-The LeeShore Center-KENAI

SUCCESES

LSC worked closely with the Immigration Justice Program to assist two different households with immigration issues related to DV this quarter.

One long-term victim who has been in and out of the shelter for many years was able to secure employment and an apartment for the first time in her life.

First Lady Donna Walker visited LSC in early April and was provided a tour of the facility. Mrs. Walker was in town with the Governor, who was speaking at a joint Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

LSC accepted a Sexual Assault Awareness month proclamation from the Kenai Mayor during the monthly April Chamber meeting.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

A town hall meeting was held in Kenai in May to address the heroin epidemic in the community. The meeting was well attended - an estimated 200 people participated. Community partners involved included treatment providers, OCS, Adult Probation, law enforcement, public health, victim services, etc.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

LSC has experienced an 18% increase in residents and a 43% increase in bed nights from last year.

SAFE-Safe and Fear-Free Environment-DILLINGHAM

SUCSESSES

SAFE had another successful Spring Auction, their biggest fundraiser of the year. During this quarter they made improvements in the shelter that made a big difference in comfort for the program participants. SAFE's Executive Director underwent her first CDVSA on-site evaluation, which was "a very positive experience". SAFE staff is working to make changes that were recommended.

In June, SAFE began its 2016 subsistence activities. During this time they invited program participants to be involved with the processing of salmon. SAFE does this to allow the participant(s) to be able to take a portion of the catch home with them when they leave the shelter, and to have a sense of normalcy. Salmon is a main food for people who live in Bristol Bay, and families depend on it. A participant told SAFE that they were very happy to work on fish, and that it was a while since they had. For women in a state of disarray in their lives, and having to stay in shelter, at the fish table, you see happiness, pride, and the participants starting to talk about what they are going through.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Although MySpace funds ended in FY15, MySpace remained open in FY16 from donations, fundraising, and small grants. SAFE received funding from the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) Seasonal Employment Program which provided financial support to hire a MySpace Advocate for sixteen weeks from August through December. This will allow MySpace to remain open through December, at which time SAFE will be able to re-apply for another grant.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

The Department of Environmental Conversation approved SAFE's new Sewer project.

Unfortunately, the bid from the construction company was way too high.

The Maintenance Manager resigned his position after SAFE implemented a reduction in work hours, and SAFE opted not to re-hire this position. They did hire a temporary Maintenance Assistant to get the grounds cleaned, some painting, and help with subsistence activities.

In this quarter SAFE's Outreach & Education Coordinator resigned her position, and moved out of Dillingham. The O & E Coordinator was another long time employee of SAFE.

This month, the Togiak traditional council officially banished a Dillingham man who was thought to be importing illegal substances into the community. It's a hard line the tribe has drawn at a time when residents say alcohol and heroin use is spiking, with violence and theft along with it. But the community has multiple ways of addressing these issues, and of coping with the fallout.

SAFV-Sitkans Against Family Violence-SITKA

SUCSESSES

Ariel Herman, Training Project Director at ANDVSA, led the first ever Shelter Manager Meeting in Sitka on May 18th. The majority of the shelter managers or similar positions from the ANDVSA member organizations gathered to discuss and brainstorm common shelter issues. Natalie Wojcik and Megan Cropley attended from SAFV and coordinated the training location and lodging. Ariel intends to continue these meetings on an annual basis and bring trainers in as well.

Ariel also led trainings for SAFV's Direct Services Staff on May 19th. She covered the topics of trauma informed care and basic legal advocacy.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

On April 9, the Children's Program hosted SAFV's annual Family Fun Fair at the Hames Center in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention month. Over 100 individuals enjoyed the rock wall, bouncy castle, scooters, arts and crafts, and face painting station that were a part of the event. It was a great success that could not have been achieved without the generosity of the SAFV and Hames staff. The support from local Sitkans only enhanced the experience for all those who came to spend their day celebrating their families and helping to raise awareness on an important issue.

Because of the success of adopting the 4th R curriculum at both Sitka High School and Mt. Edgumbe High School, SAFV's involvement with Healthy Relationships education at the high school level continues to be done by supporting that specific unit in health classes with a one-time presentation each semester for each class. Presentations were completed for the spring semester at both schools by mid-April. Feedback from teachers was very positive.

GOTR in Kake: Kake finished their second season of Girls on the Run in May and celebrated with the-end-of-season 5K, which they turned into a color run. Even though their team size had dwindled to a small group, almost 70 people showed up to support their 5K. Throughout the season, the partnership between SAFV and the Kake Elementary School Principal was great; she was responsive, communicative, and overall excited about the program. There have been initial conversations about adding in some parent engagement activities for future seasons in Kake similar to Sitka, including parent newsletters and a parent practice. They are already identifying girls who they know will want to participate in the program next year.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

During quarter four this fiscal year there was an increase in bed nights from the previous quarter. Bed nights have increased every quarter this fiscal year. However, there was a decrease in outside, specifically legal clients from the previous quarter. SAFV was near capacity at the beginning of quarter four. Due to the large number of resident program participants, the living room areas and briefly SAFV's only meeting room were also used as bedrooms this quarter.

SCS-Seaview Community Services-SEWARD

SUCSESSES

SCS was able to support a survivor in the hospital and activated the shelter night protocol on several occasions.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SCS coordinated with AWARE in Juneau to provide shelter for a program participant and conducted all travel arrangements to provide a smooth transition.

SCS was involved with an interactive "In Her Shoes" training with local community members. The focus was on assisting survivors who have varying degrees of disability. SCS also facilitate two community member events for the DART initiative; one on myths and themes of sexual assault and domestic violence, and the other on self-care for adults with disabilities.

In June, SCS attended an event put on by the Seward Arts Council and the University of Alaska Anchorage titled, "Stalking the Bogeyman". SCS was invited to the talk-back session at the end of the play and addressed the play's overarching theme of childhood sexual assault. SCS staff also provided a table with information about SCS' services.

SCS is currently evaluating and creating short- and long-term goals for community trainings, participant services, and continued cooperation with various services providers in town.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SCS experienced a situation in which police officers told a survivor that SCS would automatically become involved in her case. SCS is working to educate the community and law enforcement to reaffirm that their services are not a punishment for survivors of DVSA, and to ensure survivors receive and invitation to contact them if they choose.

SCS is facing the challenge of creating buy-in from various community partners and maintaining engagement in their combined efforts. This may be in part due to turnover in local organizations. It is SCS' goal to address, facilitate, and maintain cooperative efforts in a supportive and sustainable way.

SCS had to address a few instances in which survivors broke confidentiality at shelter stays in the hotel.

SPHH-South Peninsula Haven House-HOMER

SUCSESSES

During the 4th quarter, despite the loss of a full-time legal advocate, advocates were able to assist 13 individuals file for protective orders. Of those filed, 9 were granted. Stalking orders, typically granted less, were successful in 4 out of 5 attempts. Four program participants moved into sustainable independent housing during this quarter. Advocates assisted 9 program participants in applying for mini grants from the Mental Health Trust. This support resulted in many opportunities for participants to improve their financial stability, obtain employment, and support the healing process by accessing health clubs, supportive technology, and other needed items and services. Program participants expressed gratitude to Haven House and its staff for assistance with obtaining employment, relocating and connecting with new resources, obtaining housing vouchers, and other necessary services. In June, Haven House enthusiastically welcomed its new Executive Director.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The efforts to develop a Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) continued this quarter. The community engagement efforts resulted in 2 successful meetings with local partners, which underscored the needs for an educated local team designed to support victims identified as vulnerable adults. Ongoing communication with Adult Protective Services has been successful in helping advocates better understand what it means to be a vulnerable adult in the Homer community and how the occurrence of domestic violence and sexual assault can further marginalize this population.

During this quarter the efforts of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) continued to improve and improve relationships between local law enforcement, forensic nurse members, SPHH advocates, and the Director of Client Services at SPHH.

In April, SPHH hosted its annual board fundraising event, Women of Distinction. This event has been consistently well attended and was this year as well. The event, in addition to having financial goals, also celebrates local community members' altruism and philanthropy. It is not limited to local women; the award of 'Hero of the Heart' is generally given to a male community member. The community nominates individuals for the awards and the staff and Board of SPHH make the final choices. It was successful on both fronts.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

As reported in the 3rd quarter there was a continued increase in the need for working with the behavioral health center in wrap around services for our program participants in the 4th quarter.

During this quarter a concerted effort was made to address the decrease in reporting of sexual assault, especially among 14-18 year olds. SPHH reached out to the peer educators of Kachemak Bay Family Planning, REC Room program. All team members look forward to continuing this collaboration and have plans for more partner participation in the future.

STAR-Standing Together Against Rape-ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

STAR Advocates have responded to calls at the Anchorage Multidisciplinary Center for 235 SART assists, 273 responses to Alaska CARES, and provided support and advocacy for 351 individual client meetings. STAR has provided 682 hours of free counseling services during FY2016. During a STAR education presentation at an Anchorage school, a STAR Educator was approached by a student with a handwritten thank you note. The student then asked if the Educator remembered them. The student said that the Educator had given a presentation in their former school a few years ago that helped them find the courage to disclose the sexual abuse that they had suffered. The student shared that they and their family had then received services though STAR and today were safe from abuse.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

April was a very busy month for STAR with a calendar full of events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. From advocacy campaigns (like Start by Believing, It's on US, and Denim Day), prevention awareness, and training (like Trusted Adult Super Hero Day and Green Dot Bystander Intervention), to community engagement through STAR's annual awareness and fundraising events (like Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Mad Myrna's Survivor's Ball, and UAA's production of Stalking The Bogeyman), STAR stayed engaged with the community.

STAR and AWAIC continued to work together in the coordination of the Green Dot Community Action Plan. This plan facilitates outreach and has provided Green Dot training at various agencies and events throughout the summer. One of STAR's Education Coordinators and Green Dot train-the-trainer instructors traveled to SPHH in Homer to assist in a 5-day Green Dot instructor training that resulted in the addition of Green Dot trainers for Kodiak, Fairbanks, and Homer. In April STAR provided 21 people Green Dot Bystander Intervention training at South Central Foundation. STAR received a letter of appreciation from Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Kids in Distressed Situations (KIDS) for their work and cooperative efforts in helping them to reach 6,000 low income children with clothing, shoes, blankets, and school supplies.

STAR is working with UAA's Title IX office to develop advocacy services at the University for their students. STAR's Education Department is also developing a Title IX presentation to help assist their office in training the students, staff, and faculty this upcoming academic year.

STAR is working with Southcentral Foundation's Family Wellness Warrior Initiative to review and give feedback regarding best practice in the cultural sensitivity of STAR's ASD-approved K-12 curricula. This will enable the home-schooled students enrolled in the program, who otherwise would not receive this vital information regarding personal safety, to view the presentations and discuss the message with their parents/guardians and other trusted adults. This project holds great promise in getting STAR's message out to Alaskan rural communities. STAR's Prevention and Education department facilitated 530 ASD presentations to 11,718 Anchorage area students. STAR continues to work closely with agencies and partnerships within the Alaska Native Community.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

TWC-Tundra Women's Coalition-Bethel

SUCSESSES

Three TWC staff graduated the Rural Human Services program and one TWC staff graduated the program after that, the HUMS AAS degree. TWC staff who enroll in these classes learn how to be better service providers by drawing on their culture and the strengths in their community, creating projects as a final graduation program and then have a certificate for social work that they can use to attain higher education degrees.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

TWC held another Sexual Assault First Responders Training for village health aids, village police officers and public safety officers, and behavioral health clinicians. This is a multi-disciplinary training that is co-taught by SANE nurses, law enforcement, District Attorneys and advocates. This training is overwhelmingly well-received by participants and a good opportunity for partnering agencies to strengthen relationships by co-teaching the training.

The sixth annual Teens Lead Ahead camp was held in June. The funding for this violence prevention camp has been reduced in past years, but it was successful regardless. Youth came from six village communities, heard from their elders, fished, participated in cultural activities, and had a lot of fun. They also did community planning in an effort to keep the momentum going.

Because there have been fishing openings this year on the river, our wellness advocate was able to take women and children in the shelter out boating and fishing. The women were able to catch fish, freeze some, and cut and smoke it in accordance with their cultural practices. This is a very popular wellness activity, but it's also extremely useful to put regional food in the freezers of TWC.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

The staffing at Bethel Police Department is still a concern. A recent facebook post from their dispatch showed that there is one police officer for every approximately 1,000 Bethel citizens. They have been able to make more partnership meetings, but the demand for their services is disproportional to their infrastructure and capacity. Additionally, a number of their officers are not SART trained.

The SANE nurse coverage through YKHC for both adult and pediatric cases continues to experience periods where there is no coverage and people need to be sent to Anchorage.

The State of Alaska is reducing the contract for the Bethel Sex Offender Treatment Program. This will end the contract for the person who started the program and has made it so strong and successful. The Advisory Board is unanimously concerned about the future of this program, which is the only intervention/treatment option for violent offenders in the region.

USAFV-Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence-UNALASKA

SUCCESES

USAFV has continued to be very, very busy with direct services in the fourth quarter. Their major success was that they managed to keep direct services, crisis intervention, and the shelter functional. USAFV has struggled all year with outreach because their full time staff has been so busy staffing the shelter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

USAFV staff held a Storytellers' Cafe featuring speakers talking about Unalaska history; 40 people attended this event.

USAFV staff held A Girls' Night Out (GNO) event in cooperation with the Girl Scouts; 4 girls attended and played *What Do YOU Stand For?*, a game which encourages the development of these important character traits: Caring, Citizenship, Cooperation, Fairness, Forgiveness, Honesty, Relationships, Respect, Responsibility, and Safety.

USAFV staff held a GNO Beach Cleanup & Pizza Party; due to very bad weather, only two brave girls showed up, but they picked up two bags of trash and enjoyed their pizza, then discussed ideas for future GNO events.

In cooperation with the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department, USAFV staff held two Compass Rafting Activities & Hot Dog Roasts. Ten young men attended, and discussions included safety, getting to know others, accepting differences, and self-discovery.

In cooperation with the local radio network, USAFV recorded many radio PSAs on Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, and Parenting.

USAFV staff held 3 meetings of the Unalaska Prevention Coalition, a group which is working on the provision of healthy activities and community education for the prevention of all kinds of violence in our community

USAFV staff visited a class of 12 graduating seniors to hold a discussion of consent, campus sexual assault, bystander intervention, and safety.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

USAFV is viewed as a leader in community coordination. We have no specific concerns with community partners, but the lack of affordable housing continues to be a major impediment for women in shelter seeking to move on with their lives after experiencing violence.

VFJ-Victims for Justice-ANCHORAGE

SUCCESES

VFJ traveled to Goose Creek Correctional center to deliver a Victim Impact Statement for a participant as the parole board considered discretionary parole for the murderer of participant's husband. She was unable to face him, but wanted her voice represented.

VFJ assisted two program participants in filing emergency VCCB requests to cover the cost of funeral/burial for their loved ones.

VFJ is focused on mending relationships, diversifying funding, standardizing reporting and office systems, being more proactive in finding and assisting participants, building and strengthening their board, as well as marketing and PR for VFJ. They merged the Eva Foundation into their organization as the Eva Program, which assists survivors of domestic violence/abuse. The Eva Program has assisted 24 survivors of abuse in this quarter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter, VFJ worked with the AWAIC shelter to buy a plane ticket for a child of their program participant as Angel flight could only supply 2 tickets so that the family could move another state due to an unsafe situation in Alaska.

Anchorage Prisoner Re-entry, Public Safety Workgroup through the Anchorage Economic Development Corp, Disability Abuse Response Treatment (DART), Human Trafficking Workgroup, are all successful ventures. VFJ began working with Volunteers of America to assist with the Victim Impact Panel for the monthly DUI class.

VFJ is working with APD to be more proactive in reaching out to victims of homicide.

VFJ held 2 events for National Crime Victims' Rights Week: their annual Awards Banquet and a Tree Ceremony to raise awareness and support victims of violent crimes. They also did marketing and PR for the week with radio interviews, PSA's, ads online and in print, as well as a few ads on buses.

In June, VFJ officially launched their new program, Courage through Canines, which teams with National Crisis Response Canines to provide dogs to victims during stressful times such as interviews, trial prep, and more. They are offering this service to victim advocacy organizations and the District Attorneys in Anchorage, and have begun discussions with the State of Alaska Court System to allow the dogs into the court buildings for pre- and post-trial testimony as well as for grand jury. The dogs are also visiting service providers weekly at STAR and the District Attorney's office as they have an amazing amount of stress. The hope is that this program reduces burnout for providers, gives support and comfort to victims, and will lead to a higher conviction rate for offenders as the victims will be more empowered to testify.

VFJ is working closely with the US Attorney's office to assist their victims. In many of their cases, cell phones are confiscated as evidence so VFJ has set up assistance to purchase temporary phones and minutes for them.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

WISH-Women in Safe Homes-KETCHIKAN

SUCSESSES

In fourth quarter 2016, WISH housed 64 participants. Many participants do not complete the outcome measures survey and on occasion participants have refused. WISH is in the process, with the guidance of CDVSA, of revising the process in which outcome measures are obtained by victims. This is part of the special conditions listed by CDVSA for FY17.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Girls on the Run season in Ketchikan and Craig concluded with the annual 5k run. The Craig season was successful and they are already making plans for next year. The Ketchikan 5k was a huge success. GOTR had many community partners, volunteers, and equipment to celebrate the girls as they ran. Canoes were donated and the girls and running buddies were able to canoe after the 5k. Residential Youth Care volunteered to paint faces, spray paint hair and manage the activity tables. There was great excitement throughout the entire day at Ward Lake.

WISH and the Organized Village of Saxman continue to partner in the Compass Toolkit. The mentors and young men continue to make progress on their paddles. The mentors are much more relaxed in their demeanor as they mentor the young men. Their confidence is increasing and they are beginning to take initiative in the mentoring instead of waiting for the staff member to lead them.

The Alaska State Troopers continued to present with WISH during this quarter. Trooper John Brown talked with students at Schoenbar Middle School on consent and the legal ramifications of sexual assault of a minor. The students engaged with Trooper Brown and asked many questions about the law. Trooper Brown and the Alaska State Troopers are a solid and valuable partner to WISH.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

WISH continues to see victims with co-existing diseases/disorders; substance abuse, mental illnesses, emotional illnesses and physical impairments. WISH reports receiving a number of mothers and individuals who live with FASD in need of services. The struggle is in finding and obtaining services to fit their needs; there is a wait list, they don't have Medicaid, or they don't yet have an accurate diagnosis from the correct doctors.

WISH reports they are also experiencing a trend in women with disabilities and elderly women coming to the facility due to abuse. The struggle is finding them appropriate care or homes for them to move into. They are still independent but need intermediate care takers to check on them occasionally. Every place in town is full and has a waiting list up to 5 years.

HOPE-Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies – CRAIG, Prince of Wales (POW)

SUCSESSES

HOPE purchased additional Green Dot bathroom pull-off tabs posters to be taken to businesses throughout the Island as some of the ones already placed are out of tabs. They applied for two federal grants, three foundation grants, and a United Way grant.

HOPE hired a temporary Community Outreach Advocate.

HOPE wrote articles for the Prince of Wales Chamber Newsletter in April, May, and June. They post inspirational messages on Facebook each day to try and reach anyone who is living in an abusive situation. HOPE received a shipment of PJs for kids from United Way to hand out to kids in need, most of which they distributed to Craig Public Health, the local daycare facility, and various EMS units on the Island. They also put together basic needs kits for men, women, and children in the event that anyone comes to HOPE for services and left without being able to grab any of their belongings. In addition to basic needs kits, HOPE also purchased 15 Tracfoes to hand to participants who have no way to make calls in an emergency or to keep in contact with HOPE.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

HOPE was accepted as a partner with United Way.

In April, HOPE participated in a “Expanding Healthy Moms/Happy Babies” webinar.

HOPE prepared to participate in Craig’s 4th of July festivities. They also planned children’s activities for their presence at the HCA Culture Camp in July and By the Sea Arts and Seafood Festival in August. They prepared for their participation in the Hollis Fire Department fundraiser in August.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

HOPE continues to spread the word that they are open and ready to provide advocacy services. As in the last few reports, HOPE is still experiencing some negativity in the community about their organization. Slowly, they are making headway, but it has been a struggle.

UTWC-Upper Tanana Wellness Court-TOK

SUCCESES

UTWC continues to gain more momentum in the communities and is receiving more calls for information and advocacy. They have trained five advocates for the community. One of their advocates works for the local mental health clinic and the others are in separate communities. They have had great interaction with the villages and will continue to offer advocate assistance whenever needed.

They appreciate the help from the State to maintain this grant for the three years.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The UTWC volunteer contacted each village during this quarter and UTWC continued to send information out to the villages. They completed their grant and have trained advocates for the community. They continue to work toward getting more local advocates and are using the program from IAC.

UTWC is working with the TACC (counseling center) and has one of their trained advocates on staff that works with clients. UTWC is also trying to get the counseling center more involved with the calls for the communities. They had a stand set up at the store this quarter and information was sent for dispersing at the local counseling center.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Though UTWC has completed training for their remaining advocates, the funding will end as of July.

WAVE –Working Against Violence for Everyone - PETERSBURG

SUCSESSES

This quarter, WAVE assisted 9 people, 7 people waking in to the office, and 1 call.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

WAVE gave a presentation on Consent to the Petersburg High School Health class, and was invited to talk at Career day about Title IX, a presentation that went very well and will be offered again next year. WAVE gave personal Safety talks to the Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, and 5th grade classes.

WAVE is working with ANDVSA to bring a training to Petersburg in August to work with advocates.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Having an unknown financial future has made it difficult to plan. WAVE is working towards their goal for sustainable funding.

AFS/FVIP-Alaska Family Services Family Violence Intervention Program-PALMER

OVERVIEW

During this quarter FVIP presented on the Franklin Reality Model, Crazy Makers-Passive Aggressive Communication, The Great Santini, Effects of DV on Children, 911 call and Hector's Family, Accountability and Responsibility, Negative Emotion/Self Talk, Trauma Bonding with Children, and Escaping Accountability.

FVIP is still being charged for records requests of the client's judgments for Anchorage and Fairbanks, and in Palmer they can only request 10 records a week. Client judgments show which program the client is ordered to, along with the date they are ordered to complete the program. With the changes in Courtview and now with the fees of the records requests, it has become difficult to acquire the necessary information for clients. The program does not have the funds to purchase the records needed for the program to be complaint in petitioning the court to revoke probation on clients that are non-compliant.

SUCSESSES

12 new participants were accepted into the program and two participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Law Enforcement is involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings. FVIP gave an overview of their program to the new Chickaloon Police officers.
- Prosecutors – The FVIP staff attends monthly DVIP hearings and provides individual client statuses to the DA's office.
- Court System – FVIP continues to have issues with acquiring the necessary documents without paying for them. FVIP is awaiting the outcome of CDVSA working on this issue.
- Probation/Parole – FVIP provided status updates on a regular basis to the individual officers and presented on their program to the community officers.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Office of Children's Services (OCS) – FVIP continues to provide status updates to OCS clients with releases of information. OCS continues to send FVIP referrals to conduct intakes on their clients for placement in FVIP classes.
- DV Task Force – FVIP participated in monthly Task Force meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health – FVIP regularly contacts and works with mental health providers for coordinating services.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – FVIP maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. FVIP continues to coordinate services of our clients with other Batterer Intervention Programs.

AWARE/JCAP–Community Based Program –JUNEAU

OVERVIEW

JCAP has maintained a space of trust and empowerment for the men in the program. Quarterly feedback questionnaires report that men enjoy coming to class, they appreciate the facilitators, and they feel it is a safe space where they can talk about anything. Most men reported that the class was better than they imagined and they have left with tools they can use to better their relationships, including outside of intimate partnerships. The men engage in dialogue with each other as well as facilitators and most appear to appreciate the grounding at the beginning of each session.

SUCSESSES

Three 52 week men finished their class requirement around the same time. They showed a significant difference in belief changes as compared to the two other men in class halfway through their 52 week requirement. In fact, those closest to the end would frequently object to violent or abusive beliefs and/or would outright disagree and state their new beliefs.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Prosecutors – Staff had little to no contact with prosecutors. This quarter, staff did not file any affidavits of non-compliance due to the fact that they are not being opened. When possible, staff is working with the men individually to find the best option for those who experience difficult maintaining compliance.
- Probation/Parole - Staff communicates with field probation officers on a case-by-case basis, providing them with participant updates as needed. JCAP and the PO's meet once per month at the downtown probation office to connect and discuss procedures and specific issues in an effort to better our services and success rates.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – OCS is the leading referral agency for JCAP; many OCS-referred men are quick to schedule intakes and slower to show up for them. JCAP looks forward to monitoring how many OCS referrals are referred to JCAP and how many of those end up enrolling and completing our program.
- DV Task Force –JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE's Deputy Director (responsible for oversight and supervision of JCAP)
- Behavioral Health – Staff is coordinating compliance of several men while they complete behavioral health requirements. JCAP maintains a waitlist for men who have been on hold with JCAP because of apparent mental health concerns that arose during their participation in class.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – Staff is monitoring the compliance of five men while they participate in other BIP courses or look for BIPs in other communities to fulfill their requirement.
- Other, explain – JCAP is now represented at the Juneau Re-entry Coalition. Our Community Services Manager is participating in both the Family Support and Behavioral Health Committees.

IAC/LEAP– Community Based Program –FAIRBANKS

OVERVIEW

Budget cuts by the state seem to be impacting the ability of the DA to process affidavits of non-compliance, creating a bottleneck in the system to hold offenders accountable. This impacts LEAP as it requires them to re-file affidavits, and also some offenders who are non-compliant are not experiencing consequences for not attending the program.

SUCSESSES

LEAP has an MSW intern working with their agency from Humboldt State University. This intern did her master's project modeling factors that predict recidivism by offenders in the program. She found that, of 27 factors found to relate to recidivism, the top predictors were related to program attendance. The strongest predictor of recidivism was the number of days since last contact with the program (re-offense peaked 5 years after last contact), followed by whether the participant had re-offended while in program, and whether the participant had completed the program (people who complete the program are less likely to reoffend). The fact that program completion and attendance variables out-performed the rest of the 27 predictors found to relate to recidivism provides evidence in support of the effectiveness of the program.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Prosecutors – LEAP files affidavits of non-compliance with the DA, and communicate with the DA at meetings of DV Task Force and in between meetings as needed. This quarter, a stack of expired affidavits was returned by the DA, who reported that they do not have sufficient staff to process them. They asked LEAP to re-file them. Re-doing this work creates a significant burden for their small staff. LEAP's director is in communication with the DA's office trying to resolve this issue.
- Probation/Parole – LEAP cooperates with probation and parole to improve participant success. PO 's are extremely helpful in working to get participants to attend regularly and to follow program guidelines.
- Court System – A representative of LEAP attends status hearings on non-compliance to provide the court with information on the individuals' records of non-compliance and to answer questions about the program.
- OCS – LEAP has frequent contact with OCS. They make reports of harm when they hear disclosures of child abuse, and have on-going communication with OCS about many clients who were referred to the program by OCS.
- DV Task Force –This quarter the LEAP MSW student shared the results of her Master's Program supporting the effectiveness of the program. She also shared factors related to attrition, which were of special interest to probation/parole, as they suggest that enforcement by a probation officer may be an important component of a client successfully completing the program.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – The director has contact with other programs when participants transfer programs or to communicate about new developments in providing services.

KIC-Community Based Program-KETCHIKAN

OVERVIEW

This quarter, KIC has been to court for protective orders and are encouraging respondents to engage in the program. They are expanding their victim advocacy services, and community coordination efforts are improving.

SUCCESES

KIC has experienced more resistance to change from some BIP participants but have had more compliance by adhering to our policies and procedures. In regard to victim advocacy, they are working with a victim/survivor who realized she was being abused when she took part in the Victimization survey a few years ago. It was the first time that anyone asked her about abuse, and she was suddenly aware that she had been abused for many years. She has since divorced her husband and is moving forward in the process of healing. She is still fighting for her independence, and struggles with the reality of the abuse and how the effects are so long lasting.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – KIC's contact with law enforcement has been limited due to no participation in the DV Task Force. However, they are participating in an upcoming training with law enforcement and the DA's office and will take the opportunity to make significant contact with the intent to get commitment to participating in monthly meetings again.
- Probation/Parole– KIC and probation meet monthly to discuss compliance and challenges faced by shared clients with substance abuse program from KIC Behavioral Health and the probation officers.
- Prosecutors –KIC has been in contact and has attempted to try and set a time to meet to re-establish the DVTF. KIC presented at the ANTHC training in April and was able to educate on the differences between Anger Management and BIP.
- Court System – KIC attends on behalf of victims, and sometimes the perpetrator is in their BIP groups.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – KIC has been working closely with OCS on one participant in particular. Together the agencies arranged for the participant to pay for his classes by picking berries and donating them to the shelter.
- DV Task Force – Discussions amongst the individual agencies has occurred. KIC has been communicating with the victim advocate at the DA'S office and she assures they are very interested but several had been out on travel.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse –KIC has been working with a multi-disciplinary meeting to discuss mutual clients/participants.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – WISH contact this last quarter has improved significantly. KIC is currently providing a group every Monday at the shelter! KIC received an invitation to provide some assistance in preparing group curriculum and providing co-facilitation.

LSC/CPBIP-Central Peninsula Batterers Intervention Program-KENAI

OVERVIEW

During the 4th quarter, 8 new participants entered the program and received orientation. There were three court hearing during this quarter to address non-compliance issues; five cases were continued and two were reassigned. During this quarter four men were court ordered into the program.

SUCSESSES

During this quarter they completed the Empathy and Compassion module. They moved on to working in the Emotional Intimacy module using the Men and Anger book. They continue to hear some of the longer term participants challenge and talk with the newer participants about preconceived gender roles and power and control. Two men completed the program this quarter.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement- During this quarter, Kenai Police Department conducted a presentation for community members attending the Community Awareness Workshop. In May, KPD Chief Gus Sandahl retired and Lt. David Ross was named as his successor. Chief Ross grew up in this area and has been with the department for many years.
- Prosecutors- CPBIP submits monthly reports to the Kenai District Attorney's office with participant information as well as non-compliance PTRPs.
- Court System- To save on printing costs, the Kenai Court has begun to email new BIP orders to LSC. Defendant's sentences are no longer accessible online, so LSC staff must now visit the courthouse to request files, and pay a printing fee. Due to budget constraints the Kenai Courthouse is now closed every Friday afternoon.
- Probation/Parole- Adult Probation officers make referrals to CPBIP when probationers leave custody - most are misdemeanors.
- Medical- Due to scheduling conflicts there was not a SART meeting this quarter.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services)- LSC receives referrals to CPBIP from OCS. Participants referred in this manner are expected to complete the class in the same ways as those who are referred through the court system.
- DV Task Force- LSC's Executive Director chairs the task force meetings, which also include law enforcement, prosecution, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and SART nurses. Due to scheduling conflicts there was not a Task Force meeting this quarter.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- LSC advocates provide access to VCCB as needed and educate the community about VCCB at the CAWs in April and October.
- Behavioral Health- LSC continues to partner with Center for Human Development in the DART (Disabilities Abuse Response Team) grant. Their local partner in the grant, Independent Living Center, is working with clients who experience disabilities who have been impacted by domestic violence/sexual assault. LSC and ILC staff conducted a presentation to over 40 behavioral health staff at Den'ina Wellness Center this quarter.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs- As needed, CPBIP monitors participants for completion of a program in a different jurisdiction.

SPHH/DVIP-Domestic Violence Intervention Program-HOMER

OVERVIEW

This quarter all participants remained in compliance and 2 participants completed the program. SPHH has not encountered any issues with the judicial system nor has anyone been arrested.

SUCCESES

This has been a successful quarter as two participants have completed the program and none have been arrested. One participant reported on his survey that he believed he developed many new skills from the program that will help him maintain a healthy relationship with his partner and daughter in the future. He was referred to a local agency for additional parenting support.

Program participants are informed that they are always welcome to access other services offered by SPHH and access information about other resources in the community in the future.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement- Interactions have been positive and ongoing.
- Prosecutors- Interactions have been positive and ongoing.
- Court System- Interaction with the local court system remains positive.
- Probation/Parole- There is not a local probation/parole officer.
- Medical- SPHH has a positive and ongoing relationship with the local SART team.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services)- SPHH has an ongoing positive and cooperative relationship with the local OCS.
- DV Task Force- Meetings are attended on a regular basis with the local emergency response team.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- Advocates work with VCCB as needed.
- Behavioral Health- SPHH's relationship with the Center is ongoing and positive.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs- Interactions have been positive and accessed as needed.

AFS - Prison Based Program-PALMER

OVERVIEW

During this quarter PBP presented on the Franklin Reality Model, Crazy Makers-Passive Aggressive Communication, The Great Santini, Effects of DV on Children, 911 call and Hector's Family, Accountability and Responsibility, Negative Emotion/Self Talk, Trauma Bonding with Children, and Escaping Accountability.

PBP is still being charged for records requests of the client's judgments for Anchorage and Fairbanks, and in Palmer they can only request 10 records a week. Client judgments show which program the client is ordered to, along with the date they are ordered to complete the program. With the changes in Courtview and now with the fees of the records requests, it has become difficult to acquire the necessary information for clients. The program does not have the funds to purchase the records needed for the program to be complaint in petitioning the court to revoke probation on clients that are non-compliant.

SUCSESSES

18 intakes and new participants were accepted into the program and 9 participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Law Enforcement is involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings. FVIP gave an overview of their program to the new Chickaloon Police officers.
- Prosecutors – The FVIP staff attends monthly DVIP hearings and provides individual client statuses to the DA's office.
- Court System – FVIP continues to have issues with acquiring the necessary documents without paying for them. FVIP is awaiting the outcome of CDVSA working on this issue.
- Probation/Parole – Probation officers continue to give referrals for groups and help coordination of services at their facilities.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Office of Children's Services (OCS) – Contact with OCS is limited with clients in the Prison-Based Program. When inmates are released AFS works with OCS to conduct intakes and to provide status reports.
- DV Task Force – FVIP participated in monthly Task Force meetings.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health – FVIP regularly contacts and works with mental health providers for coordinating services.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – FVIP maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. FVIP continues to coordinate services of our clients with other Batterer Intervention Programs.

AWARE/JCAP– Prison Based Program –JUNEAU

OVERVIEW

The JCAP in the prison (LCCC) is a dynamic class with non-stop dialogue and questioning, with men asking for more resources and more help. JCAP continues to be impressed with the quality of dialogue generated among the seven consistent participants (with upwards of seven attending).

SUCSESSES

Accountability at LCCC takes a different spin with the men who are holding themselves accountable for often much more or slightly different issues than just intimate partner and domestic violence. While staff try to reframe their accountability around the effects on family and loved ones, the men hold a very different mindset, generally, than those in the community program. JCAP staff met with Haven House E.D. Kara Nelson for consult on working through the “chaos” of criminal minds and adapted to living within the context of prison-life. Ms. Nelson provided thoughtful suggestions and encouragement for maintaining the effort and being realistic as to where the inmates are in their recovery and safety vs. personal growth prioritization.

One man who remains un-sentenced on unrelated charges continues to bear himself to the class and facilitators and to challenge everyone in the room to elevate the level of dialogue and reflection. He models leadership and self-awareness. He has proven to be a friend and mentor to others who are capable of deeper reflection.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Probation/Parole – Staff continues to meet weekly with institutional probation officers at Lemon Creek Correctional Center to provide updates and receive feedback on participants. Staff communicates with field probation officers on a case-by-case basis, providing them with participant updates as needed.
- DV Task Force –JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE’s Deputy Director (responsible for oversight and supervision of JCAP)
- Behavioral Health – Staff seeks to work more closely with the new Mental Health Clinician Rachael Coady at LCCC in the prioritization of men’s treatment plans. JCAP prioritizes mental health and substance abuse over accountability in that no human will be able to hold themselves accountable, especially for the long term, if their mental health and substance abuse behaviors are not attended to first.

IAC/LEAP– Prison Based Program –FAIRBANKS

OVERVIEW

The LEAP program at the prison has room for a maximum of 12 inmates at a time. The group has been full with many more requests to participate than LEAP is able to accommodate. There has been a high number of inmates applying to this program. Retention in group has been high so few new openings have been available for new clients; LEAP has had to turn many potential participants away.

SUCSESSES

Participants are able to describe changes in their relationships that they attribute to the program. This group has been very stable, with low turnover, facilitating a strong supportive dynamic in the group. The men have formed supportive relationships in group and report discussions they have outside of class of the ideas they learned in group. Word of mouth has created high demand for the few openings that have come available in the program.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – LEAP communicates with law enforcement at meetings of the DV Task Force.
- Prosecutors – LEAP files affidavits of non-compliance with the DA, and communicates with the DA at DV Task Force meetings and in between as needed. This quarter, a stack of expired affidavits was returned by the DA, who reported that they do not have sufficient staff to process them. They asked LEAP to re-file them. Re-doing this work creates a significant burden for their small staff. LEAP's director is in communication with the DA's office trying to resolve this issue.
- Probation/Parole – LEAP cooperates with probation and parole to improve participant success. PO Schmidt in the jail is extremely helpful in obtaining judgments and criminal complaints, and in following up if clients miss class or are experiencing issues that interfere with their participation in our program. She helps to connect clients to other services in the jail, and notifies staff if there is information she thinks LEAP needs in order to to better serve participants.
- Court System – A representative of the LEAP program attends status hearings on non-compliance to provide the court with information on the individuals' records of non-compliance and to answer questions about the program.
- DV Task Force – LEAP participates in DV Task Force meetings. This quarter their MSW student shared the results of her Master's Program supporting the effectiveness of the program. She also shared factors related to attrition, which were of special interest to probation/parole, because they suggest that enforcement by a probation officer may be an important component of a client successfully completing the program.