

4th Quarter Council Meeting

May 7-8,

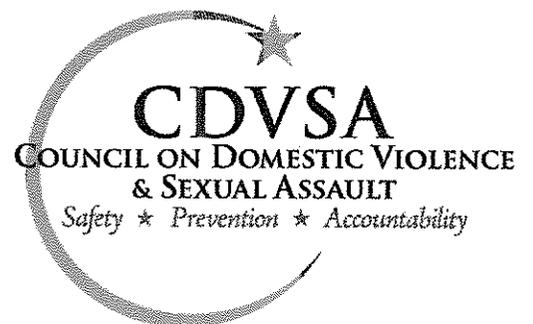
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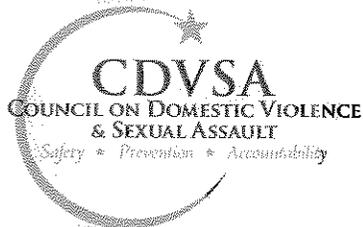
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Valdez Civic Center
110 Clifton Drive
Valdez, AK 99686

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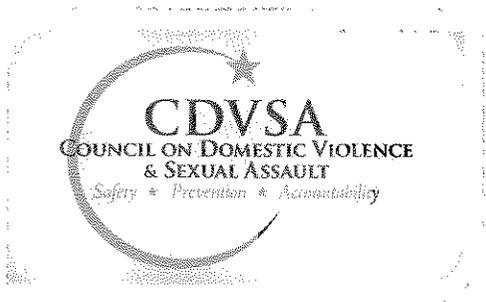
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AGENDA

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

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| 9:00 am | Call to Order-Roll Call, Agenda Review, Conflict of Interest Inquiry, Chair Comments | |
| 9:15 | Minute Review:
February 26-27, 2014 | Richard Irwin |
| 9:20 | Executive Director Report
Financials
Victim Service Regulations Review | Lauree Morton |
| 10:00 | Executive Committee Report
Letters of Interest | Richard Irwin |
| 10:15 | Network Report | Peggy Brown |
| 10:45 | BREAK | |
| 11:00 | Kids Club/Moms Empowerment | Dr. Sandra A. Graham-Bermann |
| 11:30 | Children Exposed Increment | Lauree Morton |
| Noon | LUNCH | AVV |
| 1:15 pm | Tour of AVV | Rowena Palomar |
| 2:30 | Advocates for Victims of Violence | Rowena Palomar |
| 3:15 | Plan for \$1.4 Prevention Funds | Lauree Morton |
| 3:45 | PREA Update
Sex Offender Treatment in DOC Facilities | Ed Webster |
| 4:45 | Public Comment | |

Executive Session if necessary



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Thursday, May 8, 2014

9:00 am	Meeting Locations Council Comments	Richard Irwin
9:30	Dashboard Indicators: CUBs PRAMs	Margaret Young Kathy Perham-Hester
10:00	Update on Education	Patty Owen Lauree Morton
10:30	Maniilaq Family Crisis Center	Richard Irwin
Noon	LUNCH	
1:30 pm	Update on Housing	Cathy Stone
2:00	Strategic Plan Review OR FY 2015 Victim Service Provider Grants	Richard Irwin Lauree Morton
3:45	July/August Budget Meeting Prep	Lauree Morton
4:00	Closing Council Comments	Richard Irwin
4:30	ADJOURN	

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**COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
(CDVSA)**

**Quarterly Meeting
DEC Building, Room 108
Juneau, Alaska
February 26 – 27, 2014**

Committee Members Present

Susan Cushing – Chair
Richard Irwin – Vice Chair
Rachel Gernat
Kelly Howell
Patricia Owen
Barbara Henjum
Rick Svobodny
Ronald Taylor

Guests

Peggy Brown
Paul Sugar
Lisa Kinsel
Katie TePas
Andre Rosay

Staff

Lauree Morton – Executive Director
Freda Westman
Angela Wells
Linda Hoven

Minutes Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Susan Cushing, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m., and roll call was taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

After a short discussion of scheduling conflicts during the meeting for Rachel Gernat, Kelly Howell, and Barbara Henjum, Rachel Gernat **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the potential absences noted, **SECONDED** by Kelly Howell. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**. (6/0)

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST INQUIRY

Susan Cushing called for any conflicts of interest of Council members related to the agenda items. No conflicts of interest were reported.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Susan Cushing expressed her gratitude to Haven House for hosting the Council at the last meeting, and asked Council members to sign a thank-you card.

MINUTES REVIEW

After a discussion regarding corrections to the minutes, Richard Irwin **MOVED** to accept the November 21 – 22, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was **SECONDED** by Patricia Owen. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**. (6/0)

Rachel Gernat commented that Ron Taylor had asked that Johnnie Wallace attend the next CDVSA meeting to speak more about PREA. It was not on the agenda for this meeting, and she asked for a follow up on that.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lauree Morton reported that Larry Johnson is their new office assistant, and they are now fully staffed. Lauree announced that Annie will be retiring in mid-March. Lauree expressed her gratitude for the great work Annie has done since she's been with their staff and stated that she will be missed.

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention to the Victim's Service Program and Batterer Intervention Program reports, which were included in the board packet, to view what the different programs have been doing since the last meeting. She highlighted the following items of the Victim's Service Programs:

- Most of the programs talk about their SARTS and training, and how they are working together in a multi-disciplinary effort, describing their successes and their challenges with that.
- AFS announced that the Mat-Su Regional Hospital opened their facility to do forensic exams, which will reduce the need of victims in the Mat-Su having to travel to Anchorage for exams.
- Cordova has been doing a lot of work with the villages and sending people to trainings to be able to participate in SART.
- AWAIC had 300 of their service evaluations returned, and they received good responses relating to their services.
- AWARE highlighted their rural outreach. They are working with the mayor of Haines to develop a domestic violence taskforce in Haines.
- AWIC in Barrow is having safe home provider webinars and teleconferences on a quarterly basis. Not many of the programs have safe homes in villages, so it is great to see that strengthening effort continue.
- Haven House highlighted their Girls on the Run's first event. They had over 100 participants and had a youth running club from an Old Believer Village that participated.

- SAVE in Sitka highlighted an increase in services:

	First Quarter	Second Quarter
• Shelter nights	656	1,001
• Crisis calls	59	112
• Residents in shelter	36	63

Lauree Morton noted that USAFV has already had more shelter nights in the first six months of FY14 than they did in the all of FY13.

Lauree Morton highlighted the following related to the Batterer Intervention Program:

- AWARE started a second group because of their volume.
- IAC keeps 26 slots for sliding fee scale participants and that wait list is full on an ongoing basis.
- AFS opened their program at Goose Creek.

Statistically, there were 270 people that came into a program last fiscal year, and this year there are less than half of that halfway through the year. This statistic is relevant to the regulations discussion relating to broadening the scope of batterer intervention programming, what can be done in the state that's counted as batterer intervention programming, and how, with this effort to expand that definition, they might be able to engage more people in that effort.

Rachel Gernat commented that she appreciated the form of the reports, but she noticed that AFS used the same report on their prison-based program and their community-based program, and she found that to be unacceptable for reporting. She noted that those programs do not have the same issues and successes.

Lauree Morton reported that the Alaska Institute of Justice, with their grant through the Office of Victims of Crime, is looking across the state at the numbers of crime victims and their ability to access legal representation. The survey has been developed and has gone out. They have received approximately 600 responses and are awaiting more responses in order to be statistically significant with the results. They are looking at language access and giving people the ability to be able to take the written survey in languages other than English. They have extended the survey time in order to facilitate a better response rate in order to get a picture of what the civil/legal representation for crime victims looks like in Alaska.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lauree Morton stated that the Sunset Extension Bill is presently on the Senate floor. It was heard in Senate State Affairs and passed. It was heard in Senate Finance and passed. There were some questions about increases in the budget in Senate Finance, and most of those increases related to the work being done in prevention activities and through the initiatives. The Sunset Extension Bill in the House has been heard and moved from House State Affairs and is in House Finance ready for the Senate bill to come over. When the Senate bill is passed and goes over to the House, it is anticipated that it will be referred to House Finance, and it will have a hearing and hopefully pass. It

will then go to the House floor and be voted on, and if it is passed, it will go on its way to the Governor for his signature. Lauree noted that the auditor has made sure to mention at each hearing that they've recommended the full amount of time allowed for a council to be extended, which is eight years, and that's very different for the Council and speaks to the strength in confidence people have in the Council's ability to move forward.

With regards to the budget, they had a subcommittee hearing in the House. The House Finance Subcommittee hearing was shared with the VPSO program, and it went very well. CDVSA had their own hearing in the Senate Finance Subcommittee, and Lauree spoke not only to the intervention programs, but also focused on the prevention strategies. Lauree Morton stated that they did do a combined report to the House Finance Committee on the Governor's Choose Respect Initiative, going through the different elements of the initiative. Lauree noted that she believes there are a couple of members of the House Finance Committee who are concerned with the high rates of violence in the state in terms of sexual assault and sexual abuse of children, and that's why this collaborative effort is being made to try and reduce those numbers long term.

Lauree Morton stated that there is a minority bill in the House sponsored by Representative Tarr, and she is scheduled to meet with the Council members to talk about the bill. The bill essentially is requiring all school districts to provide education from K through 12 on sexual assault, sexual abuse training for teachers, and instruction for the children. In addition, there will also be staff from the Council's funded programs scheduled to attend the meeting to speak about the particular programming they do in schools.

Lauree Morton mentioned that there is a crime bill that was introduced last year that is moving through the process. Senate Bill 64 is an omnibus crime bill that has to do with changing penalties for certain crimes and procedural issues. Rick Svobodny reported that the bill started last year and had two major controversial issues, one that dealt with licensing, which was removed from the bill before the vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee; and then there were two amendments in the Senate Judiciary Committee relating to when juveniles are waived to adult court, which was removed with the idea that it be a separate bill, and one that dealt with procedural posturing. The bill essentially addressed a change in the threshold amounts for property crimes, child enticement situations, and sentencing issues. Peggy Brown noted that there was a victim advocate on the panel originally, and they were removed along with a public defender. They have since put a public defender person back on the panel, and they are hoping to get a victim advocate put back in when the bill reaches Senate Finance.

Rick Svobodny reported that Senate Bill 108, sponsored by Senator Dyson, has been introduced and has been described, but it hasn't had a hearing. This bill may be something the Council want to be aware of is because essentially the bill addresses removing cases from CourtView that are criminal cases where there's been complete dismissal of the case by the prosecuting authorities or there's been an acquittal at trial. Taylor Winston from the Office of Victim's Rights has written a strong letter in opposition to it, because she believes that CourtView is a valuable tool that people use to screen people. There has also been discussion about whether petitions for protective orders

would be added to this bill, but the sponsor of the bill indicates that those additions would be better made by court rules, not through statute.

PREVENTION SUMMIT VIDEO REVIEW

The Council members viewed the short video presentation that was created at the Prevention Summit Conference held December 3 – 5, 2013. They are gathering results from the surveys that were sent out to communities in Juneau after the summit to get feedback about how they are using the information, what they gained from the summit, and do they believe it would be helpful to have another summit next year.

FINANCIALS

Financial reports were included in the Council packets.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Susan Cushing commented that Green Dot launched in Homer with their first public presentation at the Rotary meeting that she attended last week. She noted that it was a fantastic presentation by three people, and a pin drop could have been heard in the room because of the mystery around Green Dot. The presentation was well received, with a number of attendee requesting trainings for a variety of venues. Susan mentioned that AUTI was in Homer also presenting a Girls on the Run training.

Richard Irwin reported that May 18th in Anchorage and then May 19th in Juneau a representative from the Faith Trust Institute will be in Alaska meeting with selected clergy and people from the faith community in Anchorage and Juneau for a time of conversation to address issues related to DVSA in the context of the faith community. The initial goal is that they begin with the training of strategic people and then expand the sphere of influence. Richard commented as a side note that there are significant conversations taking place around the faith community coming together to collaborate with OCS as it relates to training, parenting, adoption, foster care, and such to the extent that in Anchorage they will soon have a facility where the public is able to come and learn more about the whole process of coming and providing care and the OCS side of things.

Kelly Howell reported that Public Safety hosted a Child First Forensic Interview training session at the new crime lab that was wonderful. She noted within Public Safety there has been another change in their leadership. They currently have a new commissioner designee, Gary Folger, who has retired from the Alaska Wildlife troopers, who was asked by the Governor to return to the Department as the commissioner. His House confirmation is scheduled for tomorrow and the Senate confirmation is scheduled for next Tuesday. He admittedly reports that he has much to learn in terms of domestic violence and sexual assault awareness on the public safety side but is very eager to learn more about it and is committed to the cause.

Barbara Henjum, representing the Division of Behavioral Health, highlighted the ongoing training that continues to be provided with the funds that come to Behavioral Health with trauma-informed care. In the last 18 months, there have been more than

1,500 people trained across the state in the whole aspect of understanding trauma and the role of trauma-informed care.

Rachel Gernat commented that she met with a board member from their local shelter service program to talk about what kind of information they were given when they made the decision to leave the Network, and also discussed perhaps reconsidering returning to the Network to improve community involvement with regards to prevention. Rachel noted that she continues to be a part of the local Community Justice Coalition, which will meet once a month to discuss issues related to youth. She and a couple of her friends did their own One Billion Rising, vowing to get 30 people next year. She was also asked to sit on a Prevention Steering Committee run by Mat-Su Health Foundation, and the first meeting is scheduled for next week and will hopefully provide prevention efforts that other agencies are not providing.

Rachel Gernat stated that she was cc'ed on a communication from Patty Owen to the Mat-Su School District regarding the school district adopting the Fourth R, but the school district vote on health curriculum will not be discussed until the fall. Rachel noted that she met with Representative Tarr about "Erin's Bill," and Representative Tarr expressed that there may be some problems in the House with conservative-minded representatives as it relates to sex education in public schools. Rachel commented that she is interested in seeing if there is any interest in expanding Girls on the Run to women's groups. She had also asked for some guidance relating to when it is inappropriate/appropriate to represent herself as a public member of the CDVSA, and noted that she does not have CDVSA business cards.

Patty Owens reported that the Fourth R continues to do well, and she continues to see it being promoted as an evidence-based program nationally. Patty stated that regarding Coaching Boys into Men, she has been working with a group on scheduling the next training for April 22nd – 23rd, 2014 in Juneau. Patty noted that she and Lauree were interviewed by CNN's John Sutter who is doing an online documentary about domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. The focus of that was to balance the problem with the prevention efforts going on in the state. She also noted that ACES has brought a lot of programs together, and there were questions on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Systems, and they will be seeing Alaska's data this summer. Patty commented that she believes the Department of Education is beginning to see the correlation between school improvement processes and dropout prevention and ACES and trauma-informed schools. Ann Roche and Patty had a meeting with the education and outreach workers of the service agencies in terms of what they are doing in connection with their schools, and Patty and Ann are working towards not only learning what they are doing, but what are their needs in terms of curriculum, guidelines, training, and networking and collaboration.

Rick Svobodny referred to SB 64 noting that it has in a requirement that the Department of Corrections run a 24/7 program, which is a plan that allows release of people on bail from incarceration where they are involved in a program that requires two breath tests a day, seven days a week, and that will become a big project for Corrections if that part passes. The other part that may be of interest to the Council is less people in jail pending trial on DV cases, and it requires Corrections to do a risk assessment of the

person prior to release to the specialized program. Rick also spoke about PREA and dealing with the federal law that requires a certain percentage of grant money from the federal government be used for an audit to be done by a private entity and how those audits may cost sustainably more than the percentage of STOP funds. Corrections has made decisions about staffing that has put more correctional officers in the facilities, and so there are fewer people who can monitor these programs and supply answers, which is a concern because the compliance deadline is July 1st. He encouraged the Council to request an update at the next Council meeting regarding the audit.

HEAD START/PRESCHOOL/PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Paul Sugar, from the Department of Early Education Development (DEED), presented to the Council members regarding the programs their unit oversees; Head Start, the state pre-K grants, and also the state pre-elementary approval process, which they oversee as well. He noted that the Parents as Teachers grant funds flow through their unit. Their unit is also the Department's connectivity with Best Beginnings, the state's public/private early childhood initiative.

Paul Sugar stated that Head Start typically receives approximately \$7 million in state grant funding each year. He stated that Head Start is a federal program and the funding does not flow through the states. The funding goes directly to the local entity that's providing the services. It was purposely set up that way in 1965 because at that time they recognized that when it comes to supports for young children, it takes the community, so the funding going directly to the community level may improve the structures and the capabilities within the communities. Paul described 11 Head Start regional offices. Alaska belongs to Region 10 along with Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Alaska has five grantees who receive their funding through the Region 10 office. Alaska has 11 grantees who receive funding through Region 11, which is the American Indian Alaska Native branch of Head Start, and they send funds directly to the tribal entities. Paul stated that the State then has competitive supplemental grants available to federally recognized Head Starts to help them ensure that they are meeting the match to maintain the federal funding and to make sure that they have funding that they can use for quality improvement, professional development, and to support serving additional children and families.

In terms of numbers, Alaska's Head Starts are presently serving 2,954 children at 102 sites, and those numbers are expected to rise. He stated that on average they are serving 50 percent of the eligible Head Start-aged children, 3, 4, and 5 year olds. He also mentioned the Head Start Collaboration Office Grant, which Alaska receives \$125,000 (\$117,000 during sequestration) for a staff person to work ensuring that Head Start is represented at the table whenever there are discussions around children and families in poverty and to help to guide and assist in any collaborative efforts at state, regional, or local levels.

Regarding Head Start expansion at the state level, the last two years of expansion that they had were the first year of Governor Parnell's administration, and there was \$600,000 of state monies added into the base for a total of \$1.2 million. At this point, it looks unlikely that the state budget will allow for expansion, but the beginning of the discussion regarding negotiations will begin this week. Federally, aside from the

restoration of the sequestered funds, Head Start is getting the opportunity to apply for a 1.9 percent COLA, and hopefully that will assist to restore staff and services. There will also be federal funding available to develop partnerships between early Head Start and childcare.

Paul Sugar gave an update on President Obama's Pre-K Initiative, which is not presently in the budget. This is a large amount of money that would be leveraged by states that are providing state pre-K programs and who have set standards that meet levels of approval by the federal government. The unique thing about it is that while it would flow through states, it opens the door to any providers who want to serve 4 year olds in a pre-K setting to eligibility.

Paul Sugar described the Pre-K structure as being set up along the similar lines of Head Start. Alaska is one of five states in the nation to meet all ten of the benchmarks for Pre-K programs set by the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER). The program in Alaska was developed as a partnership effort, because it was felt that school districts are a new entity to the preschool arena, and since there are private and faith-based high-quality childcare programs and also Head Start, the school districts would benefit from the assistance of the expertise and experience of those entities. After surveying both the school districts and the preschool entities, the question of how can they use the districts' entry into preschool to bring these groups together to leverage not only dollars, but knowledge and experience; what does it mean to bring new requirements of certified teachers into the system and to bring close to 50 years of community outreach, parent involvement, parent engagement, parent commitment together from both sides. This year they are in 23 sites working with 8 school districts. They have seen great successes and have been able to gather data to be used to further the programs.

Paul Sugar explained that the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program took a cut of over 30 percent, a 17 percent cut at the program level with the remainder absorbed at the Department level, which unfortunately meant that there is a deficit in data and data analysis of PAT. They have four grantees receiving the \$681,000 in grant funding for PAT, serving approximately 187 children in the first quarter and completing 511 home visits.

Paul Sugar reported that the funding that is provided to Best Beginnings is \$937,500, and is applied to two main purposes: Imagination Library and particular efforts, for instance providing PSAs around early childhood and programs relating to the engagement of families and children; and secondly there is funding that goes to help with infrastructure.

The state budget for these programs is status quo: \$7 million for Head Start; \$2 million for Pre-K; \$681,000 for PAT, and \$937,500 for Best Beginnings.

Paul Sugar finalized his presentation by stating that collaboration is a key in all of the programs and trying to find the best ways to improve communications between all of the stakeholder groups.

SERVICES TRAINING OFFICERS PROSECUTORS (STOP) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Kelly Howell gave a summary of the STOP Grant Planning Committee and the progress that the committee has made to date. She began with an overview of the grant explaining that the purpose of the planning committee was to develop the next three-year plan that would be submitted with the STOP grant application, which is due March 20th. The committee has a good representation of stakeholders with over 20 participants. They first met on Dec 19th via teleconference and had a second meeting face-to-face on January 24th. The focus at those meetings was the plan, priorities, and approaches for each of the purpose areas under the STOP grant, building on the goals from the previous plan and identifying the new statutory purpose areas. A draft Alaska STOP Three-Year Implementation Plan, Priorities, and Approaches was included in the board packet.

Lauree Morton reported that different partners who were involved in the development of the plan met and decided that their preference, and what is in the best interest of the state, was to continue the thrust of the previous plan, which has been training first responders. She highlighted areas of training by law enforcement, the Department of Law, prosecutors, state and municipal prosecutors, the court system, and Victim's Services.

The Council asked for some clarification on the timing of the submittal of the application and the timeliness of the disbursement of the grant funds. There were also some inquiries and discussion related to PREA's compliance issues not only statewide, but also nationwide.

Lauree Morton noted that there has been a change in the requirement that tribes be consulted in developing the STOP plan. Alaska is planning to have a teleconference with the supervising attorney to talk to them about the impracticality of that for Alaska and to talk some more about the different kinds of consortia they did have come together, which was the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; a representative from the Association of Village Council Presidents, which included the 56 communities of the Delta Region; a representative from the Yupik's Women's Coalition; and the Southeast Regional Health Corporation. They believe they have met the intention and spirit by having those stakeholders and will meet with the attorney to gain some clarification and guidance related to the changes.

Kelly Howell **MOVED** to accept the draft STOP Three-Year Implementation Plan and Priorities as included in the board packet and approved submission of the application, **SECONDED** by Rick Svobodny. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

PROGRAM OF THE QUARTER – MANIILAQ FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

Jackie Hill, available via teleconference, introduced Lisa Kinsel, the supervisor of the Maniilaq Family Crisis Center, who showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the outreach and activities of the shelter. Lisa Kinsel reported that their staff includes three full-time advocates including one SART advocate, and three relief advocates. The Center serves Kotzebue and the surrounding villages. Lisa described the challenges of staffing the shelter at times. The problems come when there is no one in residence,

noting that keeping a staff person on call and available becomes challenging. Lisa related several stories of clients who have been supported through the Center's activities and have been successful in beginning to rebuild their lives. Lisa described the changes their agency is making after their evaluation to improve their services and receive the funding they need to provide quality services to more clients.

Lisa Kinsel reported that the Center has been working on building a relationship with Barrow AWIC to become partners and work towards a collaboration in outreach efforts. Other outreach efforts included a silent auction to benefit domestic violence, sexual abuse awareness outreach in November, attending a school carnival, working on the Choose Respect March, promoting PSA announcements about the shelter services, teen violence awareness and other programs, developed a Facebook page, supported a self-defense class, and building a partnership with local law enforcement. They have also been working with members of the community regarding Talk Now, Talk Often, interviewing parents about being able to talk to their teenagers about healthy relationships.

Jackie Hill reported meeting with Maniilaq's board of directors and an advisory board for MFCC was discussed. It was decided to have a line item on the standing agenda of the board's Tribal Services Committee (TSC) that specifically talks about the women's shelter. MFCC presents the same information to the TSC as they present to the Council. TSC also looks at strategic plans of the shelter and advises MFCC.

Lisa Kinsel reported that the last staff training they had was in December and it was for legal advocacy. The next training they will be looking for is the SART training for advocates. Since most SART training requires a team, it has been challenging to find training for advocates. Lisa noted that she is looking to reorganizing their policy and procedure manuals and will be looking to the Network for assistance on that.

Jackie Hill reported that their multi-disciplinary team meets once a month to review the SART program and Child Advocacy Center programs, and review new cases and follow up on clients. The team consists of the State Troopers, the DAs, the nurses, the therapists, the advocates, the local police, and OCS.

Council members had questions related to clarifying the Center staffing and frequency of residents, clarification on the advisory board makeup, the OVW outreach grant and other sources of income for the Center, and client transportation specifics and costs.

Council member Richard Irwin expressed the Council's appreciation to the Maniilaq Center's staff for the hard work and effort they have put in to make adjustments and addressing areas of concern to the Council.

BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAMMING

Mandy O'Neal Cole spoke to the Council members regarding the Batterer Intervention Program and the revisions of the batterer intervention regulations. She began with a history, overview, and evolution of the program. She stated that the most significant thing about the Batterers Intervention Program and why it's being talked about is it is a response to the evolving understanding of domestic violence, and it is the other side of

the equation, which is understanding batterers in order to change their behavior and how is that done. The major efforts for batterer intervention grew from the battered women's movement.

Mandy O'Neal Cole reviewed the evaluation of programs. The main objective is to determine what is working, and a better definition of "working" evolved, which has more to do with the Batterers Intervention Program being part of the community coordinated response. If having a Batterers Intervention Program makes the rest of the responses work better, the system is tighter. The goal is to define what "effective" means and not simply look at recidivism as a measure of effectiveness. In terms of regulatory review, it was important to define the goal of trying to have an individual not assault again and give them the opportunity to change their behavior in a humane, fair, dignified way while keeping the victim safe by offering them additional services. They also want to make sure that the program is supporting accountability and a decreasing tolerance for domestic violence at a community level. The collaborative effort involves law enforcement, court systems, prosecutors, and other stakeholders and making that part of their primary commitment as well, and working with the partners to ensure accountability for the behaviors and creating a system of accountability that is not just narrowly described by the Batterer Intervention Program.

Mandy O'Neal Cole encouraged Council members to keep in mind the five ideals that were key when the regulation revisions were being developed:

- BIPs are one community partner within a larger system of accountability for abusers.
- BIPs recognize that domestic violence is a choice, and abusers are solely responsible for their abuse.
- BIPs increase opportunities for victims and their children to access services and support and to plan for their safety.
- BIPs deliver education intended to promote behavioral changes in abusers that will increase victim safety and offender well-being, while recognizing the program cannot guarantee safety or nonviolent behavior.
- BIPs engage the community in order to decrease tolerance for domestic violence.

Mandy O'Neal Cole briefly described each of the current challenges the program is facing as follows:

- Debate between batterers intervention programs and anger management programs.
- Differentiating services according to who is most likely to benefit from the program.
- Redefine "effectiveness", moving away from recidivism and toward collaboration.
- Retain the integrity of the goals of BIP while allowing for new ideas and innovation.
- Rural delivery.
- Woman who use violence.

The Council members posed questions relating to client referrals, client behavioral and mental health issues, the use of assessment tools upon intake, and questions regarding the holistic approach to Batterer Intervention Programs and best practices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council members made the decision to go into executive session to discuss financial matters regarding Maniilaq Family Crisis Center that may have an impact of the organization.

RECESS

Thursday, February 27th, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Susan Cushing called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. Susan Cushing called for any changes to the agenda:

- Continue funding discussion regarding Maniilaq Family Crisis Center to the first item on the agenda.
- 10:00 a.m. - insert Prevention Strategies Evaluation presentation by Wendi Siebold, move Research and Evaluation presentation by Andre Rosay to 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAM OF THE QUARTER – MANIILAQ FAMILY CRISIS CENTER-Continued

Susan Cushing announced that the Council came out of executive session regarding the discussion of financial matters that may impact the organization with regard to Maniilaq Family Crisis Center. No action was taken during executive session.

Staff provided documents as requested from the prior day:

- The number of forensic exams conducted during this fiscal year, not including the AST numbers: 1 pediatric exam, 3 suspect exams, and 6 victim exams.
- The total amount the Maniilaq award would have been if they had been funded for a full year, \$345,454. They were given a payment of \$86,364 in August, \$115,151 in October. The remainder of the award would be \$144,000. A 15 percent match of their award would be \$51,818.

Patty Owen **MOVED** to uphold the Council's previous decision to fund Maniilaq Family Crisis Center through March 31st, 2014, and directed Lauree Morton and another Council member to request a meeting with the Maniilaq Board of Directors to discuss future funding. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ron Taylor.

Discussion:

- Patty Owen appreciated Lisa Kinsel's presentation and her efforts to get the Crisis Center on track.
Rachel Gernat asked at what point they will decide what to do with the remaining \$144,000.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion **PASSED. (6/0)**

BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAM REGULATIONS

The Council members were directed to the draft Batterer Intervention Regulations Revisions contained in the board packet. They reviewed the process the Regulations Committee followed, the stakeholders involved, the meetings conducted, the goals of the committees, the topics covered by the revised regulations, and the next steps of the draft regulations. The goal of this conversation is to have some discussion about whether or not this is the right direction, if it incorporates enough of the elements to be able to allow a broader array of batterer intervention programming into the state to maintain core principals and integrity of what programs would look like, and a way in which would allow, through regulation, some best standards where programs could look to and choose from a menu of items to complement their ideals. Lauree Morton noted that this draft is not an official regulation draft format or language, but it is the concepts and principles and organization that the stakeholder groups thought were important to have encapsulated into formal regulations.

Rick Svobodny commented on the best practices document that would be adopted, and the process that would need to be followed to change that document as changes of best practices are developed, in particular with regards to public comment. The Council members had a brief discussion regarding the document and recommended looking for specificity regarding that portion of the draft.

Ron Taylor commented that he approved of the process and was able to see what is being attempted by building in the flexibility. He noted that there will be changes in terms of this field in the next few years, and making the regulations broad enough so that programmatic changes can be accomplished under the regulations is key. Ron Taylor spoke to referral issues and the screening process for the programs.

Rachel Gernat agreed with Ron Taylor and expressed her experience with the BIP. She also referred to page 4, asking for items to be added to the intake, including criminal activity and civil issues.

Richard Irwin had questions relating to gender-specific programs and asked about adding a section with reference to women.

Lauree Morton expressed the next steps were to finish the definitions and essentially define gray areas, look at the comments from the Council members, and by the May meeting have something they can move forward with in a formal way. She encouraged Council members to continue to review the draft, and if they want to make further comment, to contact her with their concerns.

PREVENTION STRATEGIES EVALUATION

Wendi Siebold presented on the criteria used in evaluating the following programs: Fourth R, Green Dot, Coaching Boys into Men, Girls on the Run, Prevention Summit, and possible community efforts. The Council members viewed a Prezi presentation highlighting that prevention needs to be comprehensive and community-driven with the appropriate capacities in place. The presentation highlighted the following measures for prevention:

- Effective prevention is comprehensive.
- Intentional and showing impact.
- Specific risk and protective factors.
- Improving awareness about abusive behaviors.
- Increases in help seeking.

Risks factors that are common and measurable within the first year:

- Decreased acceptance of violence.
- Improve community sanctions against DV/SA.

Risks factors that are common and measureable within two years:

- Enhanced comprehensiveness of community-based programming.
- Two prevention programs are implemented that impact local risk and protective factors.

Long-term impact of programming in three to five years:

- Comprehensive.
- Community wide.
- Reduced rates of perpetration and victimization.

Wendi Siebold commented that she has seen over the years of working in Alaska how well people within state agencies are able to leverage resources and work in a complimentary way to one another.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Dr. Andre Rosay presented to the Council an update on the Alaska Victimization Survey. The survey is funded by the CDVSA and is modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, and responses are limited to English speaking adult women. The statewide survey was done in 2010, and in 2011 through 2013, the surveys were taken regionally. Overall, 7,260 women were surveyed regarding lifetime and past year intimate partner violence and sexual violence. He noted that it is important to keep in mind the limitations of the survey in comparisons across the locations, and he noted that the estimates are conservative.

The survey showed the following information statewide:

- Adult women in Alaska who have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 117,685 (23,240 in the past year).
- Adult women in Alaska who have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime: 91,725 (10,631 in the past year).
- Adult women in Alaska who have experienced intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence in their lifetime: 144,881 (29,174 in the past year).

Dr. Andre Rosay stated that the next steps include a survey in the North Slope Borough, the Nome census area, and in the Aleutian's west census area. The IRB packet has been reviewed and approved by one of the two institutional review boards. The survey is slated to start in two to three weeks, and the results will be available in early October.

Marny Rivera gave a PowerPoint presentation relating to health correlates of female victimization using the ABS 2010 data. She gave a brief background and described other researchers in that area, and then how they approached the study and their findings, and policy recommendations to consider.

Marny identified some of the conditions and health problems researchers have found as significant associations with violence and victimization:

Symptoms:

- Sleep disorders Breathing disorders Anxiety
- Chronic pain Headaches Fatigue

General physical conditions:

- Cardiovascular problems
- Diabetes
- IBS
- Gynecological problems
- Asthma
- High blood pressure

General measures:

- Poor overall general health
- More sick days or increased use of medical care
- Difficulty accessing care

Mental health:

- Depression
- PTSD

Marny Rivera reviewed the odds of health issues reported given a lifetime of violence relative to not experiencing lifetime violence, and broke down the race to violence statistics. In summary, they found that the women who had reported victimization had increased odds of having poor health outcomes, and it was significantly more so for minority women, likely an extension of the impact of stress.

With regards to policy recommendations, Marney Rivera highlighted the following:

- Universal prevention and reduction of violence against women.
- Reducing stress and anxiety in known victims of violence.
- Screening by trained medical professionals to detect victimization of women and related physical and mental health problems.
- Interdisciplinary teams and comprehensive trauma-informed response to violence.

With regards to research recommendations, Marny Rivera highlighted the following:

- Gather data on indicators of stress, unique stressors for minorities, and consider other health measures.
- Study inter and intra-race/ethnic differences in violence and health outcomes.
- Quantify level and frequency of violence.

- Qualitative research.

Marny Rivera reminded the Council members about the NO MORE event that is scheduled for March 19th, 2014 in Anchorage at the UAA campus.

Brad Myrstol, an associate professor at the Justice Center and the director of the Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center, presented on the studies of the criminal justice response to domestic violence and sexual assault and ongoing research project activities. He highlighted a study they will be conducting titled: *An Innovative Response to an Intractable Problem: Using Village Public Safety Officer to Enhance the Criminal Justice Response to Violence Committed Against Indian Women in Alaska's Tribal Communities*. The study's objective is to build on and expand prior research that when VPSOs, TPOs, and VPOs are first responders in cases of sexual assault, the likelihood that cases will be accepted for prosecution significantly improves.

The study will focus on the effect of VPSO involvement incidents. The methodology will take place in two stages over the course of two years. The first phase is to study police case records for DV, SA, SAM, and DVH incidents that occurred in western Alaska from 2008 through 2011 and link that data to prosecution outcomes. The second phase will be to qualify the data collected. At the conclusion of the study, the data from both phases of the study will combine to provide a comprehensive examination and assessment of the impact Alaska's VPSO program is having on the criminal justice response to violence committed against Alaska Native women in Alaska's tribal communities. Brad noted that the study is funded by the National Institute of Justice, and he expressed his appreciation for their support to be able to execute the study.

Brad Myrstol gave a brief overview of the study that they are presently conducting, which is very similar to the VSPO study, but in a broader sense, collecting data for a statewide picture of the criminal justice response to domestic violence and sexual assault from 2008 through 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council opened the floor for public comment from 11:30 to 11:40.

ANDVSA REPORT

Peggy Brown from the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault distributed handouts to the Council members that included a letter of support for the Council Sunset Bill, a condensed version of a legislative watch list from their Legislative Committee, their annual report, and some interesting statistics from the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

Peggy Brown highlighted the following news:

- They have officially launched the Talk Now, Talk Often Alaska website. This is a campaign that talks about parenting engagement.
- Since mid-January, they had approximately 25 new applications for the pro bono legal services program.

- They launched an online training course on domestic violence and sexual assault that started in November/December, and they have gotten a lot of positive feedback, particularly in rural areas that are using it.
- They are participating in the planning of the Child Maltreatment Conference.
- They are working with the Full Lives Conference April 17th-18th, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage.
- The Continuing Legal Education is scheduled for late March/early April where they are slated to have Chief Justice Dana Fabe and other national legal experts coming to talk about Internet safety and prosecuting cases involving e-mail, text, and electronic media and cybercrimes related to stalking and domestic and sexual violence.
- The web conference series called "Addressing Barriers to Health and Safety in Alaska" is completed, and it had more than 400 participants, 700 video views. 90 or more percent of the participants indicated that it had improved their understanding of health and safety issues around domestic violence and sexual assault.
- The Pathways update is completed, as well as the community snapshots, which have been provided to the Council members.

Peggy Brown reported that they have been very involved in the legislative session this year working on trying to keep the increments in the budget, specifically the victim's services increment and the children exposed increment. Peggy Brown reported that the Empowering Choices Housing Program has support to put funding in the base, and she reported that 250 families received housing this past year through the voucher system.

Peggy Brown reported that some of the funds the Council receives through the Governor's Initiative go to public awareness and media campaigns that they develop for the Council. The Alaska Men Choose Respect television spots aired about 3,226 times last year, and they were viewed online at YouTube more than 500 times by 30 communities across Alaska; 42 percent of which were returning visitors. They also built upon the existing Sexual Assault Awareness and Consent Campaigns, and those television spots aired over 3,500 times statewide from March through June, and they have distributed over 10,000 pieces of materials.

Peggy Brown reported that with regards to the legislative watch list, one of the things they are looking at is the Landlord Tenant Act, which is being heard this Friday. Through that act, they are hoping to get some confidentiality provisions for victims in place. She noted that some of the bills on the watch list are from last year, and they are just monitoring those bills for movement.

Peggy Brown stated that at the Governor's Initiative presentation last week, Laoree Morton and John Skidmore did a fabulous job presenting. Unfortunately, the attorney general made some comments that ANDVSA viewed as harsh. The attorney general eluded to the term "vindictive victims recanting", therefore the Network is going to write a letter to the attorney general essentially providing him with an education of why victims may recant, and also cc the committee chair of House Finance, the Council, and the Governor.

OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Susan Cushing opened the floor for nominations for the positions of chair and vice chair.

Rachel Gernat **NOMINATED** Richard Irwin for Council chair, **SECONDED** by Rick Svobodny. Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken. The decision was unanimous and **Richard Irwin was elected as chair. (7/0)**

Patty Owen **NOMINATED** Rachel Gernat for Council vice chair, **SECONDED** by Kelly Howell. Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken. The decision was unanimous and **Rachel Gernat was elected as vice chair. (7/0)**

DATES FOR FY 2015 MEETINGS

The next meeting of CDVSA is May 7th- 8th, 2014 in Valdez, Alaska.

- July 23rd – 24th, 2014 - Anchorage
- August 15th, 2014 (and possibly August 14th retreat) - Anchorage
- November 20th – 21st, 2014 – rural invitational
- March 17th – 18th, 2015 - Juneau
- May 13th – 14th, 2015 - invitational

Lauree Morton stated that the dates are chosen and sent out to programs to see if anyone would like to host the Council meeting in their region. At the May meeting, the Council reviews the regional invitations and chooses locations to have the meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENT WRAP UP

Susan Cushing expressed her appreciation to the Council members for being a part of the team. Five years ago when she came on the Council, it was not as high functioning as it is now. With the Governor's support, Katy TePas' support, and a great team of Council people, they looked at the statutory mandates and the mission statement and took on the legislative task force recommendations of 2005 that they needed to address, made an organized plan, and pulled together a very responsive and cohesive five years. She noted that one of the best things she was part of was hiring Lauree Morton as the executive director, because with her historical institutional memory and all the very strong yet unobtrusive work she did for the programs, it was obvious that she was going to carry the work forward. She also spoke on behalf of the shelter programs and how great it is that they do have public members, because they are the voice of the public and citizens of Alaska that come from communities, and they see all the difficult work that's being done. She expressed that she has nothing but good will towards all the people that she's worked with on the Council. She highlighted working with Melissa Stone who integrated behavioral health services into the shelter programs as well as trauma-informed care and helped the Council get their requirements organized for success.

Richard Irwin expressed his appreciation to Susan Cushing for her leadership and service to the Council.

Rachel Gernat made recommendations for future agenda items, which included an update on housing, sex offenders' treatment in jail, and pregnancy as a result of rape.

DASHBOARD

REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Kelly Howell reviewed the 2014 Dashboard information included in the board packet. She gave an overview of the reports to law enforcement, Nos. 16 – 20. She noted the following:

#16 – 8 percent translates to 583 victims.

#17 – Needs improvement.

#18 – An increase in reporting.

#19, #20 – New indicators based on a desire to get a picture of sexual assault and sexual abuse of minors in Alaska based on Alaska law.

OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY

John Skidmore addressed offender accountability as they relate to the Department of Law, Nos. 30 - 35, and they represent the time frame of 2008 through 2011. He highlighted the following:

#30 – It was an expected increase in reporting of that crime.

#31 – Trending in the right direction.

#32 – It was an expected increase in reporting of that crime.

#33 – Flexibility of aggressiveness of accepted cases.

#34 – Reflection of the inclusion of misdemeanor prosecutions in state and increased reporting.

#35 – Improved conviction rate.

Patty Owens recommended a footnote on the data that excludes regions.

REVIEW OF 2014 DOCUMENT

Bahiyih Parish noted that some of the numbers have changed because data extraction techniques have improved, but otherwise it is very much as expected with progress in some areas and not as much in others. Council members asked for clarification on the colored indicators on the Dashboard.

PUBLIC HEARING

Susan Cushing introduced Representative Tarr, who was in attendance to speak to a bill that she is introducing on K-12 training for schools and education for students in the curriculum. Representative Tarr expressed her appreciation to the Council for the dedicated work they do.

Representative Tarr stated that prevention efforts are where the most impact is made because the evidence shows a high number of repeat offenders and offenses. She gave an overview of House Bill 233, "Erin's Law", which supports prevention education. This law envisions requiring that child sexual abuse prevention curriculum be taught through the 53 public school districts in Alaska, and it approaches it in two ways. For the students, it's empowering students and giving them information to know when

something wrong is happening and giving them the language and confidence to speak out to an adult. For the school administrators and staff, it's how to recognize the signs and how to appropriately deal with events. The bill has received letters of support from the Network, the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership, and NEA and other education groups. She noted that the only push back they have experienced is that some parents would like to have an opt-out option, which is typical in this arena. She stated that she is looking for support from CDVSA regarding House Bill 233, either as a Council or as individuals.

Susan Cushing introduced Mike Lesmann, who is the special assistant to the Governor for the Department of Health and Human Services and welcomed him to the meeting.

Cheri Smith, the director of the Lee Shore Center, and Dawn Musgrove, the youth outreach advocate at the Lee Shore Center in Kenai reported on the history of the prevention education in the Kenai area. Cheri noted that in 2001 the Lee Shore director was asked by the Kenai Peninsula School District to be on the steering committee to look at revising the health curriculum to include the dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and healthy relationships and other interpersonal violence-related issues education piece. The school district approved the curriculum in 2002. Cheri noted that they average 148 presentations in school each year reaching about 3,000 students. Dawn Musgrove gave an overview of the curriculum she uses in school settings. She explained that the presentations last 45-50 minutes per classroom using multiple types of activities to get students involved.

STAR representative Jenna Unger joined the meeting telephonically and reported on the activities relating to prevention education in the Anchorage area, which reaches approximately 15,000 students in the school districts they are teaching in. At the elementary level, they provide child sexual abuse prevention specifically, but they do highlight healthy relationships and domestic violence as well. Jenna highlighted that when they present in the schools, prevention is has a three-fold focus: stopping abuse that's currently happening, equipping potential victims with skills they need to protect themselves, and ending the silence of abuse.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Susan Cushing reported that there is a formal request from Representative Tarr to support HB 233 and gave time to the Council members to discuss their position on the bill. Patty Owen asked for clarification of the protocol related to supporting pending legislation. Lauree Morton noted that there aren't any statutory restrictions or guidance on that issue. The Council members discussed issues around public member and department member limitations on supporting legislation and also different scenarios that may arise for future legislation. Council members asked for a future agenda item to discuss this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Cushing passed the gavel to Richard Irwin. Richard Irwin adjourned the February 26th - 27th, 2014 meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Department of Public Safety
FY2014 Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Funding Sources Status
Report Period Ending: March 31, 2014

Component	Total	Total	
Expenditures	Authorization	Expenditures	Balance
Personal Services	825,200.00	563,265.98	261,934.02
Travel	273,700.00	132,856.59	140,843.41
Services	2,056,700.00	905,953.65	1,150,746.35
Commodities	56,000.00	13,090.74	42,909.26
Capital Outlays	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants and Benefits	14,015,000.00	11,243,900.00	2,771,100.00
Totals:	17,226,600.00		

Funding Sources

General Fund	11,778,200.00
Inter-Agency Receipts	1,739,000.00
Federal Grants	3,709,400.00
Totals:	17,226,600.00

Report Period Ending: March 31, 2014

PROGRAM	AWARD #	START	END	AMOUNT	EXPENDED	BALANCE
FFY10 STOP VAWA	2010-WF-AX-0019	08/01/10	06/30/14	795,903.00	784,952.96	10,950.04
FFY11 STOP VAWA	2011-WF-AX-0003	07/01/11	06/30/14	799,382.00	579,702.39	219,679.61
FFY12 STOP VAWA	2012-WF-AX-0028	07/01/12	06/30/14	796,817.00	299,781.99	497,035.01
FFY12 SASP	2012-KF-AX-0038	08/01/12	07/31/14	231,060.00	137,327.58	93,732.42
FFY12 GTEA	2010-WE-AX-0002	03/01/10	08/31/14	633,401.00	518,004.60	115,396.40
FFY11 VOCA	2011-VA-GX-0045	10/01/10	09/30/14	1,410,228.00	1,410,228.00	-
FFY13 FVPSA	G-1301AKFVPS	10/01/12	09/30/14	720,851.00	287,703.17	433,147.83
FFY13 STOP VAWA	2013-WF-AX-0044	07/01/13	06/30/15	785,132.00	160,538.50	624,593.50
FFY13 SASP	2013-KF-AX-0032	08/01/13	07/31/15	236,681.00	-	236,681.00
FFY12 VOCA	2012-VA-GX-0058	10/01/11	09/30/15	1,307,108.00	1,197,076.62	110,031.38
FFY12 SVSEP	2012-CW-AX-K028	10/01/12	09/30/15	359,721.00	184,104.19	175,616.81
FFY13 VOCA	2013-VA-GX-0043	10/01/12	09/30/16	1,415,761.00	370,908.00	1,044,853.00
Totals:				9,492,045.00	5,930,328.00	3,561,717.00

- VAWA = Violence Against Women Act
- STOP = Services-Training-Officers-Prosecution
- VOCA = Victims of Crime Act
- SASP = Sexual Assault Services Program
- FVPSA = Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
- GTEA = Grants to Encourage Arrest
- SVSEP = Safe Visitation and Safe Exchange Program



Victim Service Regulations Review

The Governor, through Administrative Order 266, has established Regulatory Efficiency Guidelines for State agencies in the executive branch to use in the review, oversight, adoption, amendment and repeal of regulations and in the recommendation of improvements to the statutes.

We are now required to review all regulations on an annual basis including identifying regulations that should be repealed or amended to decrease the burden of fiscal and non-fiscal impacts on the affected public and discussing with the affected public any regulations that create an unnecessary burden.

The affected public includes nonprofit organizations; individuals; local government; state government; and, small and other businesses subject to regulation or conducting regulated activity.

In order to comply with this Administrative Order, staff recommend the development of a committee including the affected public, a council member and council staff to review and recommend revision to 13 AAC 90 and 13 AAC 95. The committee should conduct its work in such a way as to have recommendations for full council review by the November 2014 quarterly meeting.

Staff would ask for a Council member to be appointed to the committee and recommends the following participants:

Peggy Brown,	ANDVSA
Cheri Smith,	LCS
Suzi Pearson,	AWAIC
Rebecca Shields,	KWRCC
Susan Sullivan,	VFJ
David Wilson,	AFS
Keeley Olson,	STAR
Michelle Masuda,	AWARE
Pete	CFRC

The regulations have not been substantially reviewed or updated since their inception in the 1980s. Substantial revisions are needed to bring the regulations into alignment with current best practices and so this first annual review will take a significant amount of time and funds. Subsequent reviews should require much less effort.

Commitment of time: a minimum of 2 face-to-face full-day meetings; 1 to 1 ½ hour teleconferences at least once a month; review/revision between meetings-an additional 1-2 hours per month.

Cost: \$20-25,000 to include travel for face-to-face meetings; teleconference charges; materials; facilitator

Executive Committee Report

Members attending: Richard Irwin, Rachel Gernat, Rick Svobodny
Staff: Lauree Morton
Date: April 7, 2014
Re: Grants-line Funding to expend prior to June 30, 2014

At the February meeting, the Council upheld their decision to fund Maniilaq Family Crisis Center through March 31, 2014. This left a balance in the grants line of approximately \$115.0 to expend. The committee met to decide how to allocate those funds.

After discussion, the committee directed Ms. Morton to send out an inquiry for a letter of interest from currently funded victim service programs. The inquiry would state this was a one-time funding only inquiry and requests must fit within a grantee's approved proposal. The inquiry was to further state the accounting and reporting of these funds would be in addition to the grantee's current reporting requirements. The letter of interest required from the grantees was to include the amount requested and a brief explanation of how the funds would be used to further their approved grant activities.

Letters of interest would be due to the Council office by April 15th and Ms. Morton was directed to forward recommendations to the members for approval.

Follow-up:

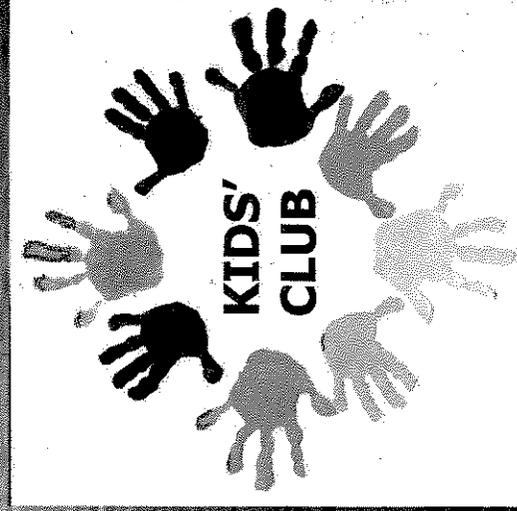
Eight programs replied to the letter of inquiry and Ms. Morton recommended each for approval. Members reviewed the recommendations and approved each. The grant award period is from April 21, 2014-June 30, 2014.

Successful applicants were: AWAIC, AVV, AWARE, CFRC, IAC, SPHH, STAR and VFJ-generally, funds will be used for food purchases, utility costs, beds and bedding, linens, program materials, SART kits (which include basic undergarments and sweats, hygiene items, etc), relief workers, Green Dot activities and training.

This webinar is supported by 2011-TA-AX-K082 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this webinar and associated documents are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

An Introduction to Kids' Club and Moms' Empowerment Program:

An Evidence-Informed Intervention for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence



Sandra A. Graham-Bermann, Ph.D.

Webinar

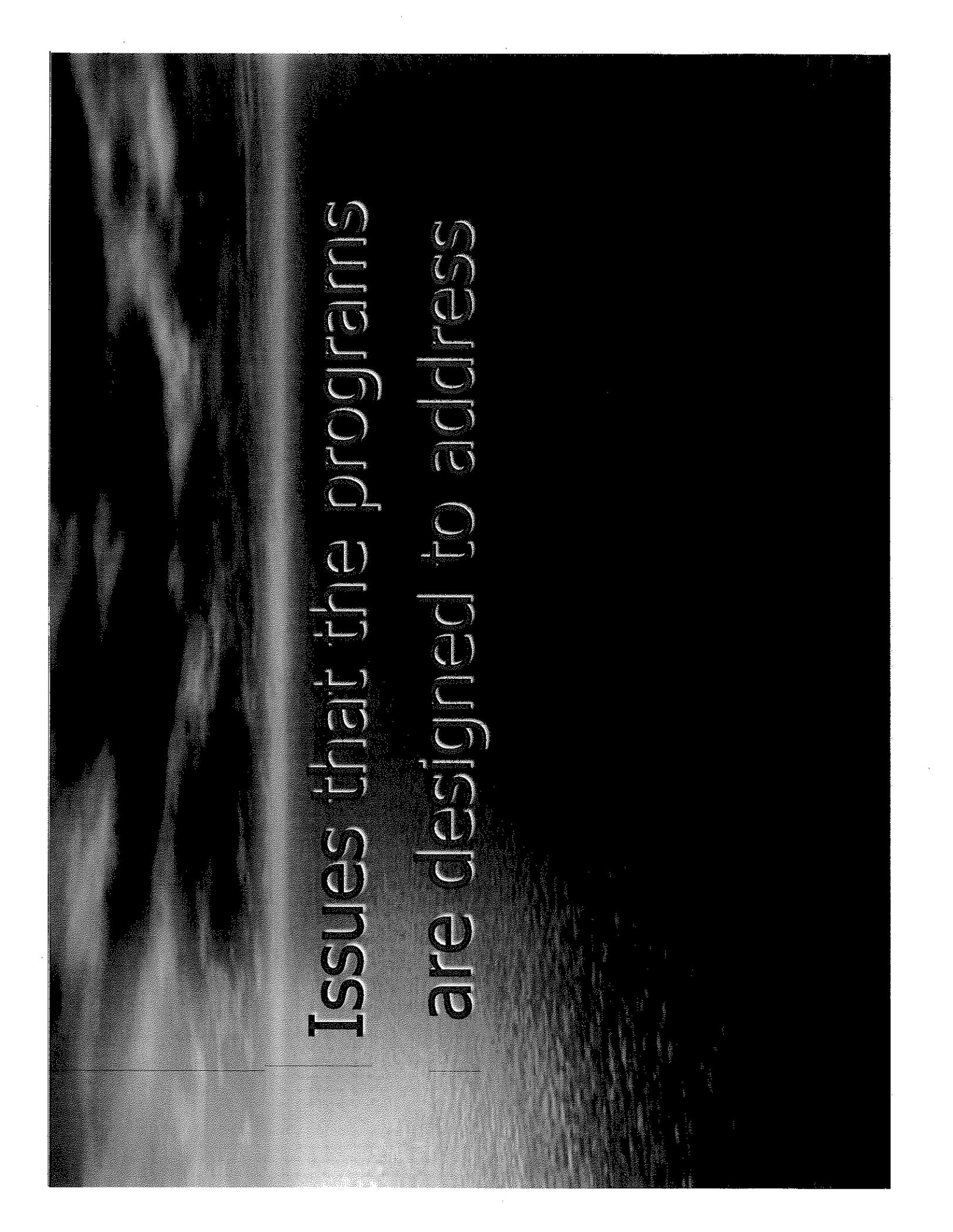
August 16, 2012

What is in this webinar?

- A brief history of the Kids Club and Moms' Empowerment programs
- Issues that the programs are designed to address
- A description of each program
- Evidence that the programs work
- Program materials and costs
- Time for questions

How did these programs start?

- Clinical psychologist doing family therapy
- Assistant professor and volunteering
- Developed programs 22 years ago
- Grant from CDC to evaluate programs
- First had to develop measures
- Found success – took 5 years!
- Developed preschool version
- Just completed another outcome study –also took 5 years



Issues that the programs
are designed to address

How are kids affected by domestic violence?

Studies show a range of effects

EMOTION

REGULATION

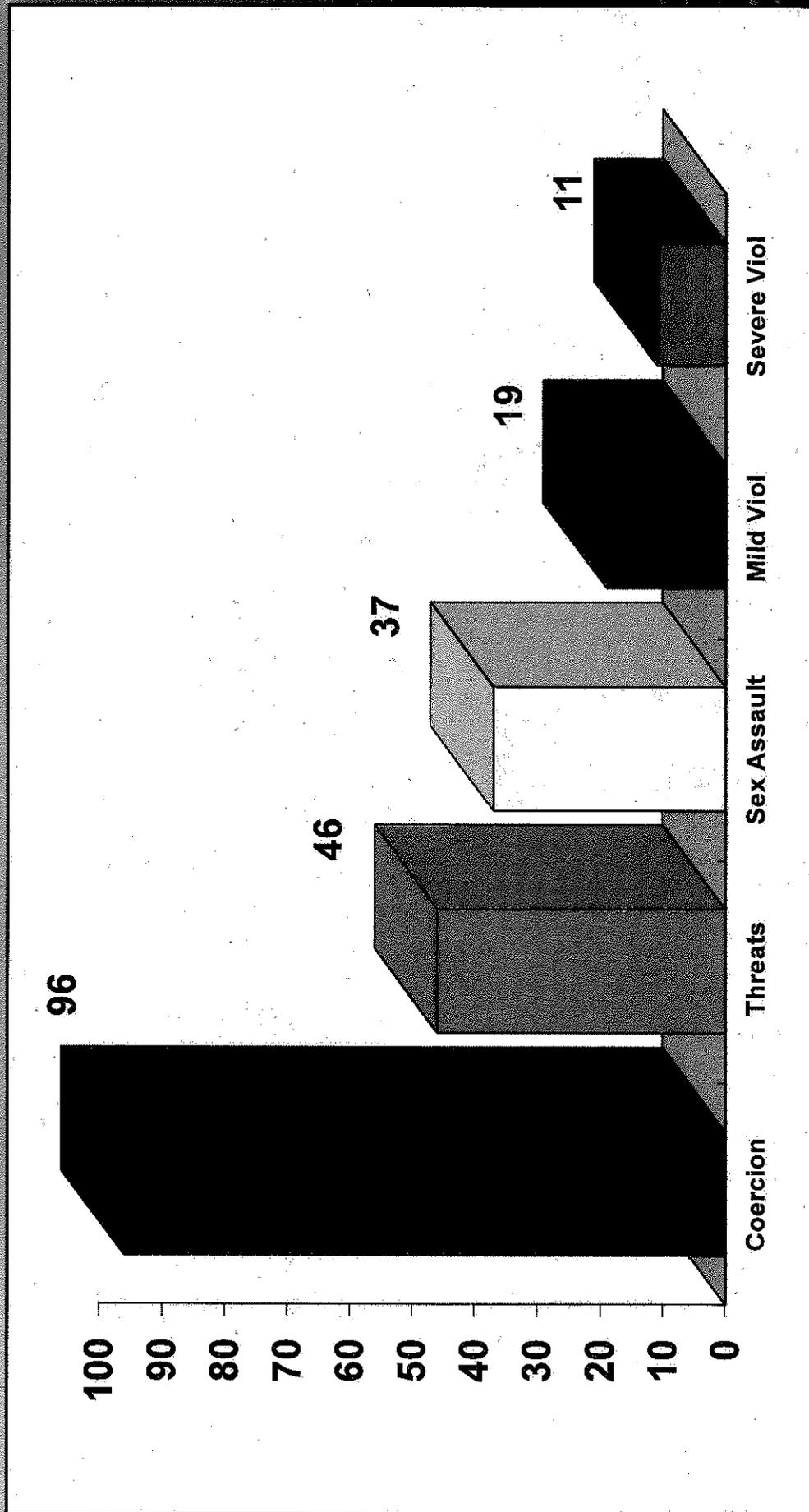
- Anxiety, afraid
- Depression
- Low self-esteem
- Trauma symptoms
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

BEHAVIOR

PROBLEMS

- < Academic performance
- > Aggression
- > Withdrawal
- < Social skills
- Social expectations

Average Frequency of Conflict Tactics within Past Year

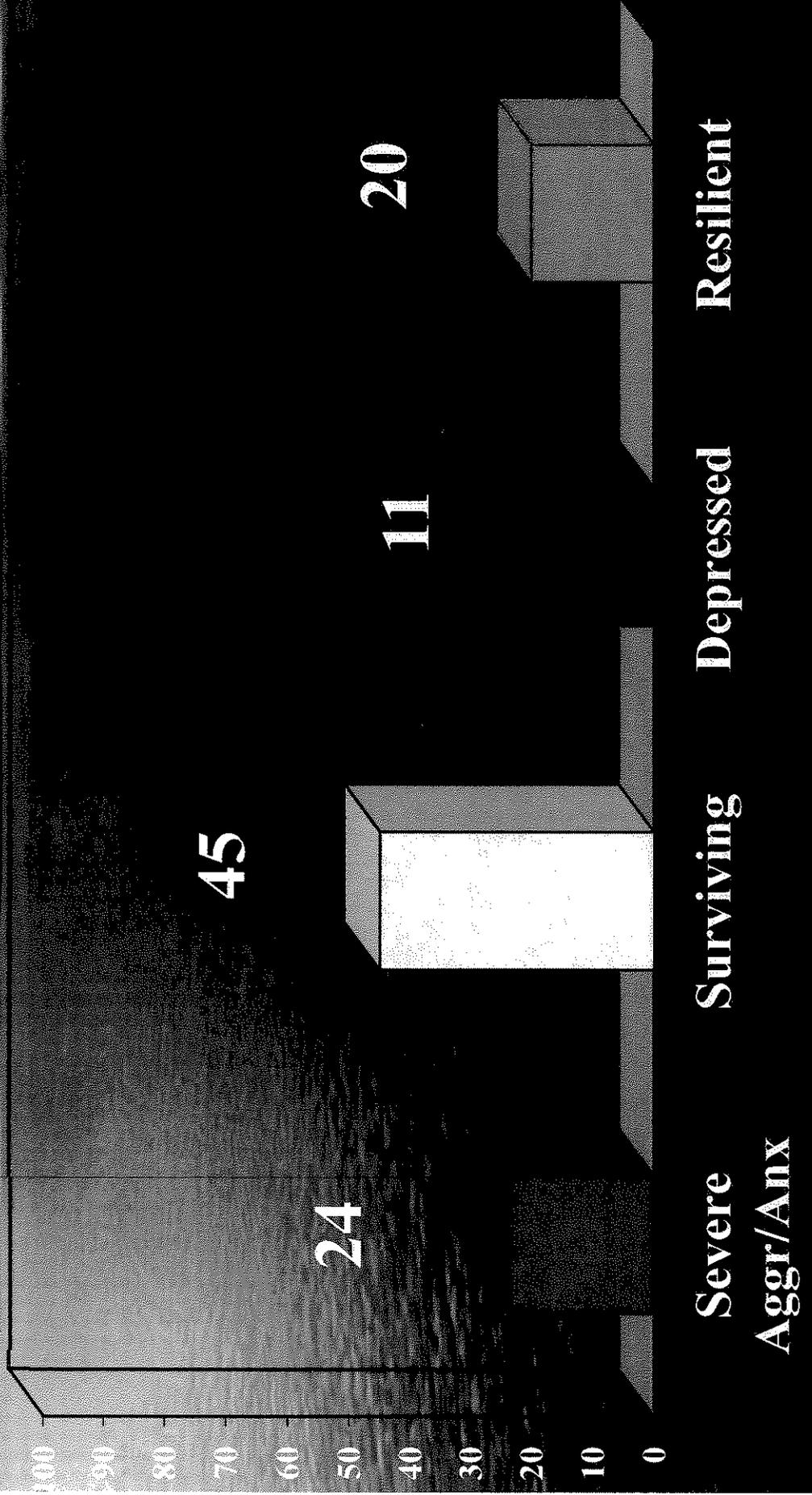


How much of the violence did the child actually see?

- 87% were eye-witness to Coercion
- 85% to Physical Threats
- 28% to Sexual Violence
- 83% to Mild Physical Violence
- 77% to Severe Physical Violence



Kids don't all react the same way: Profiles of adjustment % n=221



What are the problems the Kids' Club was designed to address?

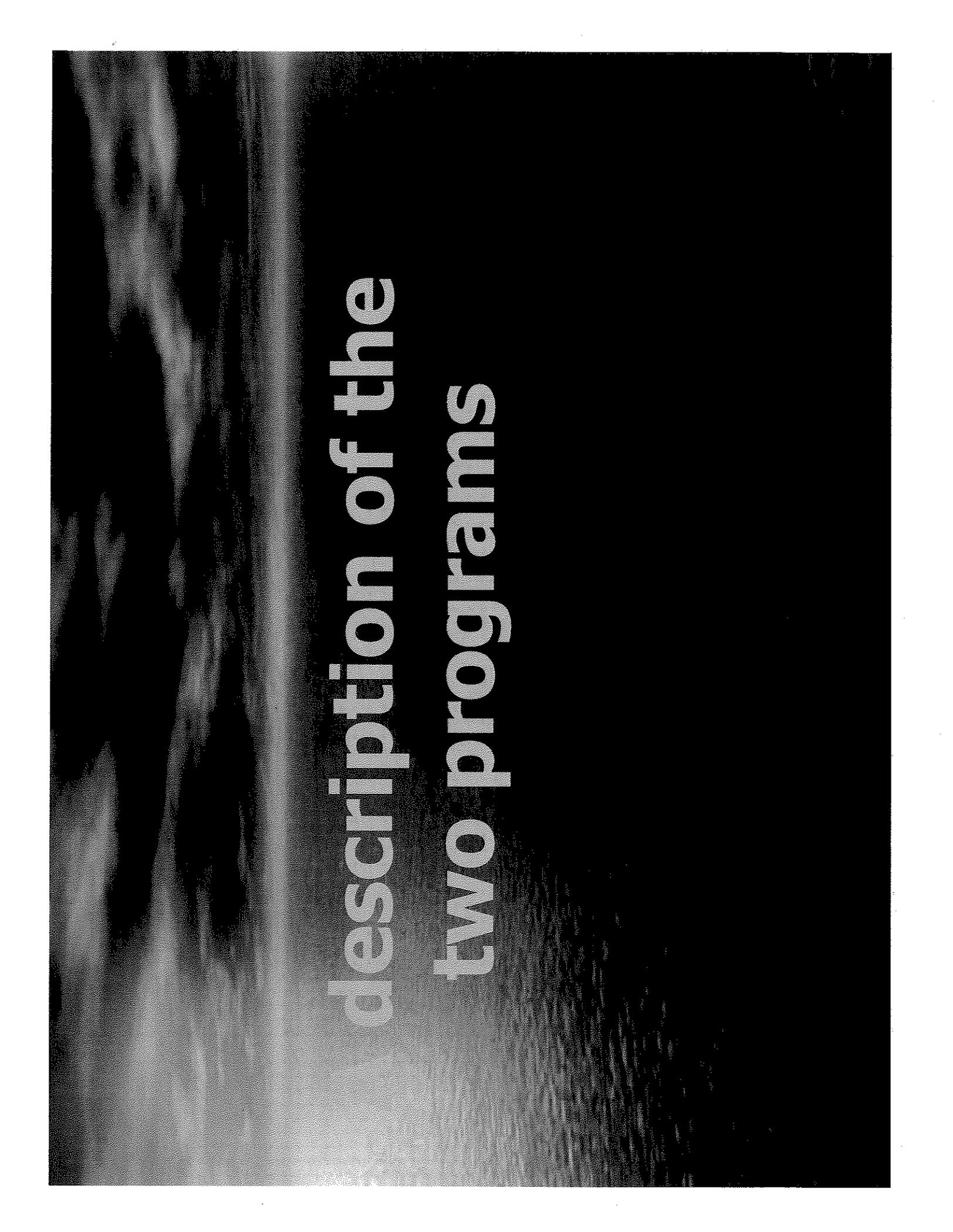
- **Effects of witnessing domestic violence**
- **Thinking that they are to blame**
- **Fears and worries for themselves and their family members**
- **Feeling unsafe**
- **Difficulty regulating emotions**
- **Learned aggression tactics**

Potential Impact of Intimate partner violence on the mother

- Death
- Injury
- Anxiety
- Trauma, PTSD
- Self-esteem
- Parenting stress
- Depression
- Social isolation
- Work disruption

Challenges that survivors of domestic violence may face:

- Feeling exhausted
- Depressed
- Half are traumatized
- Most need financial resources
- Most have limited social support
- Many are socially disconnected
- All are parenting under stress!
 - Most are parenting children with serious mental health problems
 - Many have parents who were not good role models, so they may be challenged in their parenting
- Many have been physically injured



description of the two programs

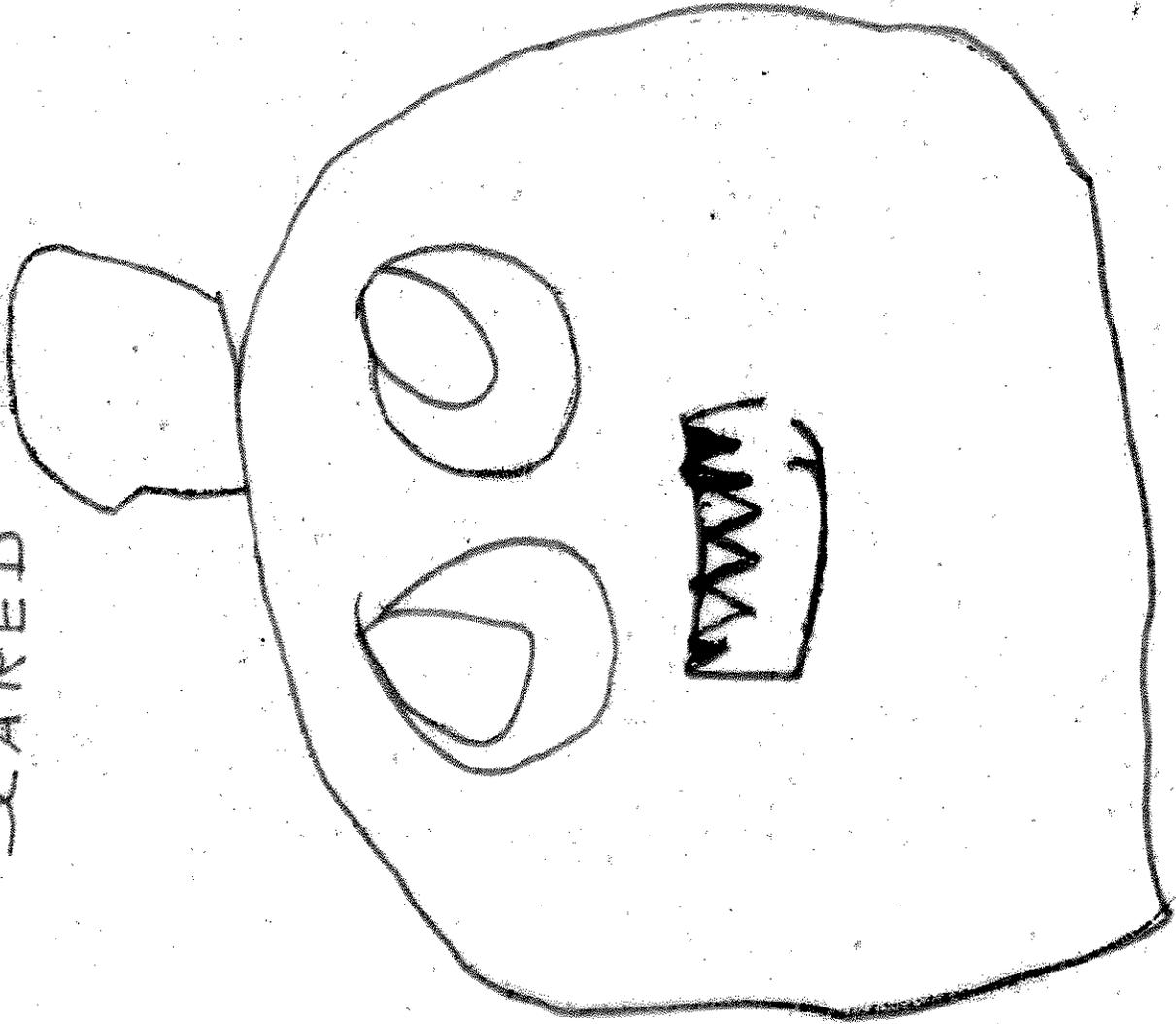
The Kids' Club Program

- **10 week intervention with goals to:**
 - **Improve social skills**
 - **Help children to identify feelings, fears surrounding violence**
 - **Practice appropriate conflict resolution**
 - **Enhance coping & safety planning**
 - **Explore family roles and gender schemas (stereotypes)**
- **for children 4-13 years old**
- **Who have been exposed to severe domestic violence to their mother**

KIDS' CLUB SESSION TOPICS

- ◆ Session 1: Becoming a Group
- ◆ Session 2: Feelings in General, Feelings about Violence
- ◆ Session 3: It's Never the Kids' Fault when the Parents Fight
- ◆ Session 4: Things Kids are Afraid of, Fears about Fighting
- ◆ Session 5: Safety Planning
- ◆ Session 6: Boys and Girls, Men and Women
- ◆ Session 7: What's Good About Families
- ◆ Session 8: What to Do Instead of Fighting
- ◆ Session 9: Review: The Kids* Club Story Book or newsletter
- ◆ Session 10: Hooray and Good-byes

SCARED



The Moms' Empowerment Program

This supportive intervention was designed to empower women as mothers in a small group format with other women in similar circumstances. Sessions are loosely structured and include discussion of safety planning, identifying worries for themselves and about their children and enhancing parenting, coping and survival skills.

Group leaders are trained in clinical ethics and therapy and can be supervised by an experienced provider when first doing the groups. Ideally, there are 2 therapists and 5-7 women in each group.

The program can be adapted for use in different cultural and clinical or educational settings.

Program Sessions Content

- ◆ **1. Introductions - Becoming a Group**
- ◆ **2. Mothers' fears and worries for themselves and about children, about parenting under stress**
- ◆ **3. Child Development - what's usual, what's not**
- ◆ **4. Communication about family violence**
- ◆ **5. Discipline Strategies - what works when & for whom**
- ◆ **6. Family of Origin and Parenting**
- ◆ **7. Community Responses and Resources**
- ◆ **8. Stress Management for Moms and Kids**
- ◆ **9. Mom Time and Having Fun with Kids**
- ◆ **10. Closure and Saying Goodbye**

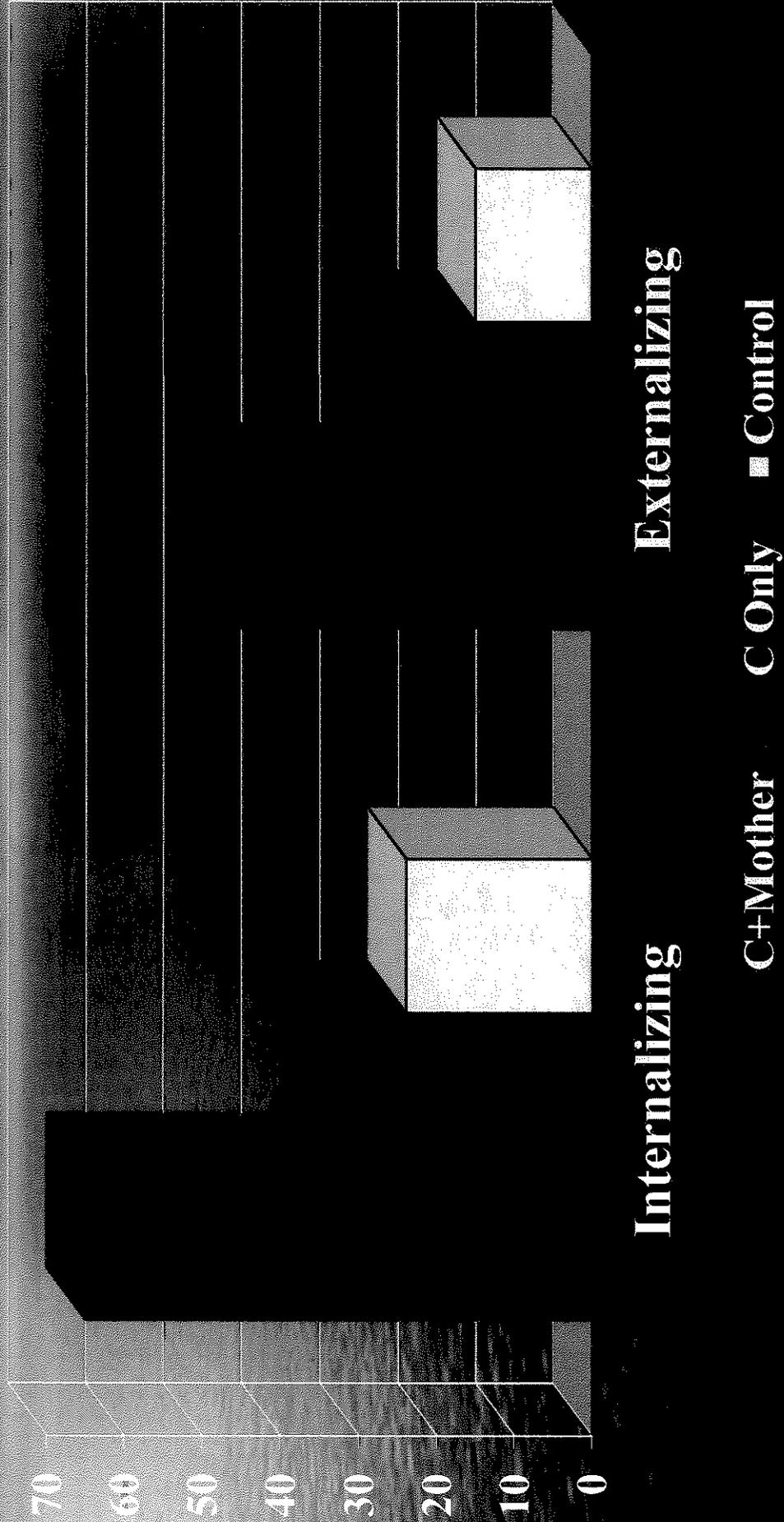
What is the evidence for the success of these programs?

- Randomized control trial of 221 school-age children and mothers, funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Randomized control trial of 120 preschool-age children and mothers, funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation
- Published study results in research journals

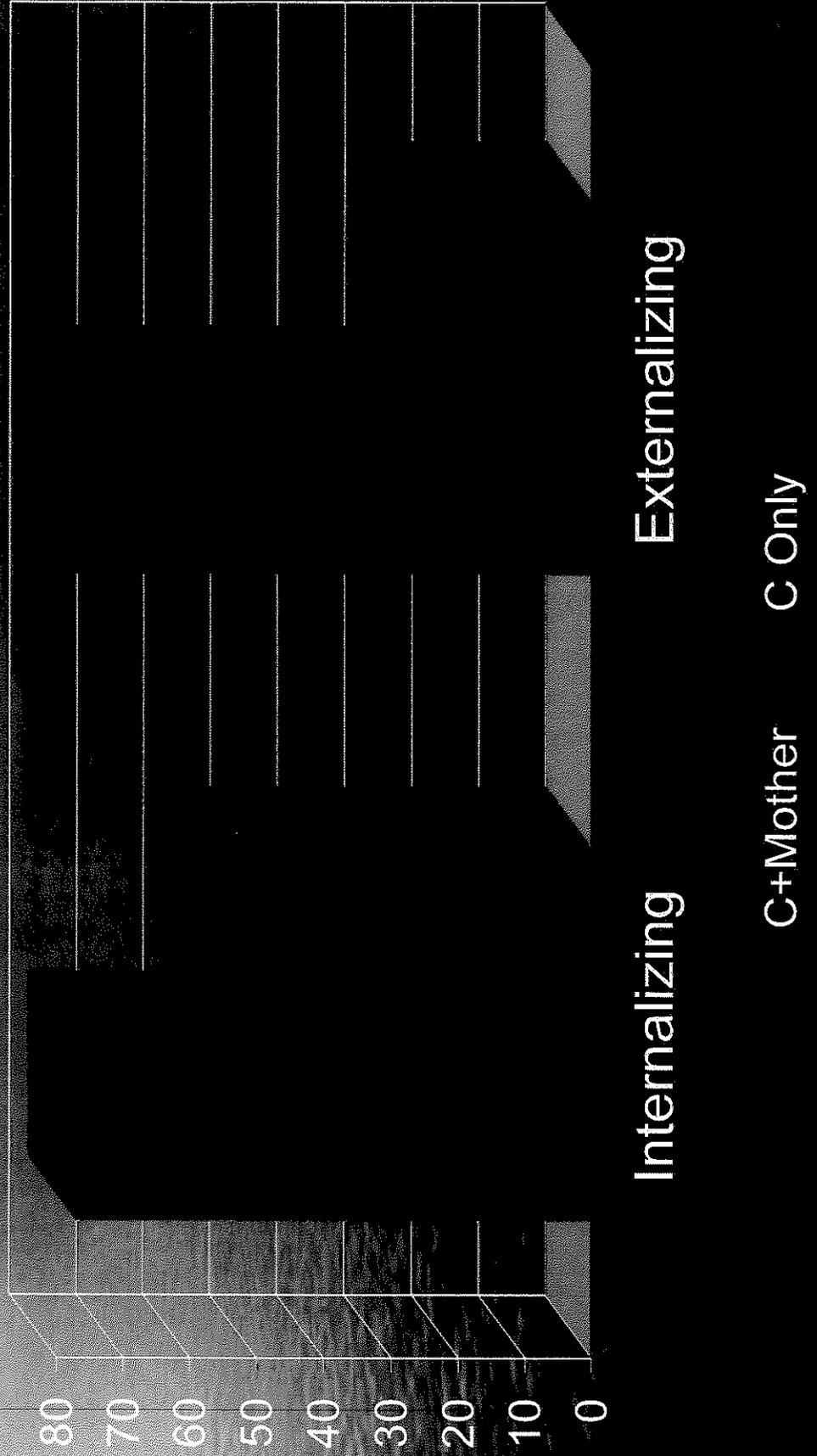
% Child Ethnicity / N=2221 study



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% Reduction in Clinical Range from Baseline to Follow-up



Effect size of change in attitudes from pre- to post intervention



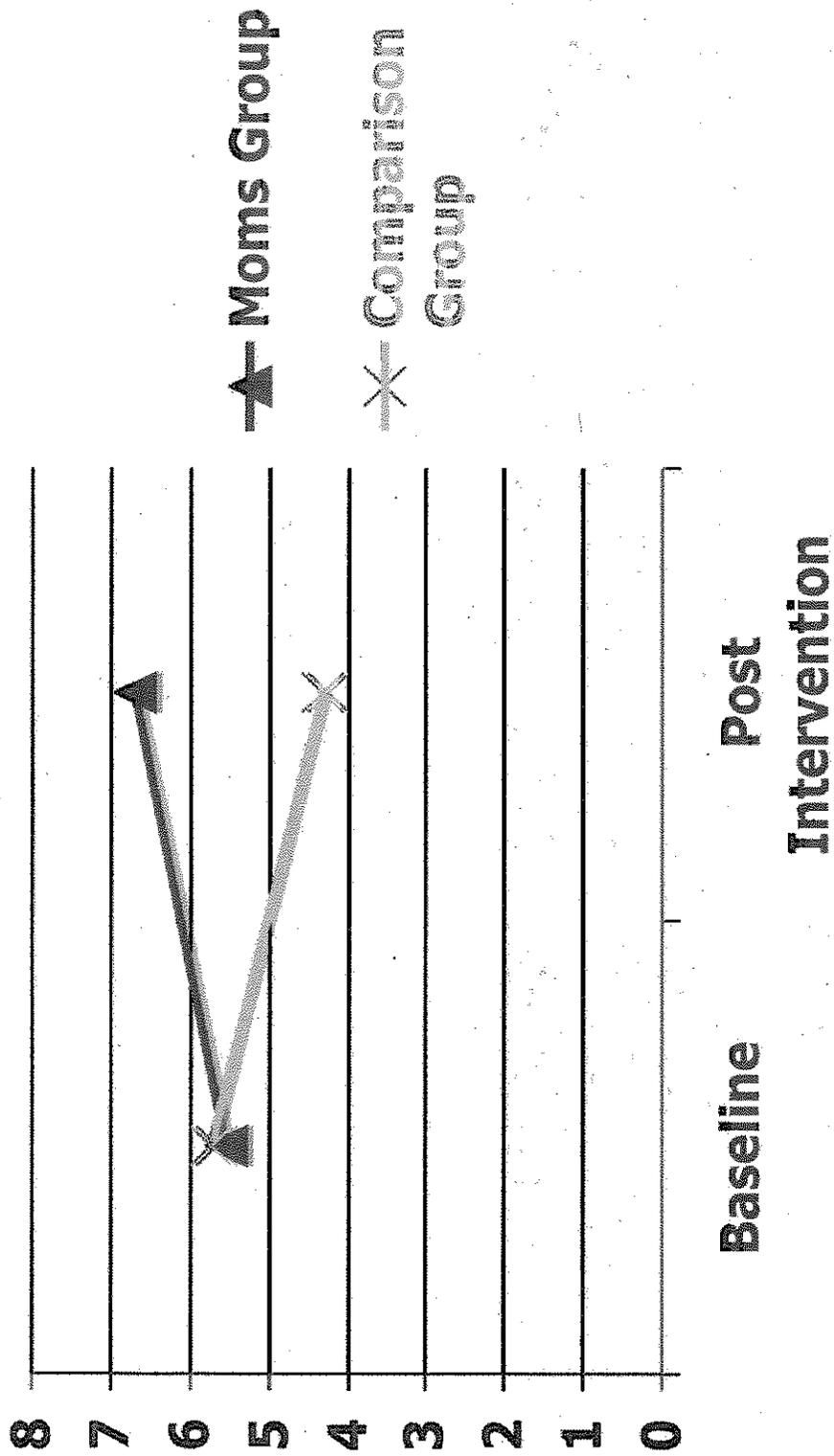
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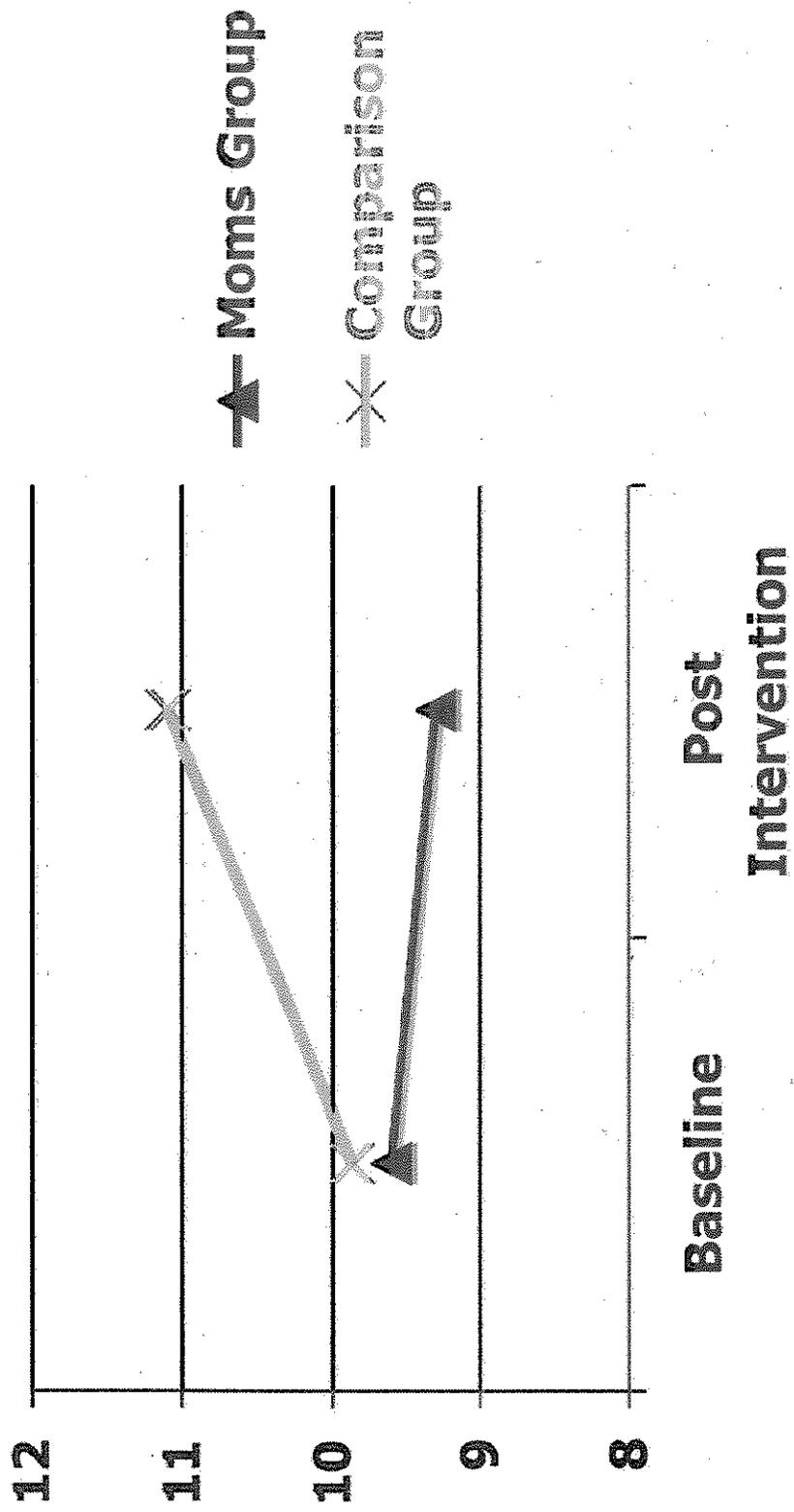
Is the Moms' Empowerment Program Effective?

- 136 women half of whom were in the Moms Empowerment Group intervention and half who did not participate in the intervention
- Assessed before the intervention, immediately after the intervention and approximately 8 months later.
- Mental Health measures:
 - Questions about relationships, violence, the intervention program
 - PTSD (Trauma Symptoms, Saunders)
 - Depression (BDI)
 - Parenting Styles Survey (Sameroff)

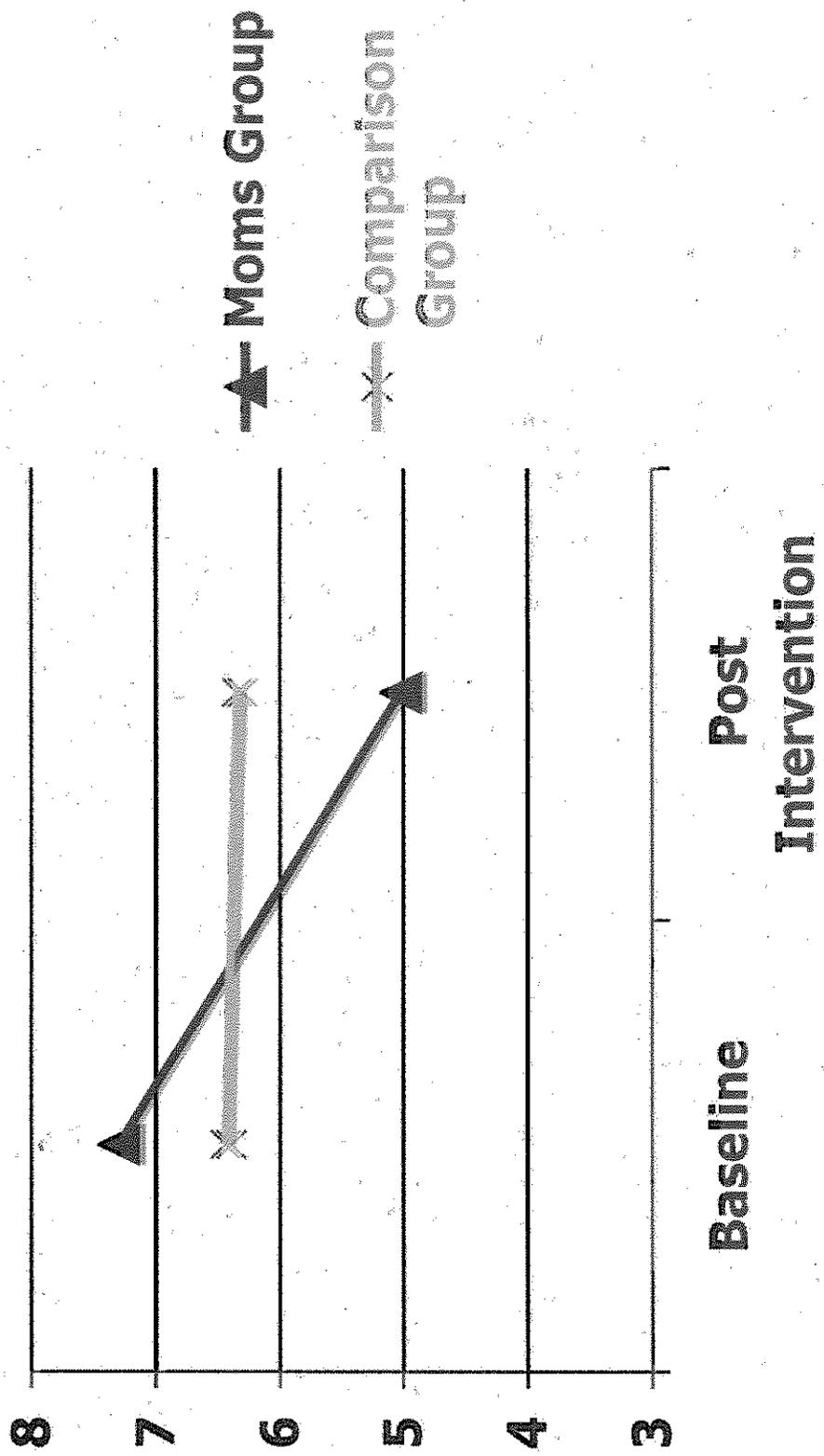
Results: Overall Change in Warmth and Effectiveness in Parenting over Time



Results: Change in Mothers' Depression Symptoms over Time



Results: Change in Trauma Symptoms over Time



Qualitative Interview: Most Valuable Aspects of Moms' Empowerment Groups

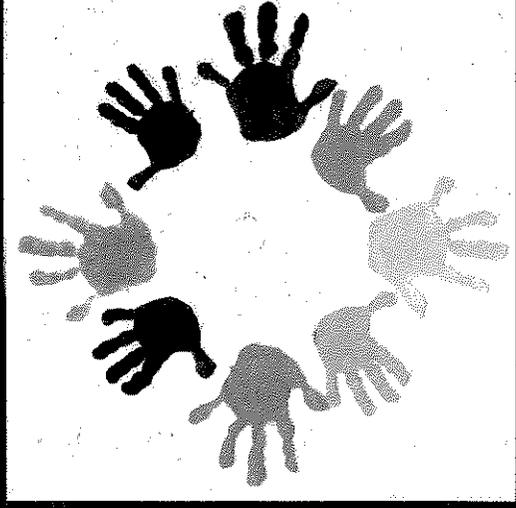
- ❖ Support received from other women
- ❖ Group discussions
- ❖ Consultation/support around parenting
- ❖ Helpful facilitators
- ❖ Gained self-confidence
- ❖ Kids are doing better

Other evidence of success

- Swedish Kids Club and Moms' Empowerment groups – Randomized Control Trial in 3 districts
- Netherlands Kids Club program study
- Program adopted in Australia, Canada, Mexico, > 15 states

The Program Package

Materials & Costs



Complete Program Package

- Six-session DVD training program (\$600 each)
- Three training Manuals:
 - Kids' Club Program (\$45 each)
 - Preschool Kids' Club Program (\$45 each)
 - Moms' Empowerment Program (\$45 each)
- Workbooks:
 - Kids Club Workbook (\$5 each)
 - Preschool Kids Club Workbook (\$5 each)

6-session DVD training program

- ◆ **1. What are the problems to be addressed? The effects of intimate partner violence on mothers and their children.**
- ◆ **2. Children, violence and identifying traumatic stress**
- ◆ **3. The Kids' Club Program – session-by-session- essentials and using displacement**
- ◆ **4. The Moms' Empowerment Program – session-by-session, managing stress (yours and theirs)**
- ◆ **5. Setting up your program, ethical issues, examples**
- ◆ **6. Measuring outcomes and evaluating success of The Kids' Club and The Moms' Empowerment Programs**

Three Training Manuals

- Step-by-step instructions on how to carry out each session with the children's and with the mothers' programs.
- List of materials needed for each session
- Outline of program session
- Example process notes of what happened in different groups
- Reflections on what worked, what to add
- References for research studies, books and additional resources

KIDS' PROGRAM WORKBOOKS

- Pages with activities that follow each session of the Kids' Club and the Preschool Kids' Club programs- aids program fidelity
- Space for drawings and each group's ideas
- Take away product for the child
- Graduation certificate at the end

KC, PKC and MEP Programs are cost effective

- Groups cost less than 1-to-1 therapy
- 10 sessions compared to 52 or more
- Once trained, no further training costs
- Service providers are group leaders
- Costs to families and to society reduced with early intervention and support
- U.S. annual cost to women and society is estimated at more than 8 billion dollars in lost wages, medical and mental health care

– (CDC, 2003; Max, Rice, Finkelstein, Bardwell & Leadbetter, 2004).



Time for questions!

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Children Exposed FY 2015 Increment

Kids Club/Moms Empowerment

2-year pilot

First quarter of FY 2015:

- Update material for Alaska

- Develop evaluation

- Identify pilot sites

- Train advocates

Second quarter:

- Start program

Third quarter:

- Evaluate first 10 weeks

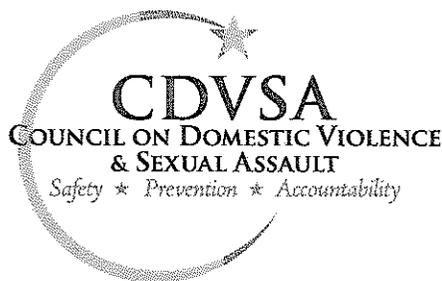
- Start second session

Fourth quarter:

- Evaluate second session; course correct if necessary

FY 2016 will be a continuation year—complete minimum of 3 ten week sessions; Dr. Graham-Bermann's team will complete an overall evaluation of the pilots

FY 2017-if trending positive results, expand program into more shelters



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FY2015 Strengthening Alaskan Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Strategies

\$1.4 million

Complete current rural pilot projects; advance community-based primary prevention efforts; further statewide prevention initiatives

Completion of current pilot projects:

Make funds available for the first 3-6 months of FY 2015 to wind down and evaluate the Pilot Community-Dillingham and the Community Readiness communities-Bethel, Kodiak, Sitka-develop a report on promising practices; barriers to consider if developing similar projects in the future

Advance community-based primary prevention efforts:

The Council will solicit applications for community-based primary prevention efforts. Possible applicant pool: Communities that have sent prevention teams to the Prevention Summit. Applicants would be required to demonstrate community-readiness and capacity to carry forward their efforts; include a full-time prevention coordinator position in proposed budgets; and agree to work with evaluators currently engaged in Alaska to develop, implement and monitor evaluation of prevention programming specific to their grant award.

Funds would be retained in the Council office to provide technical assistance to grantees and to contract with project evaluators.

Further statewide prevention initiatives:

Integrate statewide prevention plans into cohesive State of Alaska Prevention Plan-work with evaluators to develop overarching performance/outcome measures;

Increase start-up funds for statewide prevention strategies Girls on the Run; Green Dot and Coaching Boys into Men; track/monitor implementation of projects

This is a one-time only increment as part of the \$3 million in the Governor's Office Choose Respect Initiative. It will require focused attention to show good progress in realizing community goals.

Wind down current pilot projects:		\$ 430.0
6 months funding	400.0	
Evaluate current projects/develop report:	30.0	
Advance community-based primary prevention efforts:		800.0
Grants to communities	600.0	
Technical assistance and Evaluation	200.0	
Statewide prevention initiatives:		170.0
Integrate state prevention plans	10.0	
Start-up funds (GOTR, CBIM, Green Dot)	160.0	
TOTAL:		\$1.400.0



FY 2015 Meetings and Community Hosts

July 23-24 th	Budget Discussion in Anchorage-AWAIC
August 15 th	Budget Discussion in Anchorage-VFJ
November 20-21 nd	Sitka, Petersburg, Dillingham, Kotzebue
March 17-18 th	Juneau
May 13-14 th	Cordova

Prior Community Hosts for Council Meetings:

FY 14: Homer, Valdez

FY 13: Barrow, Palmer, Ketchikan, Kenai

FY 12: Dillingham (full Council did not make it in—2 Council members attended the AVS release), Fairbanks

FY 11: Kodiak

Prior to FY 11: Most meetings were held in Anchorage with the exception of the winter meeting which is always in Juneau.

Regional areas with funded programs to which the Council has not travelled:

Bethel, Cordova, Sitka, Nome, Unalaska, Kotzebue, Seward

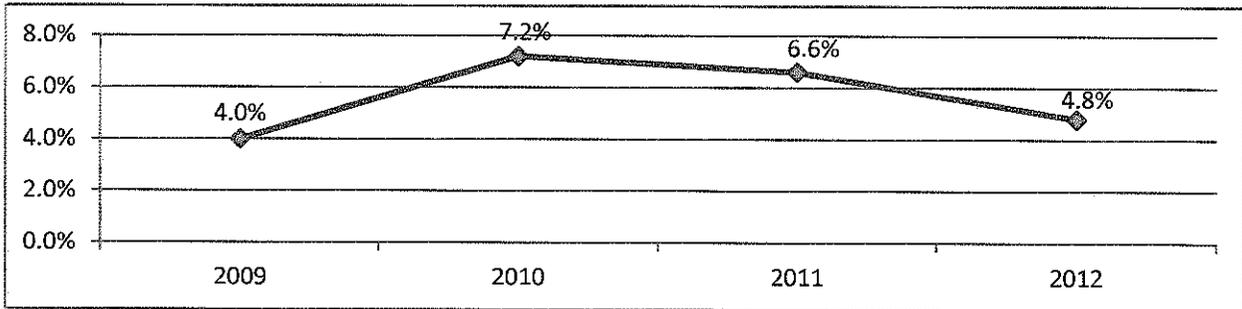


2014 Dashboard Section Review

Progress: ● Progress Satisfactory ○ Progress Uncertain ● Progress Needs Improvement

2. Percent of mothers whose 3 year old child saw violence or physical abuse

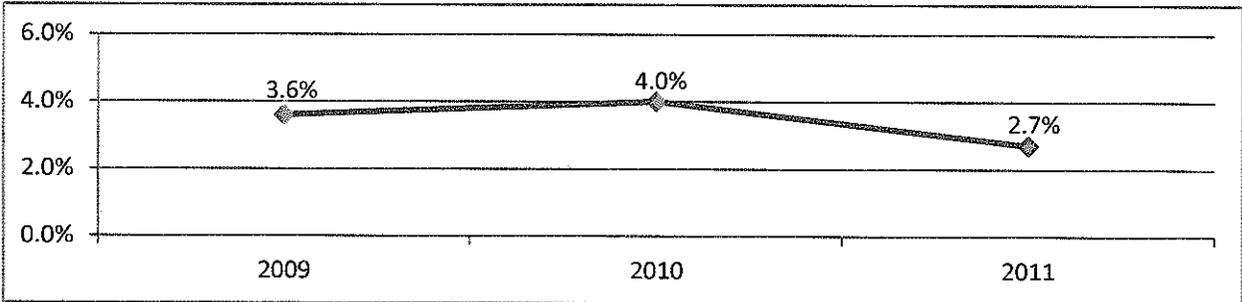
Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey (CUBS). Each year, over 1,000 mothers of three year old children are asked "Has your child ever experienced seeing violence or physical abuse in person?" Most current Alaska data is from 2012 and starting Alaska data is from 2009.



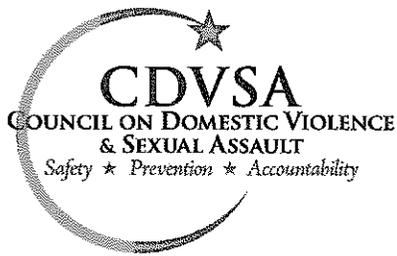
Progress needs improvement ● because while there has been a decline from the previous two years, the violence exposure level appears to be greater than it was in 2009.

9. Percent of pregnant women experiencing intimate partner physical abuse

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). Each year, one of every six women who delivered a live-born infant is asked "During your most recent pregnancy, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any other way?" Most current Alaska data is from 2011 and starting Alaska data is from 2009.



Progress is satisfactory ● because this indicator has decreased by 25.0%.



Strategic Plan Status Report

May 2014

PREVENTION

Goal 1 Coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault prevention efforts in Alaska.

Objective 1A - Promote education and programs to prevent future incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Objective 1B - Identify and adopt evidence-based measures to ensure effective prevention programming.

Objective 1C - Increase community awareness of the need for prevention activities

Objective 1D - Work to shape public policy and attitudes to reduce tolerance for interpersonal violence.

Status:

Objectives are on-going and being implemented through Fourth R, Coaching Boys into Men, Girls on the Run, Green Dot Alaska, the Prevention Summit, LeadOn! for Peace and Equality and the media campaigns. The media campaigns include Real Alaskan Men Choose Respect, Real Alaskans Choose Respect, StandUp SpeakUp, Help is Available, Respect is Always the Right Choice and Moving from Awareness to Action. The media campaigns also include the mini-grants for male and youth engagement, COMPASS and Talk Now Talk Often.

Goal 2 Obtain funding dedicated to prevention programs.

Objective 2A - Develop a plan for prevention programming.

Objective 2B - Determine scope and cost of viable, measurable projects.

Status:

Objectives are on-going and being implemented through Pathways and the state prevention coordinators planning group as well as working with Strategic Prevention Solutions to develop comprehensive outcome measures and evaluation.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND INTERVENTION

Goal 3 Provide immediate, appropriate crisis response, intervention and shelter.

Objective 3A - Obtain a realistic picture of the operational costs of domestic violence/sexual assault programs.

Objective 3B - Seek adequate funding for victim service programs to ensure safety and services are available for all in need.

Objective 3C - Increase the knowledge and skills of Alaska's first responders (law enforcement, medical providers, child welfare, etc).

Objective 3D - Ensure immediate law enforcement response.

Objective 3E - Enhance the ability of the justice system to keep perpetrators away from victims.

Objective 3F - Ensure funded programs' compliance with CDVSA regulations and grant conditions.

Objective 3G - Increase access to resources for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are moving through the civil and criminal justice systems.

Status:

The Council reviews budget requests and program cost information annually. The Council facilitates the statewide sexual assault response team training and staff members sit on various committees with oversight of first responder training and coordinate various training opportunities for first responders. Staff members routinely monitor funded programs for compliance with regulations and grant conditions. The Council has worked to increase language access for victims who are limited English proficient through support of the language interpreter center and by obtaining federal grants to assist funded programs and other first responders in working with victims who are limited English proficient. More needs to be done in this area. Objectives D and E have not been implemented.

Goal 4 Build public awareness and support for crisis management and intervention services.

Objective 4A - Enhance understanding of the scope of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

Status:

The Alaska Victimization Survey provides a forum for community discussion of the need for these services. Media campaigns such as Help is Available enhances understanding. More should be done in this area.

Goal 5 Develop crisis management options that allow victims, if they choose to do so, to stay safely in their homes while perpetrators are removed

Objective 5A - Analyze the conditions and factors required to create successful programs that allow victims to stay safely in the home and remove the perpetrator.

Status:

No progress. It is recommended that this goal be deleted from the plan.

PERPETRATOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Goal 6 Perpetrators will be held accountable for their actions

Objective 6A - Determine effectiveness of batterer intervention programs.

Objective 6B - Ensure perpetrator accountability programs are available.

Status:

Three stakeholder groups have been convened since FY 2011 to build a comprehensive approach to the rehabilitation of perpetrators of domestic violence. The Council has entered into a memorandum of agreement with the department of corrections allowing the Council to move forward with revising the existing regulations and developing a best practices/guidelines document. FY 2015 should see the completion of the regulation revision process and implementation of a data base to gather statistics to assist in determining program effectiveness. New programming should become available across the state beginning in FY 2016.

COUNCIL EFFECTIVENESS

Goal 7 Implement and maintain best practices in the operation of programs providing domestic violence and sexual assault programs

Objective 7A - Identify core services of and standards for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Objective 7B - Assess the effectiveness of domestic violence and sexual assault services.

Status:

A stakeholder committee is being convened in the summer of 2014 to review current regulations governing victim service provision. Regulation revision including the identification of core services and standards will be included in the committees work. Outcome measures for provision of services to victims were developed and implemented in FY 2013. More needs to be done in this area.

Goal 8 Define and describe the size and extent of Alaska's domestic violence and sexual assault problem

Objective 8A - Obtain consistent and complete data on domestic violence and sexual assault incidents in Alaska.

Objective 8B - Coordinate with others to compile all relevant existing data on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Objective 8C - Support and encourage independent academic research on domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

Status:

Objective implementation is on-going through the Alaska Victimization Survey and the Alaska Dashboard. While the Council through letters of support encourages independent academic research, more needs to be done.

Goal 9 Ensure effective Council administration

Objective 9A - Council members and staff are knowledgeable and understand current domestic violence and sexual assault issues.

Objective 9B - Distribute funds and grants in an efficient and equitable manner.

Objective 9C - Ensure Council has staff resources and capacity to work effectively.

Objective 9D - Maintain compliance with federal grant requirements

Obj. 9E: develop memoranda of understanding to improve coordination of services between state agencies

Status:

The Council regularly schedules educational opportunities during quarterly meetings and staff members attend required conferences and selected training opportunities both in and out-of-state. Funding and grants management are reviewed annually to enhance distribution. Staff positions have been reviewed and revised into more appropriate position descriptions. One prevention coordinator has been added to the staff. A staff development plan is reviewed annually through the budgeting process. At least one additional program coordinator would be beneficial to the efficient implementation of projects as well as an additional assistant. Staff members attend required STOP, SASP, VOCA and FVPSA Administrators annually. A MOA now exists between the state departments that have representatives on the Council.

AFS-Alaska Family Services- PALMER

SUCSESSES

Choose Respect Marches. The Palmer March had an estimated 300 in attendance and the Wasilla March had an estimated 165 in attendance. There were seven communities in the Mat-Su Valley that held Choose Respect events.

Mat-Su SART went fully operational during this quarter

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

During the month of January AFS, AST and the Mat-Su Health Foundation representatives presented at DVSA taskforce on the prevention and outreach activities from the Prevention Summit. The DVSA taskforce is preparing to conduct a community readiness assessment to see which activities would have a greater success in the Mat-Su.

Outreach advocates are working with local agencies by providing DVSA training resulting in positive working relationships.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Teen charged with revenge killing of Palmer man and throwing body off Matanuska River bluff. "Jacob Allen Dvorak told an Alaska State Trooper investigator that he killed [the man] Wednesday night and dumped his body over a cliff as punishment for sexually assaulting a teenage girl a few days earlier, according to court documents filed by prosecutors."

AVV-Advocates for Victims of Violence - VALDEZ

SUCSESSES

February Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month kicked off with the Valdez proclamation by the Mayor, attended by AVV, and Youth Coalition teenagers; a high school presentation about healthy relationship and interactive activities with the students. AVV's Youth Services Coordinator assisted students decorate a bulletin board about respect.

The elementary after school programs which began in October ended with almost 40 sessions between The Express Yourself and Girls' Time. The number of male students participating in Express Yourself increased a lot. We had over 50 kids that signed up for the programs and averaged around 15-17 kids at each session.

Choose Respect march - March 27. Governor Sean Parnell and the First Lady marched in Valdez. Approximately 250 people attended including students, teachers, pre-school children, Providence Valdez Hospital Director and staff, Valdez Mayor and his wife, City Council members, city employees, local business, students and professors from Prince William Sound Community College, OCS, Behavioral Health, Frontier Services, Valdez Police Department, Valdez Fire Department, Alaska Troopers, National Guard, Coast Guard, and AVV staff and board members.

Governor Parnell and the First Lady toured AVV on the day of the march and spoke with a shelter participant, and with staff about services we provide. Community members also stopped by to talk with the Governor and had pictures taken.

Towards the end of the day of March 27th, AVV director participated in the City of Valdez 50th anniversary of the earthquake memorial service in memory of those who did not survive the earthquake from Valdez, Chenega Bay and neighboring communities.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AVV had advertisements in the local newspaper and radio station for Choose Respect march.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

A man was arrested for sexual assault of a minor, which the local radio station reported on their website and identified the perpetrator and his relationship to the victim. We called the radio station about the issue. The reporter was apologetic and removed the article. We are hoping to have a statewide training for the media about domestic violence, confidentiality and related topic.

AVV continues to maintain a very good working relationship with Valdez Police department who refer all domestic violence victims to AVV. Valdez has no formal SART but AVV is always called for sexual assaults that are being investigated by VPD.

AVV continues to work closely with Office of Children Services and Behavioral to give best support for shared clients and support between agencies.

AWAIC-Abused Women's Aid in Crisis - ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

AWAIC's Community Education Coordinator, Turner Vail has been successful in increasing AWAIC's partnership with local high schools. Previous youth outreach had focused largely on middle school settings and non-school settings such as McLaughlin Youth Center. This quarter, Mr. Vail provided prevention programming in nearly all of the area high schools in a variety of classes including health, teen issues and English.

AWAIC's Prevention Vista, Kris Morgan, has committed to another year of full time service at AWAIC through our partnership with ANDVSA. Ms. Morgan has been instrumental in growing the capacity of our prevention efforts, helping to organize our community prevention alliance, and planning for the launch of the statewide Green Dot Alaska program. AWAIC is honored she has chosen to serve for another year.

AWAIC's Employment Specialist is an Americorps Member placed at AWAIC in partnership with NineStar Education and Employment Services. The Specialist has been successful in helping over a dozen participants to find employment. She offers resume writing assistance, interview skill building as well as transportation and clothing for those seeking employment. Her services are highly sought after by participants across all of AWAIC's programs as increased income and financial stability are a central goal for most people we serve.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Deputy Director, Melissa Emmal was invited by the Governor to speak about Green Dot Alaska Initiative at the Choose Respect March in Anchorage on March 27. Over 200 community members attended the event and heard a summary of the Green Dot program.

The Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention (AAVP) led by AWAIC and STAR planned the April launch of the Green Dot program in Anchorage and statewide

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AWAIC, and Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, submitted a proposal to Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services Grant. We were notified in March that the proposal was funded and will result in an on-site behavioral health clinician at AWAIC for 30 hours per week.

AWAIC provided volunteer coordination for Anchorage's Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event held in January. PHC is held as the annual point in time count for homeless individuals in Anchorage as well as a one stop service delivery "shop" for homeless individuals and families. Nearly 800 people attended the event and received a variety of on-site services including shelter, housing, behavior health services, financial services and more.

AWARE-Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies- JUNEAU

SUCSESSES

January marks the beginning of the Girls on the Run (GOTR) spring season. This year, 35 new coaches throughout Southeast Alaska were trained in the GOTR curriculum, including fifteen coaches from Juneau. Five coaches from Metlakatla were trained in Ketchikan and will be implementing Girls on the Run for the first time. Yakutat, Haines, and Wrangell increased their capacity to implement and sustain a GOTR program in their communities by increasing the number of trained coaches in their communities. These numbers represent a major organizational success, as we've historically struggled to get new rural coaches engaged and trained.

All six elementary schools and one middle school in Juneau have signed up to offer Girls on the Run this spring. This very large season is a logistical challenge for our prevention team. Each season, every new coach must be trained in the model, pass background checks, and receive CPR training. Coordinating all of these tasks at 7 sites with hundreds of volunteers requires an extensive data management system. Fortunately, the outcome is that hundreds of girls get to participate in a program that is fun, healthy and helps establish a lifelong positive self-image.

In early March, AWARE hosted their 18th annual Women of Distinction (WOD) event. This event raises funds for AWARE programming, but also raises awareness in the community of the inspirational and dedicated women who live and work in Juneau. During this year's event, AWARE honored Elaine Schroeder, Patricia Owen, Norene Otnes and Carol Pitts for their contributions on behalf of women and children. Each woman spoke about what motivated for her service to others. Ms. Otnes talked about her how her strength is derived, in part, from her rich cultural heritage. Ms. Pitts recalled how her mother instilled a community service ethic in her from her earliest childhood. Each woman embodied dedication and integrity, two values shared and celebrated by AWARE.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

On Feb. 14, 2014, AWARE worked with a group of stakeholders, including the CDVSA, faith groups, and the University of Alaska to sponsor One Billion Rising for Justice. Staff attended planning meetings for several months, resulting in two events in Juneau- a rally at noon at the State Office Building, and a rally in the afternoon at the UAS Juneau Campus. Featured speakers included Amy Williams- Assistant District Attorney for Juneau, Saralyn Tabachnick, Lauree Morton, and others. We danced and celebrated the progress women and our allies have made resisting sexual oppression.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AWARE staff is seeing more victims with the co-occurring condition of IV drug use accessing shelter. Pro-active solutions that support safety to all AWARE residents are being considered. At this point, AWARE staff is asking women to exit shelter if needles are found on them or in their room/belongings. AWARE continues to offer non-residential support and services.

AWIC –Arctic Women in Crisis-BARROW

SUCSESSES

AWIC is engaged in numerous school and community based programming for youth. On January 29, in partnership with the North Star Borough Police Department (NSBPD), AWIC, held a *Window Between Worlds Workshop* with the Barrow Boys and Girls Club. Li Morrow from AWIC taught classes on bullying awareness at Hopson Middle School and in the community of Atquasuk throughout the third quarter and in March, AWIC staff facilitated a workshop with the Assembly of God Youth Group about the Green Dot Program and the Choose Respect Initiative.

Deputy Commissioner Ree Sailors of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Assembly of God Youth Group led the Choose Respect walk on March 28. Approximately eighty community members met at the Tuzzy Library and walked to the Kiita Learning Center where AWIC hosted a dinner for the community. Ree Sailors, Peggy Cowan, NSBSD Superintendent, and Charlotte Brower, NSB Mayor were the guests of honor.

AWIC also worked with Diane Payne from Justice for Native Children to facilitate training for the Barrow multi-disciplinary team (MDT) members on investigation & prosecution of child sexual abuse during the week of February 10.

AWIC continues to maintain a 24-hour crisis line available for victims of crime. We design public service announcements for the GCI roll-around and participate in radio shows--these are effective ways to ensure victims receive information about available resources.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWIC reports the community involvement with the Green Dot program on March 4th and 5th as having been successful and as having led to additional opportunities for community activities. AWIC reports that Dr. Edwards inspired participating students at Ilisagvik College, Barrow High School, Hopson Middle School, and the Kiita Learning Center with her message on Green Dot, a violence prevention initiative that promotes “any behavior, choice, word, or attitude that counters or displaces a red-dot of violence – by promoting safety for everyone. Dr. Edwards also spoke at the community potluck we held on March 4 at the Inupiat Heritage Center.

AWIC continues their partnership with the North Slope Borough Health Department (NSBHD), Kiita Alternative Learning Center, Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA), the North Slope Borough School District (NSBSD), Ilisagvik College, Native Village of Barrow (NVB), the Barrow Boys’ and Girls’ Club, and the North Slope Borough Police Department (NSBPD) to ensure services necessary for safety and healing are provided to victims and their families.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AWIC continues to brainstorm effective ways to engage the Office of Children’s Services and the DA’s office in MDT meetings. They note that participation by these two agencies are critical to arriving at positive outcomes for victims and their families impacted by violence.

BSWG-Bering Sea Women's Group-NOME

SUCSESSES

Politicians running on the Independent ticket for Governor, Lt. Governor and their aide visited with BSWG. The legal advocate provided a presentation to the group.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The Executive Director of Alaska Missions, presented a check for \$8,000 to the BSWG at the Iditarod Basketball awards ceremony! The program also received small donations from the United Baptist Church and the United Methodist Church.

Worked cooperatively with the Nome community Center to bring parenting classes to BSWG program participants.

The BSWG board of directors meet with Deputy Attorney General Svobodny during the March board meeting.

Staff go to the XYZ Center to support the elderly and disabled when possible.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

CFRC-Cordova Family Resource Center – CORDOVA

SUCSESSES

CFRC's Annual Membership Dinner/Meeting had about 55 members present

We held a meeting with Brittany (ANDVSA) and Randi (AST) for the SART led by our NVE partner. Brittany also trained CFRC staff.

SART activated for a minor Sexual Assault. CFRC and Native Village of Eyak (NVE) are working to complete the SART P&P's.

We had participation from 5th through 12 grades as well as all local leaders and other community members and Deputy Commissioner Taylor represented the Governor's office and Gail Brimmer from the VINE program came for the Choose Respect March. They both were able to attend CFRC board meeting, educate the board on VINE and participate in the meeting. They were interviewed the Tech club viewable at <http://youtu.be/ZOnb05Lj958>

Counseling services continue through the DHSS/MOA with our local Mental Health agency. Our clients appreciate that they can meet at CFRC for 10 sessions at no cost to them.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

NVE, Sound Alternatives and CFRC work fund Green Dot. The prevention team is all on the same page along with other community organizations such as PTA.

A client and has secured legal representation through ANDVSA Pro-Bono Program. This has been a very challenging case with English as a second language.

We use radio ads, and GCI scanner channel, newspaper ads, and Face Book. We are working on our Webpage. We also use the local bulletin boards around town.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

CFRC and local agencies coordinate services for parents and youth affected by OCS. CFRC was awarded a contract to provide services for Families involved with OCS.

We still need a room for SART exams, CCMC has offered a room(not the best location for confidentiality) but we are still working on getting CCMC to sign MOA's and confirm their organizations commitment. We are still in the process of gathering the equipment for the Exams.

Collaboration with the School has been great.

CFRC is excited to have a new OCS worker in the Valdez location that covers Cordova. We still have a concern that youth are falling through the cracks and families are not being supported due to very limited family support services located in Cordova.

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

SUCSESSES

Successful transfer of the Transition Program to the shelter location, providing an opportunity to better work with individuals who are in need of longer term services. Since January 1, 2014 3 individuals have successfully moved into permanent housing from this program. Sixteen families have successfully attained permanent housing or relocation to live near family and their support systems using a combination of housing vouchers, rental assistance and Angel Flights.

IAC focused on recruiting, hiring and training new advocates. The goal: grow the base of part-time and relief advocates to fill in gaps in coverage when staff is sick or on vacation. As a result, several staff have been hired who are providing a renewed energy and enthusiasm to the IAC team.

Art Healing Groups for both adults and children were reinstated this quarter. These groups have been very well received with participants benefitting from the relaxed, fun atmosphere while also being able to spend time with other survivors and provide each other with positive peer support.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Thirty volunteers donated 883 hours of service to IAC this quarter.

Through the joint effort IAC has with Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption, program participants are able to receive 10 free sessions with a counselor and are benefitting from those services.

IAC was invited by the UAF Women's Center to present information regarding Silent Witnesses and Fairbanks DVSA statistics at the February One Billion Rising Event.

IAC was a participant at the Tanana Chief's Conference Health Fair, which was a two day event in March. People from all over the Interior attended this event.

The Arctic Winter Games took place in Fairbanks. IAC was invited to participate in their Health Fair for participants.

At the end of March the annual Choose Respect Rally took place. This year the venue was changed to the Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall in conjunction with Tanana Chief's Conference. IAC also partnered with the Fairbanks Rotary Club, who co-hosted the event.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

One area of concern is the UAF Green Dot campaign. Due to various administrative concerns, including funding and staff time, UAF has decided to withdraw from the Green Dot program. Although the administration has said that they do not want to participate, we are going to make a new proposal to them, directly addressing some of their major concerns. It is our hope that we will be able to provide a proposal that will be agreeable to the university so that we can continue to move forward with Green Dot on campus.

KWRCC-Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center – Kodiak

SUCSESSES

In the third quarter of fiscal year 2014, KWRCC continued to perform core services providing for the safety needs of victims in Kodiak and outlying areas. There were no clients not admitted to shelter due to lack of bed availability. KWRCC has successfully been able to meet the rising demand for safe shelter in Kodiak.

KWRCC has started a new program called Day Services. In order to provide better follow up care to clients who have moved out of shelter. Nonresident clients can come into shelter during day hours and use the facility. They can do their laundry, take a shower, have a cup a tea and visit with an advocate. In this way KWRCC has been able to keep on going day to day support for clients who are rebuilding their lives after being in Shelter. This program also allows KWRCC to prioritize beds for high lethality cases, while still being able to fully serve clients who need support but are not in a current high risk situation.

KWRCC held their annual Choose Respect March. Over 250 people turned out in support of the event. Both the Kodiak Borough and City Mayors participated, as well as Kodiak's Alaska State Troopers and Kodiak Police Department. KWRCC reports the March as being a very successful event.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

KWRCC's monthly multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meeting continues to build a Kodiak Community Coordinated Response Team to fill gaps in services when responding to DV cases in Kodiak. This is a continuation of the work started from our December Coordinated Community Response (CCR) training in the Duluth model.

KWRCC continues to sit on the Kodiak Homeless Coalition. This group is made up of KWRCC, Brother Frances Center, Alaska State Housing, Kodiak Island Housing, Salvation Army, School district. This group assesses housing issues in Kodiak, and works on how to address the need.

KWRCC has in collaboration with Sun'aq restarted the Native Women's Advisory Committee. This group will work with natural leaders in the Native community to address ideas on addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in the native community.

KWRCC continues the collaborative work built though the SAFTEE project in Kodiak. This project is collaboration between Shelters, OCS, and Tribes, to create a safer way to work with mothers who children are in the OCS system due to domestic violence in their homes. This project's goal is to work to keep children with the non-offending parent, while maintaining safety.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Kodiak continues to have very limited housing available as well as extremely high rents. This makes it difficult to place our clients into safe affordable housing, resulting in longer stays at our shelter.

LSC-The Leeshore Center - KENAI

SUCSESSES

Leeshore continues to provide core victim services to individuals victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Kenai and surrounding areas. These services are critically needed and exist to ensure the safety needs of victims and their families are met. Highlighting the positive outcomes of their work in quarter three, Leeshore reports the following successes:

In the third quarter of fiscal year 2014 a program participant with children stayed with us for two months. She had no income, housing or household goods. We were able to provide her with information and referral assistance that allowed her to obtain temporary public assistance, subsidized housing, obtain needed household goods and find employment. She and her children are now living safely in the community.

A program participant with no medical insurance came to us needing medical assistance and safe affordable housing. She was employed but at low wages making starting over financially challenging. We were able to provide her with referrals that allowed her to access multiple low or no cost medical providers where she obtained the medical care needed. We were able to provide referral assistance to her for low cost housing options, rental & utility deposit help, and for obtaining needed household goods. She is now living in a subsidized rental and has the basic household goods needed to live independently.

A woman with disabilities came to us needing safe housing. We provided her with referrals and information on local housing facilities that are specifically for or give preference to individuals with disabilities. We provided her with referrals to programs that could assist her first and last month rental costs and required deposits. She is now living safely in the community in housing that accommodates her special needs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Leeshore staff worked with numerous community partners to provide a Project Homeless Connect event in January. The project addressed the needs of the homeless population in the Kenai area. As a result of the event over 60 homeless individuals were provided services and referrals for their particular need.

The Leeshore ED met with the Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center staff to discuss collaboration efforts focused on healthy parenting issues. She also met with Kenai Peninsula College Associate Director of Resident Life to discuss collaboration efforts focused on increasing support for student victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and date rape.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

No deaths were reported related to domestic violence, sexual assault or other violent crimes during this reporting period. No specific challenges or concerns were identified in the report.

MFCC-Maniilaq Family Crisis Center-KOTZEBUE

SUCSESSES

A Participant and her children whom had moved from Alaska needed to find a safe place in another state and MFCC found a shelter for them to stay at until MFCC helped relocate them back to their hometown in Alaska. Family moved due to DV happening in the home. Maniilaq sent a request for assistance to other agencies in town and collected airfare for their move. When the family got to MFCC, mother and her children began rebuilding their family and soon found their own home and jobs and successes in school.

Advocates created a web page on a social media site for Maniilaq Family Crisis Center. Recorded Radio awareness campaigns on Sexual Assault, Teen Dating Violence, and Alaska Governor's- Choose Respect

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Maniilaq Behavioral Health Services have made efforts to meet with Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This collaboration is a good wrap around check, from health to safety.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Budget cuts were made and MFCC is now closed during the night hours and on weekends when there are no shelter participants. Relief Advocates have not been working and an on call phone is now being used to answer hotline calls during the hours of midnight to 8am and all day and night on the weekend by full time victim advocates.

Have concerns with lack of participation with SART trainings, from SANE, and Law Enforcement.

SAFE-Safe and Fear Free Environment – DILLINGHAM

SUCSESSES

The overshadowing event for the 3rd quarter was the “official” retirement of long-time Executive Director Ginger Baim and the hire of a new Executive Director, Marilyn Casteel, effective April 1, 2014. Marilyn Casteel is an Alaska Native woman born and raised in Bristol Bay who has served as deputy director of the human resources department of the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and manager of Grandmother’s House Assisted Living Center in Dillingham. She is a long time member of SAFE and served on the Board for five years, including two years as President of the Board. Ginger Baim will continue working for SAFE, at least for the remainder of this fiscal year, concentrating on grants and contracts and completing the orientation training with the new ED.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the publicity surrounding the changing of the Executive Director position, SAFE also hosted the 32nd Annual Membership meeting and Board elections. We had 10 candidates running for four open seats, an impressive show of support and commitment to SAFE from our community, and the largest number of voting members we’ve ever had.

Retiring Vice President Bellanira (Deya) Imdieke was chosen for the First Lady Volunteer award in recognition of her 18 years of service to SAFE as a Board member, general volunteer and Crisis Line Listener. Deya chose not to run for the Board again but will remain an active volunteer with SAFE, including continued service as a primary SART responder for the Crisis Line.

The 5th Annual Choose Respect march drew a crowd of well over 100 people, nearly half of whom were men. Anchorage Department of Law and former Dillingham ADA John Skidmore, led the march and spoke before the group at the community reception following the event

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SAFE experienced a jump in shelter nights that began in the last half of FY13 and continued unabated. Half way through FY14 we provided as many shelter nights as we did in all of FY13. We anticipate finishing FY14 with nearly double the shelter nights. The average length of stay has dropped from 22 to 19 nights.

SAFE was forced to terminate the partnership agreement for funding with the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation under the CANDU grant project this quarter. BBAHC had been under contract with SAFE to provide counseling and treatment services through the SISTR Program (Safety In Sobriety Through Recovery) focused on women of child bearing age who are victims of sexual and physical violence and who are chemically dependent and/or in danger of relapse. BBAHC was unable to provide SISTR services within the confines of their own and Medicare reimbursement requirements. SAFE continues to provide SISTR services, including the weekly support group attended by an average of 14-18 women, and customized treatment services in coordination with the regional residential treatment program.

SAFV-Sitkans Against Family Violence – SITKA

SUCCESES

SAFV annual retreat-reviewed the strategic plan and found that we had accomplished much of it.

We joined Foraker and applied for the Pre Development grant. We have decided to renovate and build an expansion on the existing building. Draft plans have been drawn up and the cost estimate will be ready soon.

The Quarterly Pathways Prevention Community Collaborative Meeting was very well attended and we discovered that one of our partners, Sitka Native Education (SNEP), is applying to the Kellogg Foundation to continue and sustain the preventive work begun with Pathways pass through funds.

The director participated in the hiring committee for the position of Lieutenant, Head of Operations at the Sitka Police Dept. The person being hired and starting in May has a strong history of community policing and collaboration

Family Fiesta and Dessert Auction fundraising a success in year 18 and there is a definite fan base for this fund-raiser. One of the desserts sold for \$450.

Sixth season of Girls On the Run. This year there are 36 participants (more than we've ever had before!) and 12 amazing coaches coming from five community partners. GOTR founder, Molly Barker, will be visiting the 5K run scheduled for May 11th.

The Cultural Coordinator is co-facilitating a group called "Positive Indian Parenting" with Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Social Services Department.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Choose Respect March - March 27. Commissioner of Administration Curtis Thayer participated along with Sitka Youth Leadership Committee (SYLC) and Mt. Edgecumbe High School and at least seven state troopers, the Assistant District Attorney and our Chief of Police also marched.

Facebook is rapidly becoming a primary outreach to the community. The Facebook staff committee has had five meetings this quarter to develop protocols, which were then shared with other programs' directors.

Youth Development Specialist did eight radio interviews on topics such as "Talk Now, Talk Often", a parent tool kit. Several parent participants joined her for those.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SAFV used to enjoy a very productive collaboration with Sitka Tribe (STA) Social Services. They had the SART grant, and the Transitional Housing grant. The funds ran out for the SART team. STA Social Services director has informed me that they're not going forward with SART.

SCS-Seaview Community Services- SEWARD

SUCSESSES

SCS has had a lot of support from the community this last quarter. They have received donations for their 2nd annual Spring Carnival held in April for Child Abuse Awareness Month, as well as funds to support shelter nights totaling \$3,172.63. The executive director was also invited to speak about the DVSA program in January to the Rotary Club, and in February was invited to speak to the City Council and Mayor about the program.

In March, 40 hours of DVSA training was provided to four SCS employees and three Seward Police Officers. The training was well received.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

In February local reporters wrote articles for the newspaper on the efforts to raise funds to continue shelter nights for victims of DV/SA, as well as the efforts to raise funds for the future goal of having a shelter in Seward. The article also touched on the subject of Teen Dating Violence. SCS's February newsletter covered Teen Dating Violence and Suicide Prevention, receiving a lot of positive feedback on the issue.

On March 27th SCS hosted the "Governor's Choose Respect" March. This year, the procession changed and participants marched down one of the main (and busy) streets, gaining increased attention. Mayor Bardarson, two Alaska State Troopers, Seward Police Officers and other members of the community joined in on the march. A total of 30 people attended. Though this number is down from last year, the march coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the 64' Earthquake, which many people from the community also attended. Pictures and an article on the march were covered in local newspapers.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

As the program continues to grow in Seward and client services increase, it has become increasingly hard for one person to continue to run the program while also spearheading fundraising efforts to keep shelter nights going. Grant funds for shelter nights have already been exhausted and increased fundraising is needed to continue to move forward. This year 34 shelter nights have already been provided, averaging out to be \$74.00 a night.

This quarter, two teen suicides occurred within the Seward community, as well as two attempted teen suicides. There has also been one adult suicide and three adult attempted suicides this quarter. As this impacts small communities significantly, SCS staff are seeing what measures to take in regards to prevention.

SPHH-South Peninsula Haven House - HOMER

SUCSESSES

We worked with an elderly survivor that had a long history of DV. She faced legal and economic barriers and life threatening health issues. We were able to support her in accessing legal and medical support and helped her relocate to gain the support of her family and a safe place to live.

We were able to give a woman who was staying in shelter a car that was donated to Haven House. Because of getting transportation, she was able to get a job, and then a house, and now she and her daughter are able to have a safe and stable life.

We worked with a woman who is a victim of DV and whose abuser (who lives out of state but was visiting) filed and was granted an ex parte protective order against her. In the ex parte ruling, the judge also gave him access to her home. Through this access he took a number of actions that disrupted many core components of her life. We worked closely with her and ALSC and at the long term protective order hearing, she was granted her home back.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Green Dot Trainings Billion Rising Event Standup! Event WOD

January: Photo Voice featured projects from teen photography, spoken word, and music reflecting their experiences and choices about alcohol and finding their voices.

February Haven House participated in "One Billion Rising" an event that celebrates all women and girls that have been affected by sexual violence and contemplates how we can change this staggering statistic. This event was organized by Homer youth and the REC room. Being able to work and partner with other community agencies on events and prevention work has been a regular occurrence this quarter. Haven House also continued Green Dot trainings that culminated with our Stand Up! event in March that recognized DV and brought additional training opportunities and information around Green Dot

March: Our board of directors honored Martie Krohn, Mary Lou Kelsey, Zoe Story and Hero of the Heart Doug Koester at Haven House's annual Women of Distinction event.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Cicada, Homer's local substance abuse agency. There seems to be a barrier to people accessing Cicada services if they are not court mandated.

Additionally, we are experience a recent dynamic with our local troopers and our DAs office that is relatively new. When we inquire about cases to AST, they say they are waiting on the DAs office to give them the go ahead to make an arrest or that the DAs office has told them they can't. We are planning on exploring this in more detail.

STAR-Standing Together Against Rape-ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

Forty-two people volunteered 1,856 hours of service this quarter.

All STAR Advocates, Education staff, the Counselor and Program Director were able to attend a full day conference on Trauma Stewardship presented by Laura Vandernoot-Lipskey. The conference was sponsored by the Office of Children's Services and was very well done.

STAR Crisis Line Volunteers Appreciation Banquet – Approximately 20 crisis line volunteers were in attendance to be celebrated and appreciated by STAR staff at a banquet in their honor January 25th.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Mental Health 1st Aid training – All Advocates and Educators attended a joint training with AWAIC staff on Mental Health 1st Aid. The training was presented here in the STAR building conference room, and there were over 35 in attendance

Project Homeless Connect – STAR provided information, resources, and personal items to individuals and families experiencing homelessness at the Anchorage Project Homeless Connect. Items dispensed included hats, scarves, gloves, hand warmers, bottled water, personal hygiene items such as shampoo and toothpaste.

STAR has hired a Case Manager within the last quarter to concentrate on outreach and service provision to program participants who are experiencing homelessness or are at severe risk of homelessness. She has made contact with a variety of agencies and shelters around town to make them aware of STAR's services and to make sure everyone is working together in the best interest of victims of sexual violence.

Anchorage Community Mental Health Child and Family Advisory Council – STAR attended a meeting at ACMH and was formally requested to participate in the Child and Family Advisory Council.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted

TWC-Tundra Women's Coalition – BETHEL

SUCSESSES

TWC hired Jamie Hinz to cover the Outreach Coordinator position, and she is now working on TWC's news articles and community outreach. Jamie also was in charge of the Choose Respect March peace walk,

The Choose Respect Peace Walks was a success. More people walked then in any other year.

Also one of our Deputy Directors coordinated one of TWC's fundraisers known as the Yukduk, and the auctions were successful.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

TWC fundraised for Yukduk for TWC's general funds, and had the March Choose Respect Peace walk which was a success.

TWC continues to have many positive partnerships, especially with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), and ONC with their Healthy Families programs and groups. TWC provides childcare for women/men who attend these groups/meetings. A few of TWC staff has been attending the SOC meetings System of Care project that is a collaborative project through ONC, and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Also TWC is partnering with the community about Homeless Prevention issues.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

USAFV-Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence-UNALASKA

SUCSESSES

USAFV was very busy in the third quarter with lots of program participants, shelter nights, and services provided. Whenever USAFV has shelter residents, FT staff members must work schedules which change and fluctuate week to week, which is challenging. USAFV met these challenges and was able to meet the demand for services, while still managing to do some outreach and education as well.

There has been an increase in the number of people living in abusive relationships that seek out USAFV's services before the abuse becomes physical, or soon after it does. This a success – not just for USAFV, but for all those working to educate people about healthy relationships.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

USAFV staff coordinated two "Storytellers' Cafes" at the Unalaska Senior Center, bringing together Unalaskans of all ages to share stories, memories, and information about the community. More than 50 people attended the first Café, and about 25 attended the second one. USAFV hope to continue these events about six times per year.

USAFV staff visited the local Head Start program three times in the third quarter. On the first visit, staff read a book about manners to and practiced sharing with ten children and two adults. On the second, staff read a book about listening and learning to and practiced listening with ten children and two adults. On the third visit, staff read a book called "Respect & Take Care of Things" to nine children and three adults.

USAFV staff visited a 3rd grade classroom to do an art project and talk about feelings with eighteen children.

USAFV staff visited the local recreation center's after-school program to make Valentine's Day cards with fourteen kindergarten and 1st grade kids. They talked about the power of words and how words can be used to represent love or not-love.

USAFV staff visited the local Elder lunch program one time to help with lunch service and visit with elders.

USAFV staff coordinated with the local library and with the McMillen Center for Health Education (in Fort Wayne, IN) to hold a video-conference titled "Dating: Avoiding The Danger Zone" to educate local teens about healthy relationships. Twelve teens attended the event.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

No concerns, USAFV continues to nurture supportive and cooperative relationships with all the other services providers in our community and region.

VFJ-Victims for Justice – ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

During this quarter we were able to help several Domestic Violence victims relocate and we assisted one Sexual Assault victim with getting a new bed so she didn't have to sleep where she was victimized. Our most heartwarming success of this quarter was assisting the prospective foster parents of a 3-year-old victim of attempted murder so they could be with him in the hospital while he recovered from the attack – no family members were willing or able to be with him.

We are beginning collaboration with Standing Together Against Rape (STAR), Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC), and the municipality of Anchorage. This collaboration will allow us to offer more advocacy time with victims, extend our reach beyond Anchorage, and permit small funding opportunities for victims who need short term emergency financial support

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

VFJ reestablished a working relationship with the Division of Juvenile Justice to provide more services to the victims of juvenile offenders. VFJ worked closely with Office of Children's Services in Fairbanks in supporting the 3-year-old victim mentioned above.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

(VFJ is still gathering the numbers of deaths in Anchorage for victims of crimes for this quarter. VFJ will report that at a later date.)

WISH-Women in Safe Homes-KETCHIKAN

SUCSESSES

Eighteen people volunteered 242 hours of service this quarter.

With tourist season beginning, spring brought many successes for program participants. Many seasonal and non- seasonal job opportunities opened up and many women were successful in landing employment. Numerous women moved into permanent housing and into a safe and sustainable home. As a result of women and children transitioning out of shelter, day service (non-residential) numbers have remained steady and advocates continued to offer appropriate resources and continuous support during these transitional periods.

The Family Resource Advocate position has proven to be successful. The position allows for an Advocate to be dedicated to connecting program participants to resources available in the community. The Family Resource Advocate position also allows for more individual, systems, legal advocacy and support to victims. This position also assists program participants that are dealing with more complex situations in their lives. By allowing a more individual focus, and a more involved service program, allows for greater assistance and success to the survivors.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

WISH continues to be an active member in the DART Team. Members include: Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC), Gateway/Akeela, Ketchikan Public Health, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), and Juvenile Probation and Ketchikan Police Department. DART is still in the process of developing a tracking form, amongst all of our agencies. This form will ensure that the victims we serve and refer to each other will not fall through the cracks. It will help each agency with follow up and improvements. WISH continues to take the lead at the DVTF Meetings. Members include: Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), Ketchikan Public Health, Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC), Gateway/Akeela, Juvenile Probation, the District Attorney's Office, Alaska State Troopers, Community Connections and Magistrate. Recent discussions have included: Sexual Assault Response Team MOU, Office of Victims' Rights, Coordinated Community Response, and Prevention efforts in Ketchikan.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Victims seeking services due to Domestic Violence and wanting (In-Patient) Substance Abuse treatment continue to fall through the cracks. After speaking and having several meetings with staff from KIC, Gateway/Akeela, and the Kar House; it was a realization that victims were being labeled, "too high risk for treatment." There are not enough substance abuse resources in Ketchikan for the number of people/victims/survivors seeking help for in-patient treatment. There is currently only one facility in Ketchikan which has seven beds and it is always full.

The Children's Program Manager resigned in March. Advocacy staff are filling in to ensure that the children in shelter still have access to resources and services, but it is proving difficult to maintain the same level of service.

BIP - Community FY14 3rd Quarter Statistics January 1 - March 31, 2014							AFS	IAC	KIC	LSC	SPHH
							Palmer	Fairbanks	Ketchikan	Kenai	Homer
a	How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?						10	10	1	8	0
b	How many written intake assessments were completed?						11	10	3	7	0
c	How many participants were accepted into the program?						11	10	2	7	0
d	How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)						3	23	1	4	0
e	How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)						22	108	20	41	2
f	How many participants completed the program during this quarter?						2	1	3	0	0
g	How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?						3	2	4	9	2
h	How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?						2	2	2	2	0
i	How many were repeat participants during this quarter (defined as someone who has attended intake and some or all of a program before and returned)?						0	3	1	0	0
j	How many participants are in continual contact with his partner (victim of the abuse)? (If the participant was counted as in continual contact with his partner during the previous quarter do not count again)						12	3	0	2	1
k	How many participants' partners (victims of the abuse) are receiving support services from a victim agency? (If the partner was counted as receiving services during the previous quarter do not count again)						3	23	2	4	0
l	What is the total dollars of fees collected?						\$8,727.00	\$0.00	\$1,993.00	\$2,775.00	\$0.00
m	What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,584.00	\$0.00	\$450.00

AWARE – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program: JCAP - Juneau

OVERVIEW

During this quarter, JCAP staff conducted an assessment of their record keeping system. As their program has grown, JCAP have often made changes to the way they keep data in order to provide outcome information to funders and to review our practices for efficiency

SUCSESSES

During this quarter, JCAP filled each spot available in both groups, and have started a waitlist for classes as well as for intake. While JCAP currently have ~27 men in two groups, staff are monitoring over 50 individuals who are in various stages of engagement with the program.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement Staff worked with a new records clerk to get better access to police reports.
- Prosecutors - Staff meets with prosecutors on a regular basis regarding participants and potential participants. Staff provided testimony is several matters related to non-compliance.
- Court System – Meeting with District Court Judges to discuss compliance schedules.
- Probation/Parole – Staff meets weekly with probation officers at Lemon Creek to provide updates and receive feedback on participants. Staff also accepts new referrals during those meetings and discusses potential enrollment concerns.
- Medical N/A
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) – Staff met regularly with several case workers regarding a participant who was out of compliance with the program and observed by OCS staff to be continuing to harass and intimidate his partner. Staff also met with OCS regarding a female referral to the program.
- DV Task Force – One meeting held to discuss potential information sharing procedure between JPD and AWARE to facilitate follow up phone calls to victims.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health - Staff collaborated on a current participant who was referred for behavioral health services after repeatedly demonstrating erratic behavior in class. The participant is currently working with a provider and has recently re-entered the JCAP program.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - JCAP is monitoring several participants in other programs, including the state of Oregon and Ketchikan.

IAC- Interior Alaskans for Non-Violent Living Batterer's Intervention Program- FAIRBANKS

OVERVIEW

The IAC BIP has 26 slots for offenders qualifying for sliding scale fees. Offenders provide documentation on a quarterly basis in order to qualify. If non-compliant they lose their sliding scale status. IAC had 10 new people get into the Sliding Scale Program and now the slots are full with a wait list of men who qualify.

IAC continued the scholarship program. Three offenders completed 45 hours of volunteer time at Fairbanks Community Bank and received a scholarship for intake, orientation and materials.

Staff participated in in-house trainings: conducting an OCS report, "Working with Offenders with Cognitive Issues," and "Organizational Skills for the overwhelmed."

SUCSESSES

We have updated our curriculum by adding components on impulse control based on brain-research, in addition to the lesson on self-control.

IAC continues to work with Ft. Wainwright Social-work Services with soldiers who have not been arrested but identified by SWS as being abusive.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Through the CCR and DVTF meetings and we had communication with law enforcement that has been constructive. Particularly with the troopers
- Prosecutors - We provide the DA affidavits of non-compliance on a monthly basis, and feedback and information as needed, through DVTF and CCR meetings.
- Court System – We participate in a weekly ongoing status hearing for offenders with Judge Seekins. We also provide information on client status upon request.
- Probation/Parole – We regularly communicate with probation and parole and have a 15 year cooperative relationship. We provide training on DV offenders and treatment for offenders, we case conference, we have 6 PACE enrollees.
- Medical - We regularly interact with Forensic Nursing Services at the CCR meetings. We talk with Forensic Nursing on crossover cases when possible.
- Office of Children's Services (OCS) – IAC makes reports of harm when information of such is disclosed or obtained. We meet with caseworkers on client progress or lack thereof.
- DV Task Force – We attend the DVTF meetings when they are held.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – IAC provides their information to women who have been court ordered to see us and who have been victimized.
- Behavioral Health – Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health was taken over by an Anchorage Mental Health clinic. They have reduced staff by over half and cut numbers of clients.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - IAD has regular contact with programs throughout the country and state both for referrals, transfers and information.

KIC – Ketchikan Indian Corporation Batterer’s Intervention - KETCHIKAN

OVERVIEW

KIC has had some restructuring. We are still looking forward to a new facility expected to be completed and ready to move in sometime this summer.

SUCSESSES

KIC is excited about streamlining and improving efficiency within our program, with the feedback and results of our onsite evaluation. We also had two BIP client’s partners testify to the positive results they have seen in their homes as a direct result from our program.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Our local police chief has joined our Disability Abuse Response Team (DART).
- Prosecutors - staffing mutual clients with the district attorney.
- Court System – Monthly filing of affidavits. The court staff are helpful, particularly Amanda Shulz who also sits on the bench now as a magistrate and attends the DV TASK FORCE meetings.
- Probation/Parole – Staffing shared clients.
- Medical – KIC gets called to our medical floor, sometimes weekly, to respond to a victim’s request for counseling and support.
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) – N/A
- DV Task Force – We had three meetings this quarter of the DV Task Force.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health - We had a client asking for counseling services provided through KIC.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - We are continuing weekly staffing of Alaska Native clients/residents providing services including financial aid, relocation, food, personal needs, etc. we provide individual 1-1 counseling

LSC – Community-Based Batterers Intervention Program - KENAI

OVERVIEW

Eight participants entered the program and received orientation. There were 2 court hearings to address non-compliance issues: 3 cases were continued to future date (2 of those have been continued several times with no resolution); one participant's case was closed.

SUCSESSES

Two men are nearing completion; both show increased understanding of the material.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Law enforcement from Kenai, Soldotna and AST attend DVSA Task Force meetings bi-monthly. Officers from the local stations as well as Wildlife Troopers attended the annual Choose Respect event in March.
- Prosecutors – A Kenai District Attorney representative attends the DVSA Task Force. A DA will present at our CAW in April. LSC reports to the DA's office with names of participants and those who are non-compliant. The DA submits these names to the Kenai Court. DA office staff participated in the Choose Respect march.
- Court System – LSC BIP testifies at the monthly court hearings on compliance issues. A new magistrate, Marty Fallon, began work. Judge Illsley and Magistrate Wells preside at monthly CPBIP compliance hearings.
- Probation/Parole – Kenai Adult Probation referred several clients to CPBIP. Compliance issues are addressed as-needed. Probation staff attended the Choose Respect march.
- Medical – Kenai Public Health staff and the Kenai SART clinic attend DVSA Task Force meetings. A SART nurse will present at LSC's Community Awareness Workshop in April.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services) – With OCS referrals, LSC and OCS communicate about compliance issues. Three OCS staff will attend LSC's Community Awareness Workshop in April. Bill Galic from the Kenai OCS office will train on child abuse reporting.
- DV Task Force – The Task Force meets every other month in Kenai.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – All LSC clients are offered VCCB information.
- Behavioral Health – Kenaitze Indian Tribe's new medical building, the Dena'ina Wellness Center, is completed. The Behavioral Health component will be available late April.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – We coordinate with victim service agencies and BIP's on an as-needed basis.

SPHH – South Peninsula Haven House - HOMER

OVERVIEW

During this past quarter SPHH did not receive any clients who have previously attend a BIPS program. Our current client has maintained compliance status. One client has been found non-compliant due to failure to attend class and for non-payment.

SUCSESSES

This quarter SPHH have had one participant successfully working the program.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - No problems noted. SPHH continues to meet and communicate with local law enforcement officials regularly.
- Prosecutors - No problems noted.
- Court System – Status hearings continue to occur smoothly, no problems noted.
- Probation/Parole – Homer currently does not have a probation officer appointed to our area. We currently do not have any clients on probation.
- Medical - Haven House meets regularly with medical partners to ensure quality services to victims.
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) - SPHH has an ongoing positive relationship with our local OCS agency. Communication and collaboration with OCS continues on an as needed basis.
- DV Task Force – For reasons of efficiency, this has been folded into the multiple disciplinary team meeting. This meeting is held monthly.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Referrals are made when appropriate.
- Behavioral Health - Work with The Center is completed as needed.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - Regular communication as needed.

FY 2014 Outcome Measures from Victim Service Provider Program Participants

Program participants are asked to rate their interactions with programs:

Safety: I know more or different strategies for safety than before working with this program

I know more about resources/help that are available and how to access those resources

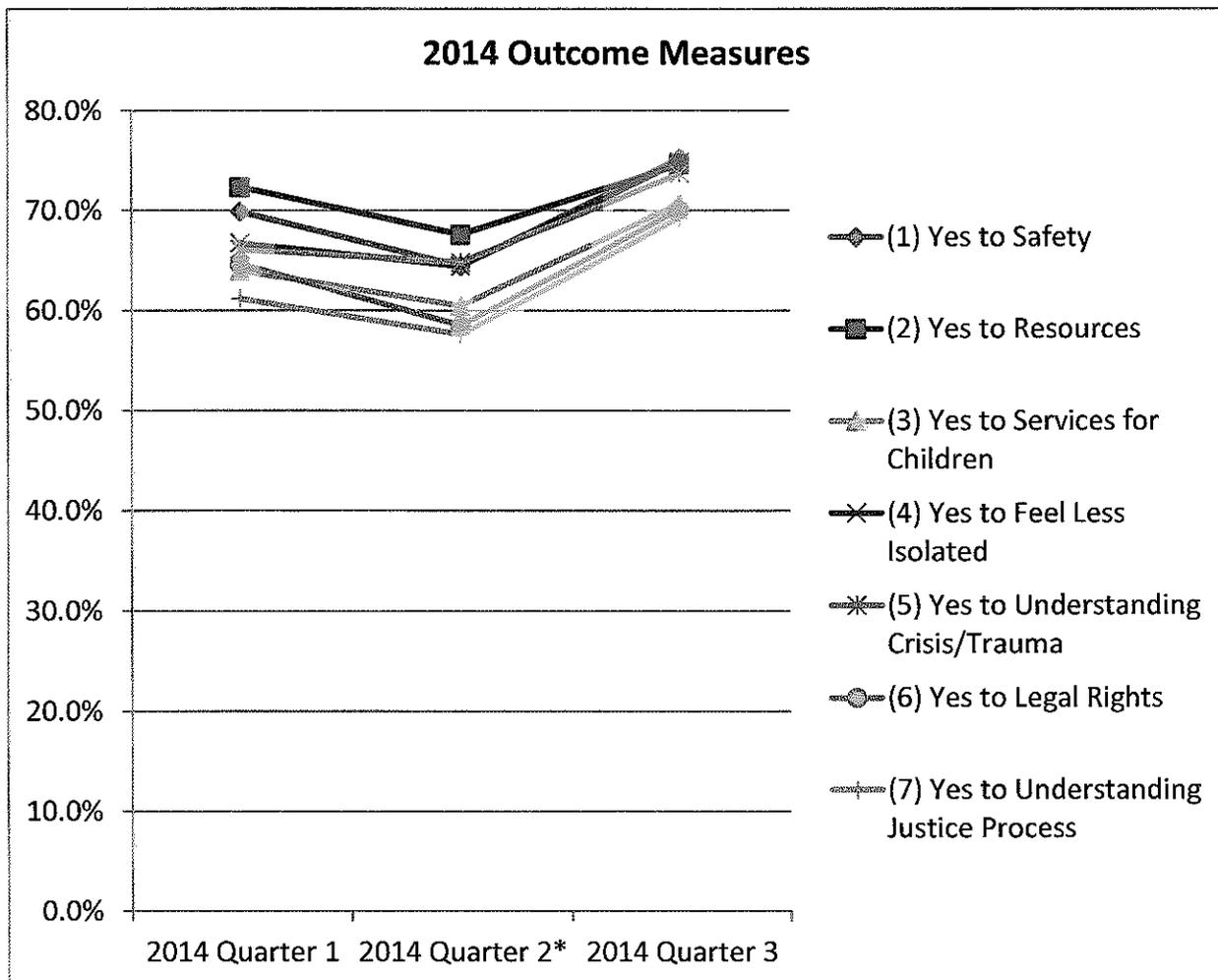
I am more confident knowing which services to access for my children

Healing: I feel less alone since working with this program

I have a better understanding of my crisis and trauma

Justice: I know more about my legal rights

I have a better understanding of how the justice process works



*Quarter 2 numbers are corrected since last meeting where there was a calculation error.

AWARE – Prison-Based Batterers Intervention Program: JCAP - JUNEAU

OVERVIEW

JCAP have experienced an increase in referrals and have revised record-keeping to include additional data and to better track participants. This was their first full quarter providing two community groups; the second session was started late in FY14Q2 to accommodate an increase in enrollment. During this quarter, each spot available was filled in both groups, and a waitlist for classes was started as well as for intake.

SUCCESES

A large portion of the quarter was spent on sexual respect. Staff found that men often offered minimal defensiveness, and identified their own behaviors as coercive and abusive. This is in direct contrast to the community group, who often deny ever pressuring a woman to have sex. While both groups likely commit similar levels of sexual assault, the prison group seems much better prepared to face their behaviors and account for them. Facilitators have also seen more empathy from prison participants with regard to feeling powerless. It is always a challenge to get the controlling person in the relationship to feel empathy for the controlled partner. In prison, many offenders name a sense of powerlessness within the system, that helps them better imagine the feeling of powerlessness their partners may have had in the relationship.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Staff worked with a new records clerk to get better access to police reports.
- Prosecutors - Staff meets with prosecutors on a regular basis regarding participants and potential participants.
- Court System – Meeting with District Court Judges to discuss compliance schedules.
- Probation/Parole – Staff meets weekly with probation officers at Lemon Creek to provide updates and receive feedback on participants. Staff also accepts new referrals during those meetings and discusses potential enrollment concerns.
- Medical - N/A
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) – Staff met regularly with several case workers regarding a participant who was out of compliance with the program and observed by OCS staff to be continuing to harass and intimidate his partner. Staff also met with OCS regarding a female referral to the program.
- DV Task Force – One meeting held to discuss potential information sharing procedure between JPD and AWARE to facilitate follow up phone calls to victims.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – N/A
- Behavioral Health - Staff collaborated on a current participant who was referred for behavioral health services after repeatedly demonstrating erratic behavior in class. The participant is currently working with a provider and has recently re-entered the JCAP program.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs - JCAP is monitoring several participants in other programs, including the state of Oregon and Ketchikan.

	AFS Palmer	AWARE Juneau	IAC Fairbanks	TOTAL
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	0	3	8	11
How many written intake assessments were completed?	8	4	12	24
How many participants were accepted into the program?	8	4	9	21
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	3	7	0	10
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	9	21	0	30
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	1	0	0	1
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	1	0	5	6
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	0	0	6	6
How many were repeat participants during this quarter (defined as someone who has attended intake and some or all of a program before and returned)?	3	2	4	9
How many participants are in continual contact with his partner (victim of the abuse)? (If the participant was counted as in continual contact with his partner during the previous quarter do not count again)	0	1	3	4
How many participants' partners (victims of the abuse) are receiving support services from a victim agency? (If the partner was counted as receiving services during the previous quarter do not count again)	0	2	0	2

FY 2014 Behavioral Health Outcome Measures

Behavioral health program participants are asked to agree or disagree with the following statements. Participants who Agreed or Strongly Agreed were counted as "Yes" and participants who Disagreed or Strongly Disagreed were counted as "No".

1. I am more motivated to stop drinking or using drugs since working with this program.
2. I understand more about how alcohol and drug abuse affect my life and life of my children since working with this program.
3. I know more about alcohol and drug abuse since working with this program.
4. I received a referral to access other alcohol and drug counseling services from this program.

