



4th Quarter Council Meeting

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Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

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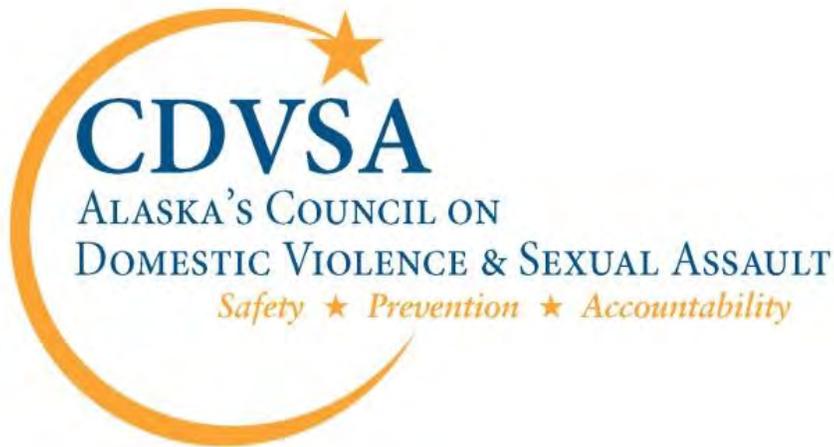
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DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

9:00 am	Call to Order-Roll Call, Agenda Review, Conflict Inquiry, Chair Comments	Patty Owen
9:15	Minute Review: February 2016 Task Check-in	Patty Owen
9:30	Executive Director Report Financials	Lauree Morton
10:15	ANDVSA Report	Carmen Lowry
10:45	BREAK	
11:00	Public Comment	Patty Owen
11:15	Program Highlight Standing Together Against Rape	Keeley Olson
Noon	LUNCH	
1:30 pm	Sexual Assault Response Team training Rachel Gernat, Angie Wells	
2:00	CDC Rape Prevention Education Funding Alaska Sexual Violence Prevention Demonstration Project – Association of State and Territorial Health Officers Mollie Rosier	Patty Owen
2:30	Council Comments	Patty Owen
3:00	BREAK	
3:15	Sexual Assault Response and Title IX – University of Alaska Mae Marsh, Saichi Oba	
4:00	TBD	
4:30	Recess	Patty Owen



Thursday, May 12, 2016

9:00 am	Chair Comments	Patty Owen
9:10	Executive Session: WISH	Patty Owen
10:00	Place for October 13-14 th meeting; confirm FY17 meeting dates	Patty Owen
10:15	FY2017 Budget Decisions Victim Services Batterer Intervention Services	Patty Owen
11:00	Prepare for FY2018 Budget Discussion	Lauree Morton
11:15	Military Sexual Assault Response	Robert A.K. Doehl, Deputy Commissioner, Military and Veterans Affairs
Noon	LUNCH	
1:30 pm	Alaska Safe Children's Act Task Force	Lauree Morton
2:00	Council Member Roles & Responsibilities	Susan Cushing
2:45	Sex Trafficking	Robin Bronen/Kari Robinson
3:30	BREAK	
3:45	Council Comments	Patty Owen
4:15	Workgroups : sexual assault response; MOU between departments	Patty Owen
4:30	ADJOURN	

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

**3rd Quarter Council Meeting
Department of Education & Early Development, State Board Room
Goldbelt Building, First Floor
810 W. 10th Street
Juneau, Alaska
February 24 – 25, 2016**

Committee Members Present

Richard Irwin - Chair
Susan Cushing
Commissioner Gary Folger
Rachel Gernat – telephonic
Jim Cantor
L. Diane Casto
Patricia Owen

Guests

Amanda Price – telephonic
David Wilson – telephonic
Heather Miller – telephonic
Saralyn Tabachnick
Brenda Stanfill
Suzi Pearson
Nicole Songer
Dawn McDevitt
Michelle Mahoney

Vicki D'Amico
Keeley Olson
Eileen Arnold
Shylena Monroe
Carmen Lowry
Rebecca Shields
Marilyn Casteel
Karla Reinhart
Beth Bogarde

Staff

Lauree Morton – Executive Director, CDVSA
Angela Wells
Evgenia Golofeeva
MaryBeth Gagnon
Meggie Reinholdt
Ann Rausch

Minutes Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. and roll call was taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

The Council members reviewed the agenda. Richard Irwin recommended extending the public comment time to 12:15 p.m. because of the volume of people signed in.

CONFLICT INQUIRY

Richard Irwin polled the Council members for any conflicts of interest and none were reported.

ANNOUNCE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Richard Irwin announced that nominations will be taken for the officers' election at this meeting.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Richard Irwin shared some encouraging words related to resiliency. He recited a quote, "A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor," as a reminder to those in leadership roles. He noted that just because the tide water may be absent, that doesn't mean that it has gone away, as tides come and go. In order for resiliency to have its full impact, every leader needs to have people in their life who provide steady, strong support through the challenges.

MINUTE REVIEW – DECEMBER 2015

Diane Casto **MOVED** to accept the minutes of December 8 – 9, 2015 as amended, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Folger. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**.
(7/0)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lauree Morton reported that the Council received the 2015 CDVSA Annual Report and a copy of the report was included in the board packet. The report is essentially a snapshot of the different prevention activities, victim service activities, training and technical assistance activities, and a general overview of what happened during FY15. Lauree stated that a copy of the annual report goes to the legislature, the Governor's office, all of the funded programs, the Council board members and stakeholders, and it is published on the CDVSA website.

Lauree Morton reviewed the documents in the board packets. She reported that human trafficking will be added to the May agenda, along with other reports related to sexual assault and sexual assault response both in the military and on campuses. Because of the changes in the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP) will be put on the summer agenda,

Other documents in the board packet included the victim services reports, the BIPs and emerging programs reports. Lauree Morton highlighted the following information:

AFS (Alaska Family Services): It was great to see their youth outreach. They have presented to over 474 students during the 15/16 school year. They conducted a COMPASS training. Lauree noted that in AFS's first quarter, they had 28 petitions for protective orders; in the second quarter, it had doubled to 56. She thinks that people are accessing judicial services when they need to, and was glad to see AFS was able to meet the need and provide the service.

AWIC (Arctic Women in Crisis): During the 2nd quarter, they had a total of 18 women and 16 children in residential services. AWIC hopes to partner with Iisagvik College to cosponsor the Girls On The Run program in Barrow.

BSWG (Bering Sea Women's Group): Kawerak, Inc. was a recipient of an Office of Violence Against Woman tribal grant, and BSWG will receive \$365,703 over a three-year period. Lauree Morton commented that that speaks to how the CDVSA-funded programs are working with tribes, their communities, and other organizations to provide the services to Alaska Natives in their communities.

USAFV (Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence): Lauree Morton stated that it is amazing what they accomplish with the small staff they have. In FY15, they had a total of 115 shelter nights, and in the first two quarters of FY16, they have provided more than 300 shelter nights.

Lauree Morton called attention to the outcome measures page to note that the measures, which are the stats related to the narratives, are averaging 80 percent. Lauree noted that CDVSA needs to urge programs to encourage their participants to take the time to complete the surveys.

Lauree Morton reported that AFS has brought to the Council's attention that the court system is now charging for records requests for client's judgments and that is putting a burden on the programs. CDVSA will be working with the court system.

The Juneau Accountability Program facilitated a cross-training with OCS employees. Lauree Morton noted that now the court is not the only way through which people can get referred to Batterer Intervention Programs, OCS also will make referrals.

Lauree Morton reported that the statistics for the Batterer Intervention Program and Prison Batterer Programs are included in the board packet.

With regards to the emerging programs, all three programs recognize that the grant is ending and the programs are looking for alternative funding. There has been a lot of training going on for each of the programs as they try to ensure that volunteers and people in the community know about ways in which they can assist victims that are coming to them seeking services.

Richard Irwin expressed the board's appreciation for the communication from the programs through the reports.

Rachel Gernat asked about the report from SPHH in Homer under challenges and concerns related to tactics used by the Homer Police Department regarding victims during forensic examinations, and asked if CDVSA has had to step in or what the current status was. Lauree Morton stated that the Council did not step in, and staff will get the board an update on it from SPHH.

Lauree Morton reported that at the last meeting, the board went through possible federal grant applications or solicitations, and subsequently the Council staff did apply for the rural grant. It is a competitive grant and if they are successful in receiving that award, they will be working with child advocacy centers across the state, in particular, one on the North Slope that is working to get itself organized and open. The Council intends to provide training; work as a partner with the Alaska Children's Alliance for advocacy throughout the state; work with child advocacy centers; and provide emergency transportation for three regions: Copper River, Bristol Bay, and Nome. Lauree stated the award will be announced in September. If the Council is successful, the three-year grant would begin in October.

Lauree Morton reported that the Council was not eligible for other grants either because other agencies were applying or time constraints. The Council will continue to be on the lookout for other grant opportunities.

FINANCIALS

Lauree Morton directed the members' attention to the financial report included in the board packet for period ending February 17th and the CDVSA current federal grant funding sources, award periods, and balances. Lauree reported that IRIS is still a concern, and there are some questions about the accounting. The report reflects the general fund spending authority, federal fund spending authority, the interagency receipt spending authority, and the line item categories of the budget.

Lauree Morton reported that one of the difficulties is that there was a mistake made early in the beginning of the fiscal year that had to do with recognizing the amounts of spending authority for the different sources, particularly with the federal funds and interagency receipts. Previously the Council had received state money from the Office of the Governor, but because of a lack of understanding, the amount in interagency receipts did not get reduced accordingly and the federal receipt authority did not get increased to allow for the \$500,000 additional VOCA dollars. Lauree noted that even though it is a paper problem and the Council has the funds, it's a real problem because of the mechanics that it takes in order to make adjustments when in an operating year. She stated that it could be that the Council is looking at cutting \$159,000 out of the budget for the remainder of the year. Lauree stated that the Council will certainly be working with Finance to see where they are allowed to adjust dollars. If the rural grant is awarded, CDVSA will have to go before the legislative Budget and Audit Committee to get the authority increased to be able to accept that money.

Susan Cushing asked for a clarification of travel funds. Lauree Morton explained that it is a combination of state and federal funds, and she offered to provide the Council members with a breakdown of the travel funds.

Lauree Morton reported that the FY17 budget presentation went well in the House. They spent over 45 minutes going through the budget, and a lot of time was spent on understanding the VOCA grant. One of the things CDVSA did differently this year is they went through each of the funding sources so they could get a better sense of the funding that was coming in, the purposes for which it could be spent, and how it had to be allocated from the federal levels and the different sources. It was a good conversation. The chair said he liked how the presentation was formatted and the flow of it.

Lauree Morton reported that because of the hiring freeze, they will not be hiring for the Office Assistant II vacancy, in fact, that position control number will go away, so the Council will actually lose that position from the office. Freda Westman, the Program Coordinator II, is anticipating retiring in May, and that position will likely remain unfilled.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Lauree Morton introduced two staff members, Mary Beth Gagnon and Megie Reinholdt, both who are Coordinator I staff members. Mary Beth Gagnon has been with the Council since April 2014, and her duties at the Council include management of the Kids Club Mom Empowerment program, and the grant for Justice for Families, which was previously the Supervised Visits Safe Exchange (SVSE) a grant that provides funding for the supervised visitation center in Fairbanks, as well as the additional component of increasing legal services, which is done through the ANDVSA. Mary Beth works with programs across the state providing technical assistance as their program coordinator. She works with AWAIC in Anchorage, AWARE in Juneau, AWIC in Barrow, IAC in Fairbanks, KIC in Ketchikan, a BIP program, SAV in Sitka, USAVF in Unalaska, and WISH in Ketchikan.

Megie Reinholdt has been at the Council since July 2015 and is still teasing out areas of concentration within Council's work. She works with six victim services providers and two corresponding BIP programs. She works with AVV in Valdez, CFRS in Cordova, KWRCC in Kodiak, SAFE in Dillingham, SPHH in Homer, the Lee Shore Center in Kenai, and the Kenai and Homer corresponding BIPs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Diane Casto stated that her last day at the Department of Corrections (DOC) is March 1, 2016, and she does not know who will replace her on the Council board. Diane reported that DOC is going in a new direction, and the intent at this time is to replace the two deputy commissioners with a deputy commissioner over institutions and a deputy commissioner over transition services, which includes probation, parole, and reentry work. Diane commented that a second hearing has been held on SB 91, which is the legislation that contains the recommendations from the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission. She noted that there were comments from the Office of Victims Rights pointing out some huge issues with SB 91. Diane commented that she saw a play that was presented at the Juneau Perseverance Theatre, "Our Voices Will Be Heard", which is a story written by a Tlingit woman about a personal experience related to sexual assault and family sexual abuse. It was quite powerful and she recommended seeing it if the opportunity presents itself.

Susan Cushing commented that Jessica Lawmaster has resigned and moved to Seattle and the search is on to fill her shoes. Susan shared an Alaska Dispatch commentary from 2015 written by Kalie Jo Erickson called *"We Alaskans Must Confront Our Demons, Protect Our Children"*.

Jim Cantor shared slides from the presentation to the legislature by the director of the Criminal Division. He reported that the Department of Law has their challenges. Their CINA case filings are up 55 percent from FY14 to FY15, and their staffing is essentially the same. Part of what seems to be driving that is that OCS has sharpened what it is doing, that it is not waiting until a child is in complete distress, it is also looking at children who are high risk. Jim stated that nobody is disagreeing that the cases are appropriate, but the question they are going to have to face as a society in Alaska is what can Alaska afford, and that debate is going on up on the Hill.

On the criminal side, they are accepting fewer cases, which means cases may not be prosecuted or prosecuted to the level that a victim would find acceptable, and that is just a reality of the budget.

On the felony side, 2013, the Department accepted 5,700 felonies for prosecution and declined 17.3 percent of what was referred to them, and in 2015, the Department accepted 5,400 cases for prosecution and declined 21 percent of what was referred to them. On the misdemeanor side, in 2013, the Department accepted 23,000 cases for prosecution and declined 7.4 percent, and in 2015, the Department accepted 17,000 and declined roughly 13 percent.

With regards to sexual assault and sexual abuse of minors, they have put a high priority on those cases. In 2013, 316 sexual assault cases were referred, 186 were accepted and 41 percent were declined, and in 2015, 434 cases were referred, 303 were accepted, and 30 percent were declined. Sexual abuse of minors followed the same trend; 35 percent declined in 2013, and 30 percent declined in 2015. The Council members asked for a copy of the presentation made by the Department of Law to the legislature.

Patricia Owen commented the DEED commissioner's last day is March 1st, and Dr. Susan McCauley will step in as the interim commissioner. Patricia reported that she has spent a good deal of time staffing the Alaska Safe Children's Act Taskforce. Patricia reported that they are still working on 4th R and reapplying for the 4th R federal funding. Patricia noted that she works on school emergency preparedness and has learned that child sex abuse, sex trafficking, and adult sexual misconduct in school are all things that connect this work with school emergency and crisis planning.

Commissioner Folger commented that the Council part of the job is something he really enjoys doing, and although the numbers they are seeing are still ugly, what the Council does is important. He stated that he appreciates Lauree's information and perspective on the proposed legislation.

Rachel Gernat stated that with regards to SB 91, she does not support it, that she sees a lot of problems with it. She's been working on an event in collaboration with the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary and AFS to address the issue of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Valley. Rachel expressed her appreciation for Jeannine Milne, who works for AFS and is behind a lot of outreach work that is seen in AFS's report. Rachel stated that she spent two days in Kodiak and was able to train a number of the advocates from the shelter program. She commented that the community in Kodiak has turned the corner as far as their multidisciplinary teams in child abuse and adult sexual assault and what they call extreme violence cases or the felon-level domestic violence. Rachel shared that she has been invited to speak at an AFS board meeting and is looking to do that perhaps in April.

Richard Irwin commented that he has had a busy season in terms of advisory roles with leadership and around trauma care and multi-faceted issues related to that. He shared that he is looking at introducing a new program particularly used in the health community regarding DV/SA and being able to provide trauma care. He is grateful for all the work that has been done and appreciates the engagement and investment people have made personally to be part of the Council's efforts.

PREA UPDATE

Diane Casto gave a brief history and overview of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, which is an act that applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders and is also applicable to community-based jails. It addresses both inmate on inmate sexual abuse and staff sexual misconduct. Diane reported that when she came to DOC, she was asked to meet with the PREA coordinator who commented that essentially Alaska is not in compliance and will never be in compliance, which was a rather stark statement. Diane attended a national presentation about PREA and how to become compliant. The areas that are problematic for compliance are related to costs, that in order to fully implement some of the national PREA recommendations, it was going to take an increased number of people, increased ways of how to do business, and in the economy and fiscal environment, it has been identified as problematic.

Diane Casto reported that the current standards for PREA were released in August of 2012 and states were given an opportunity to begin working towards compliance. Every state is struggling, although some states have come into compliance, so it is doable. It takes a lot of work and it takes funding and a commitment to do it. Diane stated that the State of Alaska has entered into a partnership with the western states to train in compliance audits. Four of the 12 Alaska's institutions have gone through a full compliance audit in 2014. There has been training and information available within the prison system for both staff and for inmates. Inmates are informed of how to report, what to report, when to report. Since the PREA standards were developed and the state has been doing training, reports have gone up. In 2013, 16 cases were reported; in 2014, 52 cases were reported; in 2015, 67 cases were reported; and to date in 2016, only 6 cases reported.

Diane Casto stated that each year the Governor has to sign a letter certifying that Alaska is either working towards PREA compliance or not. Governor Walker was informed that Alaska was not going to be compliant, and so he did not sign that Alaska was working towards compliance, which resulted in a 5 percent reduction of federal STOP grants, or \$42,000, and grant penalties. One of the reasons why Alaska is not pursuing PREA audits for 2015 and 2016 is because of the Governor's response to the 2015 DOJ certification letter for compliance, which is also being used as a reason to not work on compliance. Diane viewed that as a huge problem that needs to be addressed. One of the recommendations she made to the DOJ commissioner is that they need to reevaluate PREA, whether they think Alaska is going to ever be fully compliant. They should be doing everything possible to continue to move forward, to audit the programs to identify those areas that aren't in compliance, and move forward towards compliance. Prison rape is a huge issue. It is something that clearly needs to be stopped when someone is in their care and custody in the state.

Lauree Morton asked Diane Casto for a list of PREA activities that have been done by the state, because for the FFY14 grant, the state said that they would work on it, and then for the FFY15 grant, the state said they were not going to do it. The Council got a letter from OVW saying that they are aware that the Governor said Alaska was not working on compliance, which is true for FFY15, but if the Council can show the work that has been done when they were coming into compliance, she thinks she can relate that information to OVW and get the FFY14 funding. Currently, because OVW got the FFY 15 letter, they are wanting to go back and say we also cannot have the money for FFY14. Diane agreed to send the Council the information she has. With regards to next steps, she recommended that Lauree and the commissioners of DOC and DHSS meet with the Governor to discuss what efforts could be made to forward progress on PREA compliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was taken, and a full transcript was prepared.

WORKING LUNCH WITH ANDVSA

PEW JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

Terry Schuster, from the Pew Charitable Trust, joined the Council meeting and shared a presentation titled "*Alaska's Justice Reinvestment Report*". He began with an overview of who the Pew Charitable Trust is and what they do, and explained the technical assistance they were invited to give in Alaska and what that has resulted in, and about the reinvestment component of Justice Reinvestment, all of which has been incorporated into SB 91.

Terry Schuster reported that Pew Charitable Trust was invited to Alaska by Governor Walker to provide technical assistance to the commission that was created by SB 64 called the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission. They were tasked to look at the state's sentencing and corrections system. As part of Pew's technical assistance, they did a data analysis and worked towards identifying what is driving the prison growth in Alaska.

They brought their research and data findings to the Commission, and included research on best practices to reduce recidivism.

A report was issued by the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission in December 2015, and it contains 21 policy recommendations with supporting data and context for each of the recommendations. Terry Schuster noted that the main thrust of the report was that Alaska should focus its prison beds more on serious violent offenders and less on low-level offenders, and there are a number of recommendations that are specifically about groups of offenders. The concept of justice reinvestment is the state would pass measures that will help focus the state's prison beds on the people the state most wants to imprison and free up funds from those other prison beds that would not be used so that a portion of those funds can be reinvested into prevention and victim services, reentry supports, supervised pretrial in the community, and substance abuse treatment and other types of treatment. That is the concept of reinvestment.

Terry Schuster directed the Council members' attention to page 29, the impact projection section of the report. He explained that the graph is based on recommendations in the report, recognizing that the recommendations will result in substantial marginal cost savings and averted future costs savings, which would add up to a projected \$424 million state general funds savings over the next decade. The Commission strongly recommended reinvesting a portion of the savings into priority services.

Patricia Owen questioned who makes decisions on where the reinvestment savings funds go, and Terry Schuster answered that the Commission recommended five areas of reinvestment:

- Pretrial services
- Victims' services in remote and bush communities
- Violence prevention
- Treatment services
- Reentry and support services

He explained that the goal of reinvestment dollars under the justice reinvestment scheme is not a one-time windfall. The goal is to free up funds that have been spent year after year on prison beds that can be spent year after year elsewhere so that it would become part of a sustained budget to fund these kinds of services that are currently underfunded.

Terry Schuster reported that with regards to accountability, the recommendation of the Commission is to form an oversight taskforce whose responsibilities would include collecting data and outcome measures. Part of the oversight function would be to watch the savings and spending and advise each year on reinvestment funds.

When asked the question, what is the high-level response to the concern that deemphasizing lesser crimes and deemphasizing the tools that law enforcement has to deal with lesser crime can lead to less public safety, Terry Schuster stated that it becomes a matter of arrest versus citation. He stated that the longer someone is detained pretrial, the higher likelihood of a negative outcome. The commission crafted policy that would strengthen the presumption that some people are going get citations

instead of getting arrested, and recommended drafting a presumption for non-violent misdemeanors and non-violent Class C felonies and carve-outs for people who are a danger to others, which is where domestic violence offenders would be, and make sure law enforcement has the ability to make an arrest when they feel like one is necessary. Terry stated that it comes down to focusing resources on those identified as high risk, addressing criminogenic needs, and safely releasing and supervising defendants awaiting trial

COUNCIL JOB DESCRIPTION

Susan Cushing presented the first draft of the "*Roles and Responsibilities: Member of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*" for review. Susan requested that the agency representatives look at their particular portions and make revisions as needed to reflect their role on the Council. Lauree Morton noted that the language in blue type is what is different than previous versions.

Susan Cushing spoke about concern with the legislature's possible decision to appoint a seat to someone from the Military and Veterans Affairs, which would change the makeup of the board to four public members and six government appointments. Richard Irwin commented that the Network recommended another public member be added from the Interior. Rachel Gernat cautioned specific seat designations as it could become problematic. Lauree Morton stated that HB 269 and SB 150 is the legislation proposed to add the military appointment to the Council. Patricia Owen commented that a tribal representative should be on the board, perhaps from the Tribal Health Consortium.

Susan Cushing asked the Council members to review the draft CDVSA R&R and e-mail her with their recommendations and any other input before the next meeting. Richard Irwin commented that he recommends that there be an exit interview with departing Council members.

MOA WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS

Richard Irwin directed the Council members' attention to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) contained in the board packet and opened the floor to comments. Jim Cantor commented that it could wait until the end of the legislative session. Lauree Morton noted that the reason the MOU is before the Council in the first place is because in 2006 there was a legislative taskforce charged with reviewing the Council, the legislative and statutory mandates, and identify what was being done and what should be added or deleted. And one of the recommendations of that legislative taskforce was for the state departments and the Council to enter into a MOU. The manner in which the MOU is laid out has to do with the statutory mandates. Richard Irwin recommended tabling the MOU discussion until the next meeting when the legislative session is over and decisions have been made.

Susan Cushing **MOVED** to table the MOU review until the next meeting after the legislative session of 2016, **SECONDED** by Patricia Owen. During discussion, Jim Cantor expressed his appreciation to Lauree Morton for bringing it to the board's attention and all things like it that would otherwise be lost. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**. (7/0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – WOMEN IN SAFE HOMES

Susan Cushing **MOVED** that CDVSA goes into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the financial integrity of the organization, **SECONDED** by Patricia Owen. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. (7/0)**

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m.

DRAFT

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

**3rd Quarter Council Meeting
Department of Education & Early Development
State Board Room
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Committee Members Present

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Patricia Owen
Tara Horton (for Karen Forrest)

Guests

Dr. Andre Rosay
Karla Reinhart
Beth Bogarde
Bradly Griggs
Chris Ashenbrenner
Trevor Storrs
Shylene Monroe
David Wilson – telephonic
Jenine Milne – telephonic
Terry Schuster

Staff

Lauree Morton -- Executive Director
Angela Wells
Mary Beth Gagnon

Minutes Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Thursday, February 25, 2015
CALL TO ORDER – 9:10 A.M.
ROLL CALL

WELCOME AND REVIEW

Richard Irwin welcomed the Council members and guests to the second day of the CDVSA quarterly meeting.

Richard Irwin announced that the executive session was not completed on day one, and asked for a motion to return to executive session to finish the business.

Susan Cushing **MOVED** that they go into executive session to discuss matters pertaining the financial integrity of the organization, **SECONDED** by Diane Casto. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**. (4/0)

Upon returning to regular session, Diane Casto read the following statement:

“As a result of the CDVSA's executive session on February 24, 2016 regarding the current probation of the Women In Safe Homes (WISH) Ketchikan shelter program, I **MOVE** to modify the financial burden imposed on WISH in September 2015, returning to quarterly advance grant payments instead of monthly reimbursable payments. This change will begin with the FY2016 3rd quarter payment and continue through FY2016. Let it be clearly stated that this modification in no way reduces or diminishes the initial probation conditions, including the nine (9) specified corrective actions placed on WISH. All other probation conditions remain in place. While there has been modest progress made towards improving the identified concerns, more comprehensive and focused attention must be made to satisfy the concerns of the CDVSA members. Of particular concern are:

- Improvement of agency leadership/management to guide WISH and its services;
- Shelter practices for participants;
- Trauma informed philosophy, practice, and programming;
- Empowerment for staff and service participants;
- Rebuilding public trust, support and confidence; including improved community partnerships.

In making this motion, the CDVSA members recognize and respect the strong public concern expressed during the public comment section of the February 24th meeting, and thank those members of the Ketchikan community for stepping forward to express concern regarding the current situation, as well as a desire for WISH to resolve and remedy these issues to rebuild a strong, safe, and productive women's shelter for their community.”

The motion was **SECONDED** by Patricia Owen. After a brief discussion with comments from Karla Reinhart and Council members, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED**. (7/0)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lauree Morton directed the Council members' attention the document titled "*CDVSA Legislative Watch List*" and highlighted the following information:

- **HB 126** has passed the House and referred to Senate committees.
- **HB 147** was heard and held in House Judiciary Committee.
- **HB 221** was heard in and moved from House Judiciary Committee to House Rules Committee.
- **HB 269/SB 150** is a Governor's bill, referred to State Affairs Committee and Finance Committee, and has not had a hearing.
- **HB 287** has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **HB 295** has been referred to Health & Social Services Committee and Finance Committee and has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **HCR 21** has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **SB 21** has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **SB 91** has been heard in Senate Statutory Committee and is expected to move to Senate Judiciary.
- **SB 162** has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **SB 176** has not been scheduled for a hearing.

Lauree Morton noted that with regards to **HB 324**, which is an amendment to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board to clarify that an advanced nurse practitioner might be appointed to the board in the medical seat as an option, she recommended that since they have opened the statute, it may be a good idea to suggest adding a crime victim or a victim's advocate on that board. She noted that the Network is also interested in that idea, and they are going to be working with the sponsor to see about doing that.

Lauree Morton noted that with regards to **HB 334**, which relates to visitation and child custody, it does away with the rebuttable presumption that the Council worked very hard ten years ago to get into the statute. Currently, the language with regards to visitation and child custody is that if you are a victim of domestic violence, you can raise a rebuttable presumption that the offender not have child custody or that there are supervised visitations and put limits on it. The phrase is "has committed domestic violence", but the bill would change the language to a very high standard of being "convicted of domestic violence" or "convicted of sexual assault" before any protections could be arranged, and it moves over some criminal justice standards of clear and convincing evidence and evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that has to be proven before you can have these protections in place. CDVSA is very concerned about that legislation. The bill was just introduced, and Lauree noted that it may not move far, but it is out there.

Lauree Morton noted that with respect to **HB 310**, which is a 30-page rewrite of the Child in Need of Aid proceedings, it appears to be diluting the best interest of the child standard and raising parental rights to be at least equal to the best interest of the child.

With regards to SB 91, Lauree Morton noted that it is a work in progress. Many stakeholders understand that it still needs a lot of work to translate the intended concepts into statute, and Senator Coghill is being very responsive to try to work on those issues. There are constitutional questions about victim's rights that the Department of Law is reviewing, and other issues are being worked on.

DATES FOR FY2017 MEETINGS

The Council members had a brief discussion related to the meeting dates for FY2017. The following recommendations were made:

- July 20, 2016, half day, morning, telephonic
- August 17, 2016, half day morning
- October 13 – 14, 2016, 2nd Quarter meeting, face-to-face rural TBD
- February 2017, dates to be announced in conjunction with Network meeting, 3rd quarter meeting, two day meeting.
- May 3 – 4, 2017, two day, 4th quarter meeting

ELECTION: CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Richard Irwin opened the floor for nominations for chair and vice chair. Susan Cushing nominated Patricia Owen for chair.

Jim Cantor **MOVED** to elect Patricia Owen for chair and Rachel Gernat for vice chair, **SECONDED** by Diane Casto. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED. (7/0)** The action of the motion will take place at the end of the 3rd quarter Council meeting.

ALASKA VICTIMIZATION SURVEY RESULTS

Dr. Andre Rosay, the director of the Justice Center, joined the meeting to speak to the Council about the Alaska Victimization Survey results. Dr. Rosay shared a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about the history and process that was used for the survey. He noted that the purpose of the survey was to examine the prevalence of intimate partner violence and sexual violence in Alaska. He stated that the survey does not measure how often people are victimized, so the results cannot be compared directly to statistics from law enforcement, because law enforcement data is about incidents, whereas the survey looks at the number of victims rather than the number of victimizations.

Dr. Rosay reported that the survey was conducted statewide in 2010 and 2015 and regionally in 2011 and 2014. He noted that between May and August 2015, 3,027 adult women were surveyed. Dr. Rosay highlighted the following information from the survey:

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE:

Lifetime estimates:

- Intimate partner violence, 40.4% of adult women in Alaska have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, which equates to more than 100,000 women.
- Threats, 25.6 percent have experienced threats in their lifetime, which equates to more than 67,000 women.

- Physical violence, 39.6 percent have experience physical violence by a romantic or social partner in their lifetime, which equates to over 100,000 women.

In 2015:

- 6.4 % experienced intimate partner violence or more than 16,000 women.
- 3% experience threats, almost 8,000 women.
- 6% physical violence, over 15,000 women.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE (Not restricted to intimate partners):

Lifetime estimates:

- Sexual violence 33.1% or over 87,000 women
 - Alcohol or drug involved sexual assault, 22.6%, or 59,710 women.
 - Forcible sexual assault, 23.5%, or over 62,000 women.

In 2015:

- Sexual violence 2.9% or over 7,600 women.
 - Alcohol or drug involved sexual assault 2.0% or over 5,200 women.
 - Forcible sexual assault, 1.6% or over 4,200 women.

SUMMARY FOR LIFETIME ESTIMATES:

- 50.3% of women, or 132,895, in Alaska have experienced sexual violence or intimate partner violence or both at some point in their lifetime.

SUMMARY FOR 2015:

- 8.1% of women or 21,401 women in Alaska have experienced sexual violence in the past year.

Dr. Rosay stated that the survey does have some important limitations that make the survey results conservative including:

- The stigma of reporting sexual violence.
- The survey is designed to provide one statewide average.
- The survey excludes women who are likely to have higher victimization histories than the ones that were included in the survey.
- The survey excludes women without a phone, not living in a private residences, and non-English speaking women.
- The survey measures the number of victims, not victimizations.
- The survey did not measure all forms of intimate partner violence.

In looking at trends from 2010 to 2015, Dr. Rosay reported that the trend is declining substantially with dramatic declines in both intimate partner violence and sexual violence from 2010 to 2015. Although the survey is not designed to be an evaluation of efforts, it does show that Alaska is moving in the right direction and that the efforts are working. Unfortunately, the numbers are still atrocious and unacceptable, but there is hope in knowing that Alaska is starting to see a difference.

In conclusion, Dr. Rosay stated that for Alaska to be freed from domestic violence and sexual violence, Alaska must continue the efforts of the prevention services, crisis intervention, and perpetrator accountability so the trends keep decreasing, and in five years from now, they would hope to see even lower numbers. Dr. Rosay noted that they are scheduled to present the survey results at the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 14th, 2015.

Susan Cushing expressed the Council members' appreciation for the work that was put into the survey, and since it was a big part of the CDVSA budget, it is good that it has proven to be worthy data. Lauree Morton noted that she sent Council members a document with talking points in case there are questions by the public or media about the survey or the results.

TOUR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MEDICAID UPDATE

Chris Ashenbrenner, the Medicaid expansion coordinator for the Department of Health and Social Services and former Council member, joined the meeting to give the Council an update on Medicaid expansion. She was joined by Bradley Griggs, who is the section manager for the Treatment and Recovery Section of the Division of Behavioral Health which facilitates the grants for both mental health and substance abuse statewide and has offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau.

Chris Ashenbrenner referred the Council members to the handout titled "*Medicaid in Alaska: January 2016 Report Month*", which is the Medicaid dashboard that gives statistics regarding how many people are currently on Medicaid programs, demographics, and a breakdown of the number of people who have enrolled in Medicaid expansion. She reported that as of January, there are over 10,000 lives covered by Medicaid expansion and approximately 135,000 people overall on Medicaid and Medicaid. One of the big drivers for implementing Medicaid expansion was the federal money that came into the state to pay the claims, funds that are not currently requiring a state match. In January, there was approximately \$35 million in federal money that had gone out to pay claims all over the state. She noted that the expansion since September 1st is 8%.

Council members' questions included:

Q: What was the original estimate of percentage of expansion, how much growth do we believe will continue in that area of expansion?

A: We projected last year that the first year of Medicaid expansion, which would be September 1, 2015 to Aug 31, 2016, approximately 20,000 people would enroll in expansion. Overall, there is about approximately 42,000 people in Alaska who are potentially eligible for expansion, but we do not expect they will all enroll. They expect when they obtain full enrollment, there will be approximately 30,000 people enrolled in this group.

Q: What did the expansion include?

A: The expansion group is a group of people who are low income, or under 138% of poverty level, previously uninsured, and did not fit into a Medicaid group.

Large numbers of uninsured Alaskans now have coverage under this new group of Medicaid.

Q: What do you expect to see for changes?

A: We expect to see new federal revenue to the state; less uncompensated care, which has been running in hospitals alone at approximately \$100 million a year; decrease in the overall cost of medical care by not having so many uninsured people; reduced cost in prison healthcare, and released citizens are able to access healthcare, which is a large opportunity to help with our state budget problems; a positive effect for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to be able to access healthcare for therapy, physical ailments, and prescriptions, and a safe way to access healthcare that is confidential.

Chris Ashenbrenner reported that the activities in the Department include working on reform bills and initiatives, working towards care management and plans to curb cost and cost containment, working to refine tribal policy changes, and working on behavioral health access initiatives.

Bradley Grigg reported that with regards to the behavior health piece, the biggest concern is resources to serve the increased number, not only people coming from corrections, but people in the community who are now eligible for Medicaid. There is currently funding in the GF budget through grants, but the target population for most of the services that are delivered are the Medicaid eligible population. So as they look at the behavioral health initiatives and expansion, access to care from the behavioral health standpoint is the challenge. Behavioral Health has had funding in GF in grants, and the reality is those grants will continue to provide services that the current Medicaid plan does not provide reimbursement for, for example, substance use services excluding residential services. Alaska is in the early stages of pursuing an 1115 waiver, drafting a wavier that would open the door for agencies who are serving some of our clients who need the long-term substance use disorder services. It would allow agencies to bill for the services they area already providing, which takes less GF dollars.

Bradley Grigg reported that another piece of the puzzle is the prison-based reentry process and how to cover returning citizens and continue to work on community connections. The next steps include working with agencies and enhancing their resources through workforce development. With an anticipated 30- to 40,000 new people enrolled as a result of expansion, if even half were in need of behavioral health services, the current grantee population has to expand the workforce to be able to provide those services.

Bradley Grigg reported that some challenges facing the behavioral piece are related to the lack of detox services, access, and capacity. Another challenge is related to the statutory language around Medicaid in the behavioral health world. There is grantee language that basically means you have to be a grantee of the state to earn grant funds, and an avenue for behavioral health to bill Medicaid is to actually have a grant. There are private providers that provide substance use disorder services throughout the state that currently are not able to bill Medicaid because the grantee language prohibits them

from being a Medicaid billing agency to provide the services. This is a challenge that is currently being worked on.

In closing, Chris Ashenbrenner noted that they are proceeding cautiously, and they want to make more access, but not at the expense of the current grantees who are under grantee requirements. She stated that they want to be careful not to expand the Medicaid budget by making hundreds of new providers without any sort of limits around reporting and how they bill. Overall, the demand for services is an issue, and that could be addressed by building a payment structure and system that focuses on early services.

SAFE CHILDREN'S ACT UPDATE

Trevor Storrs, with the Alaska Children's Trust, joined the meeting to update the Council on the Safe Children's Act,

The Alaska Safe Children's Act Task Force, also known as Erin's Law and/or Bree's Law, was presented to the legislature by Senator Tan, but did not pass. The following year she submitted it again with the support of Senator Gardner, Senator McGuire, and Representative Millett, and through the work of Senator Anna MacKinnon, who was able to build the bridges that were necessary between the opposing sides, they developed the Safe Children's Act, which specifically focuses in on five areas:

- Child sexual abuse
- Suicide
- Teen violence
- Alcohol
- Disabilities related to alcohol abuse (FAS)

The taskforce has been actively meeting since fall of last year with the sole purpose of making recommendations to the Department of Education specifically on the curriculum that will be offered to both the teachers and students around the topic areas, as well as the content of each one. The taskforce has been looking at evidence-based specific curriculum for districts to choose from, recognizing that each community is different with different needs, different viewpoints, and different desires, and looking at evaluation tools to ensure best practices. With regards to the teacher training, they are looking at the DOE's online system as the best and easiest way to reach all the teachers across the state to ensure teachers have access to the trainings that they are required to have. Funding wise, the Alaska Children's Trust, the Rasmuson Foundation, the Mat-Su Health Foundation and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority have been approached and are open to funding some of the developments, as well as working with the DOE to look at the potential funding that's coming for supporting the schools and trying to define the technical assistance piece. The taskforce is very conscious about recommendations and also recognizes the need for sustainability.

Lauree Morton noted that the Council will be involved in the accountability piece as they are statutorily responsible for monitoring what school districts are using for child abuse education.

The taskforce will end June 30th, and the law won't be implement for another year. The emphasis of the teacher prep and university courses part of HB 44 requires these set of courses before a graduate can obtain their teaching certificate, which is a big change for new teachers.

SART TRAINING VIDEO

Rachel Gemat and Angela Wells presented the SART video to the Council and gave an update on the training. Angela reported that there are two statewide SART trainings a year, one in March in Anchorage or Fairbanks and one in November in a rural area or region-specific area. These trainings hold approximately 50 people. The training covers different options depending on the community needs; a novice session or advanced session. The statewide trainings require a team: a prosecutor, a nurse, an advocate, and a law enforcement officer all to be present and be a team at the table. The next statewide training is scheduled for March, 21-24. On March 25th, they will have a trainer's face-to-face meeting to decide how to move forward with the video project.

Rachel Gernat reported that the three-day training in Sitka went well. The group was not ready to go to the statewide training, but they were able to begin the process of developing a plan to collaborate with all the disciplines and work towards developing a SART program. Rachel noted that the video series is a really great way to reach the smaller communities who want to get basic understanding of SART and how to get started. One of the goals with the training video is to allow the programs to have it on site to view.

Lauree Morton noted that the some of the STOP discretionary funds are used for SART training. Angela Wells has taken over the coordination of the project and is doing an excellent job. The trainers are some of the most skilled people in their individual disciplines in the state. Another ancillary material is the booklets on community guidelines for developing SART teams that go out to communities as well. Lauree Morton stated that it is a really dynamic and growing endeavor to go from those two statewide trainings a year to as many of the regional ones as they can do.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Richard Irwin opened the floor for closing comments from the Council members.

Patricia Owen commented that she thinks the Council is a functional group and she will enjoy being the new chair. She liked having the time with the Network and listening to the public comment.

Jim Cantor commented that he looks forward to meetings with dread, but he comes out of this group's meeting with a lot of ammunition to help him do his job and to help him communicate what this group's job is to the people that he has to communicate with. The dread is overrated and the meeting is worthwhile.

Commissioner Gary Folger commented that the work of CDVSA is so important that it is one of the pieces of his job as commissioner that he enjoys doing to further this cause.

Lauree Morton commented that she appreciates the Council's attention and that the members come prepared. She also liked the time with the Network during the quarterly meetings.

Diane Casto thanked the Council for allowing her to be with them for the last couple meetings. It has been great to see the progression of the efforts.

Susan Cushing commented that the Council has been a highly functional collaborative team. She wrote a short tribute for Richard, which she recited:

Richard, as chair, you have brought to the Council
a kind of leadership that helped us reach out more
to those whose hands are clenched,
to those who have no pillow to lay their heads,
to those innocent children who cry at night,
to their parents who need mentoring.
The philosophy, "let's front load, not back fill",
kept the Council digging deeper into prevention.
Thank you for your reminders to always do more.
It's been an honor.

Rachel Gernat thanked everyone for their service and collaboration. She noted that even though she declined nomination for chair, she is committed to doing the work and feels confident that she will be able to support Patricia in her role as chair.

Richard Irwin commented that he feels honored and privileged to have been a part of the group and is grateful for Lauree's mentoring. He is grateful for people's patience and perseverance and feels very honored to be a part of this team and looks forward to the days ahead and keeping the cause in clear focus.

ADJOURN

Richard Irwin adjourned the 3rd quarter Council meeting at 5:07 p.m.

INDEX OF ACRONYMS

AAVP	Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention
ACEs	Adverse Childhood Experiences
AFS	Family Services – Palmer
AHFC	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
AJP	Alaska Justice Project
ANDVSA	Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
APD	Anchorage Police Department
AST	Alaska State Troopers
AVV	Advocates for Victims of Violence - Valdez
AWAIC	Abused Women's Aid in Crisis - Anchorage
AWARE	Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies - Juneau
AWIC	Arctic Women in Crisis - Barrow
BRFSS	Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey
BIP	Batterer Intervention Program
BSWG	Bering Sea Women's Group - Nome
CBIM	Coaching Boys Into Men
CDVSA	Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
CFRC	Cordova Family Resource Center - Cordova
CUBS	Childhood Understanding Behaviors Study
DBH	Division of Behavioral Health
DHSS	Department of Health & Human Services
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOL	Department of Law
DPS	Department of Public Safety
EED	Department of Education and Early Development
FVPSA	Family Violence Prevention Services Act
GOTR	Girls on the Run
GTEA	Grants to Encourage Arrest
HOPE	Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies
HUD	Housing & Urban Development
IAC	Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks
KCME	Kid's Club Mom's Empowerment
KWRCC	Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center - Kodiak
LSC	Lee Shore Center – Kenai
MFCC	Maniilaq Family Crisis Center - Kotzebue
MOA/MOU	Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding
OCS	Office of Children's Services
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OVW	Office of Violence Against Women

PRAMS	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
PREA	Prison Rape Elimination Act
PEC	Proposal Evaluation Committee
RFP	Request for proposals
SAFE	Safe and Fear Free Environment - Dillingham
SAFV	Sitkans Against Family Violence - Sitka
SAP	Sexual Assault Prevention
SART	Sexual Assault Response Training
SASP	Sexual Assault Services Program
SCS	Seaview Community Services - Seward
SPHH	South Peninsula Haven House - Homer
STAR	Standing Together Against Rape - Anchorage
STOP	Services Training Officers Prosecutors
SVSEP	Supervised Visitation Safe Exchange Program
TA	Technical assistance
TWC	Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel
USAFV	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - Unalaska
VCCB	Violent Crimes Compensation Board
VJF	Victims for Justice – Anchorage
VOCA	Victims of Crime Act
WAVE	Working Against Violence for Everyone
WISH	Women in Safe Homes - Ketchikan
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

LOCATION

Department of Education & Early Development, State
Board Room
Goldbelt Building, First Floor
810 W. 10th Street
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Tuesday, February 24, 2016
11:50 a.m.

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Attendees:

Richard Irwin - Chair
Susan Cushing
Commissioner Gary Folger
Rachel Gernat - telephonic
Jim Cantor
L. Diane Casto
Patricia Owen

Staff:

Lauree Morton Executive Director, CDVSA
Angela Wells
Evgenia Golofeeva
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 LAUREE MORTON: Just so you know for the
3 folks online, you may want to mute yourself until it is
4 your turn to speak.

5 RICHARD IRWIN: Is there anyone else
6 online? Okay, thank you.

7 What I will do is we will go right down
8 through the list as I have it here in order. I was
9 going to say, why don't we start with Representative
10 Ortiz, since he is present here. Could we do that?
11 What we are going to do is we have two minutes each to
12 be able to get through everybody and we are going to be
13 timing it. So, thank you.

14 Yes, wherever you'd like. You can sit
15 there, too.

16 LAUREE MORTON: You can stand or pull up
17 a chair.

18 RICHARD IRWIN: Pull up a chair.

19 REPRESENTATIVE ORTIZ: Good morning,
20 ladies and gentlemen. For the record, my name is Dan
21 Ortiz, I am the District 36 representative, and as such
22 I represent the communities of Wrangell, Ketchikan,
23 Hydaburg, Metlakatla, Hyder, and Saxman, and probably a
24 few other smaller -- even smaller areas of rural
25 Southeast Alaska as well as the community of Ketchikan.

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1 I am coming before you today, first of
2 all, in thanks to this body and to the CDVSA as an
3 organization for all the work that you do on behalf of
4 women throughout Alaska and the effort, you know, to
5 provide safety and sanctuary and an opportunity for
6 them to, you know, have refuge when refuge is needed.
7 So I really appreciate the efforts of the CDVSA.

8 I come to you today also with some
9 concerns about the process or a situation that has
10 developed down in my community of Ketchikan, Alaska.
11 The board members may be aware that the WISH facility
12 in Ketchikan, Alaska has been put on probation, and my
13 concerns about that situation lie primarily around the
14 process of how that was done.

15 I had spoken previously to Commissioner
16 Folger, as well as to your executive director, about
17 the situation. They came, first of all, to me about
18 that situation, and this was approximately about three
19 weeks ago, and informed me of the probationary status
20 that the WISH facility was put under.

21 It's my understanding that that
22 probationary status was started in September via a
23 letter of notification approximately on or about
24 September 6th. I was -- like I said, I was informed
25 about this about three weeks ago and I had heard a

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1 little bit about some of the issues that -- supposed to
2 be done.

3 In any case, my issue here is notice and
4 process. It is my understanding, after looking into
5 the situation quite thoroughly from many sides of the
6 perspective, that the process was one where there was
7 an investigation done in July and the facility was then
8 put under probation in September without any written
9 notification, communication on the part of the CDVSA
10 towards the people at WISH and the executive director
11 at WISH. There was no written communication there at
12 all, and so I have a problem with that.

13 I am not here to speak about the issues
14 as to what might have caused them to be put under
15 probation, you know, I think you will hear about those
16 issues today from some of the speakers, but to me there
17 has to be a better process.

18 So I am strongly encouraging this board
19 to look at the possibility of restating --
20 reinstating WISH and take them off that probationary
21 process. I think you will hear that there has been
22 some gains, significant adjustments made by the people
23 at WISH to adjust to the concerns of the CDVSA, and
24 them being put under this situation has put them in a
25 really dire financial situation. And so I am strongly

1 encouraging you to lift that probation.

2 And with that, I thank you very much.

3 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you.

4 REPRESENTATIVE ORTIZ: I am sorry, I
5 probably took about four-and-and-half minutes at least.

6 RICHARD IRWIN: For those who are
7 present, if you would like to be able to communicate
8 more than what you are able to present just in the time
9 allotted, please, if you would, put that in writing, we
10 would appreciate it a lot. So you are welcome to do
11 that too. Thank you for taking the time.

12 We will start with Brooke. Brooke, are
13 you there?

14 BROOKE AVILA: Yes, I am here. Can you
15 hear me?

16 RICHARD IRWIN: Yes, we can. Thank you.

17 BROOKE AVILA: Okay. I just have some
18 concerns about the current board of directors, and the
19 makeup doesn't reflect the community that we serve.
20 There is no evidence that the board is following a plan
21 or has plans or policy regarding the recruitment or
22 involvement from the Alaska Native or Filipino
23 communities for the governing board of WISH. Only one
24 member to my knowledge is Alaska Native, and no other
25 minority group is represented at this time.

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1 The current board makeup is, I believe,
2 four Caucasian men, one Alaska Native woman from a
3 rural community, and four Caucasian women. Also the
4 manner in which WISH advertised the annual meetings and
5 elections wasn't conducive to allowing for nominations
6 of interested people for the board positions available.
7 There was not, to my knowledge, any ads or notice
8 inviting any person to submit an application for the
9 election for board members, nor any public notice or
10 recruitment done for the board position for Prince of
11 Wales or Petersburg.

12 At the annual meeting, there was no
13 formal nominations of the board-selected candidates,
14 they were already preprinted on a ballot. It was only
15 after challenging several of the board members, the
16 board finally agreed to allow nominations from the
17 floor, but the people nominated weren't afforded the
18 same opportunity as the board-selected candidates to
19 say anything about themselves or why they wanted to
20 serve on the board.

21 Of the members that night, who were
22 nominated from the membership on the floor, four of
23 them were Alaska Natives and none of them were elected.
24 There are still questions over the way the votes were
25 tallied as the number of members present didn't seem to

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1 add up to who was present and voting.

2 LAUREE MORTON: You are at your two
3 minutes.

4 BROOKE AVILA: Okay, thanks.

5 RICHARD IRWIN: Again, I want to -- for
6 those that on online, let everybody know that you are
7 welcome to submit in writing the thoughts that you
8 haven't been able to communicate via telephonically.
9 So, thank you very much, Brooke.

10 Naomi?

11 NAOMI MICHALSEN: I'm going to defer to a
12 couple of people, if that's okay, that have to go back
13 to work. Dara Otness. Some people are on their lunch
14 hour, if that's okay?

15 RICHARD IRWIN: Sure.

16 DARA OTNESS: Hi. My name is Dara
17 Otness. I am a Tlingit resident from Ketchikan,
18 enrolled KIC member, and a paid WISH member. I would
19 like to thank the Council for allowing me to speak and
20 also for approaching everything in what I feel is
21 unbiased and fairly based on the information that you
22 are given.

23 I was given the opportunity to read the
24 publically available documents, and as WISH member at
25 the top of the organizational chart, I would like to

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1 sincerely apologize for the unprofessional response to
2 the probation letter given by WISH.

3 From my perspective, it seems as though
4 WISH is being blamed for -- sorry -- WISH was blaming
5 CDVSA and their staff for issues that WISH should be
6 taking responsibility for.

7 At the annual meeting, the board chair
8 expresses her uncertainties for the order of events
9 that needs to be established. Establishing a quorum
10 was suggested by an employee after the board chair
11 asked what to proceed with next.

12 At the annual meeting on January 27th,
13 2016, there was a perceived conflict of interest stated
14 when the candidates listed on the ballot were
15 introducing themselves. One board member introduced
16 herself as a Vigor (ph) employee, followed by another
17 current board member and candidate who introduced
18 himself as the general manager of the same company,
19 Vigor (ph). How is the employee supposed to vote on
20 how she feels, if appropriate, if it conflicts with the
21 general manager of the company she works for; could
22 this jeopardize her current employment; could she vote
23 a different way if she feels it could, whether she
24 voices this concern or not.

25 The professionalism expected of being on

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1 the board should probably be clarified. One board
2 member sighed heavily and rolled her eyes repeatedly
3 during public comment when a former executive director
4 spoke at the annual meeting, as well as the February
5 21st -- sorry -- February 17th meeting. I made
6 eye contact --

7 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay, our time is up, so
8 would you do the same, please, and submit your comments
9 in writing.

10 DARA OTNESS: Okay. Where do I submit
11 those?

12 RICHARD IRWIN: You can submit them to
13 the CDVSA office in Juneau.

14 DARA OTNESS: Okay. Is that -- when will
15 they -- when will they be read?

16 RICHARD IRWIN: Whenever they get here,
17 I'm assuming, so whenever that is.

18 DARA OTNESS: Is that through e-mail,
19 correct, that's okay?

20 RICHARD IRWIN: Yes, that would be great.

21 DARA OTNESS: Okay. Thank you.

22 LAUREE MORTON: For everybody to know who
23 might be preparing written comments, you can e-mail
24 them to Angela, a-n-g-e-l-a, dot, Wells, w-e-l-l-s at
25 alaska.gov, with Alaska spelled out. We will make them

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1 available to Council members as they come in.

2 RICHARD IRWIN: All right. Was there
3 someone else there that was online that was going to
4 speak instead of Naomi?

5 VIVIAN BENSON: Yes. My name is Vivian
6 Benson, and I am (indiscernible) from Metlakatla, and I
7 am also a member of KIC here in Ketchikan.

8 I would like to thank the Council for all
9 the hard work that you've been doing and thank you for
10 your time that you have spent in the onsite review of
11 WISH. I believe it's been very thorough and that you
12 are clearly working with them to rectify what's going
13 on, but my issue here is the staff grievances and I
14 believe that grievances used to be followed in steps.

15 All employees could file a grievance
16 against another staff member which had to be put into
17 writing if it could not be talked out between them. It
18 then went to the supervisor if there was one. After
19 that, the executive director heard the grievance, and
20 if it was not resolved at that level, it then went to
21 the Executive Committee of the board. If an employee
22 was still not satisfied, then it went to the full board
23 for the final step.

24 If a grievance was filed against the
25 executive director by either a client or staff, the

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1 grievance went to the executive committee, and if not
2 resolved, then went to the full board.

3 If there is not a procedure for filing a
4 grievance to the executive director for staff or
5 clients, if the board does not want to be involved in
6 the client or staff issues, then the procedure must be
7 developed that gives both clients and staff the
8 opportunity and ability to have their grievance heard.
9 A solution could be to have a personnel committee that
10 is made up of people who are not staff or board and who
11 have no conflict of interest to hear the matter.

12 Staff, even former staff have a right to
13 a copy of what is contained in their personnel file in
14 order to respond to either a grievance or to use in
15 filing an appeal with the Alaska Department of Labor.

16 RICHARD IRWIN: Vivian, you are out of
17 time at this point. So again, we'd appreciate you
18 submitting your materials in writing would be great.

19 VIVIAN BENSON: Okay. Thank you.

20 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you very much. So
21 for everyone else, try to keep in mind to keep your
22 statement succinct so we can make sure that you have
23 the time allotted here. Thank you very much.

24 Okay, if you would please, to remember to
25 mute your phones after you are done speaking, that

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1 would be great.

2 So Tawna or Dara?

3 DARA OTNESS: Tawna is not here, she had
4 to be at work and she will send something in writing.

5 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay, thank you. Angela?

6 ANNE LUCAS: I don't know if you mean
7 Anne, Anne Lucas.

8 RICHARD IRWIN: Angela Blandoff.

9 LAUREE MORTON: Blandoff.

10 RICHARD IRWIN: Blandoff. Thank you.
11 David Wilson?

12 DAVID WILSON: Yes. Good afternoon,
13 board members. I'd first like to say sorry to hear
14 that Ms. Casto will leaving CDVSA. I want to thank her
15 for her time and dedication to the state services. We
16 enjoyed her help at DBH in prevention and among other
17 areas.

18 I am here to speak about sort of the
19 batterer intervention programs and the benefits of the
20 batterer intervention programs and hope that the
21 Council will reconsider the \$200,000 off the chopping
22 block from the batterer's programs.

23 Alaska Family Services is one of the
24 grantees for the Batterer Intervention Program. We
25 both have a community batterer program and a

1 prison-based batterer program.

2 FY14, that year, out of the 227 intakes
3 that were completed, AFS, they had 49 -- 45.9 percent
4 of those intakes, and of those people that completed
5 the program throughout the year, we've had 35.7. It's
6 important when we look at recidivism rates for the past
7 two years, our program has had 11 percent recidivism
8 rate with those programs.

9 A lot of the new safety checks, even
10 though there were a handful of safety checks that
11 program provides, a lot of the folks, the victims of
12 the services are given information about accessing
13 services for the victims through the police officers or
14 just through giving the police affidavits. It's a
15 helpful reminder to know that there is someone out
16 there, if she chooses to receive help, that there is
17 someone out there to receive those additional help and
18 services.

19 It is a useful program. It helps to keep
20 the batterer in line with the -- or else, matter of
21 fact, after the probation period ends if they are still
22 within the program, it helps keep that accountability
23 there for the batterers.

24 With that, I just want to keep in mind
25 that, you know, sort of without the community-based

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1 program, it would be hard to keep the prison-based
2 programs in line as well, because many of the
3 prison-based programs are co- -- are also by the same
4 entities, and it would be hard to keep funding for one
5 without even funding for the other. Thank you for your
6 time.

7 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you, David, and
8 thank you for all you guys are doing. We appreciate it
9 very much. We're grateful.

10 Okay. Next will be Beth.

11 BETH BOGARDE: May I speak from here?

12 RICHARD IRWIN: You're welcome to if you
13 want. Speak nice and loud though.

14 LAUREE MORTON: Yes, project.

15 BETH BOGARDE: Project, okay.

16 My name is Beth Bogarde. Can you all
17 hear me?

18 My name is Beth Bogarde, I am the
19 executive director of WISH, Women In Safe Homes, in
20 Ketchikan. First of all, I would like to thank you for
21 listening to us in Ketchikan. Also, I would especially
22 like to thank Mary Beth Gagnon and Ann Rausch for their
23 trip down last week to help us in our progression of
24 the conditions that we're placed under with the
25 probation status. They have been very enlightening,

1 very helpful.

2 And as they stated at the final board
3 meeting that they passed -- we passed, the personnel
4 files are all in order, the training files are all in
5 order, the participant files are all in order, our
6 financial records by our auditor and the worker's comp
7 have been exemplary. We are working on meeting the
8 other conditions as required in order to no longer be
9 placed on probationary status.

10 So I also want to briefly comment if I
11 have a moment. At present we have a fantastic
12 conference going on in Ketchikan and it is all about
13 trauma-informed care. We have Linda Chamberlain,
14 Trevor Stores, and a host of other persons down there.
15 The attendance has been phenomenal. It is for
16 Ketchikan. We have over 150 participants from all
17 community partners, all entities, and so it is really
18 fantastic support.

19 I would like to say as far as the board
20 composition -- sorry -- when one looks at one, one
21 never knows their ethnicity, so actually we have more
22 than one Alaska Native person on our board. Thank you.

23 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you, Beth. Again,
24 please take advantage of being able to get some things
25 in writing.

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1 BETH BOGARDE: Thank you.

2 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you for being here.

3 Okay. Karla.

4 KARLA REINHART: Hi there. I'm Karla
5 Reinhart, I am the WISH board chairperson. Thank you
6 for allowing us to be here and speak. And I would like
7 to reiterate everything Beth had said, and thank Mary
8 Beth and Ann for their visit last week, it was very
9 helpful.

10 I'd like to say that I think
11 communication between WISH and CDVSA is much better
12 now. I think it was lacking before and so we're
13 growing on our end and I believe it's the same on the
14 Council's end, so I appreciate that.

15 I also have a letter from our CPA that
16 would -- if I could hand one out to each of you --

17 RICHARD IRWIN: Sure.

18 KARLA REINHART: I might just have enough
19 copies.

20 RICHARD IRWIN: Keep talking though.

21 KARLA REINHART: It spells out the
22 financial burden much better than I could explain.
23 Just from being put on a reimbursement mechanism
24 instead of -- sorry. So anyway, that is just FYI to
25 explain that.

1 And our board, Beth talked about that.
2 Looks aren't everything, and we don't have on our
3 application, you know, your -- put down your ethnicity
4 or whatever. I believe that could be against the law
5 if we ask people that. I'm sorry.

6 Anyway, we have looked to make up a very
7 diverse board, professional backgrounds included. We
8 have somebody from mental health, somebody from
9 medical, somebody from law enforcement, you know, so we
10 bring all aspects from our community into it.
11 Survivors of DV, we've got a few of those as board
12 members as well. So diversity wise there is more to
13 look at than just in your face being one way or
14 another. Thank you.

15 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay, thank you. Anne?

16 ANNE LUCAS: Yes, Anne Lucas from
17 Ketchikan, Alaska. I am an educator in pre-K through
18 grade 12, and I'd like to say that I'm a retired
19 educator, but like my sister, Chris Ashenbrenner, we
20 just find it hard to stay retired.

21 My current job puts me in direct contact
22 with students and families who have experienced trauma
23 either in the past or currently. And I would like to
24 comment on the probation status of Women In Safe Homes,
25 WISH, in Ketchikan.

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1 In order to comment, I'm taking a short
2 break from a three-day (indiscernible) summit in
3 Ketchikan sponsored by WISH. This summit resulted --
4 had a turnout from many segments of our society, and
5 it's really a privilege to be included in this valuable
6 learning experience. There is lots of positive
7 connections being formed within our community of
8 Ketchikan (indiscernible), and it is a stellar example
9 of the fine work that WISH is doing.

10 And the last two WISH board meetings that
11 I attended, they were crowded with people. Some of
12 them were disgruntled, ex-employees and
13 ex-participants, and their relatives, and they put
14 forth the idea that WISH was in trouble and might close
15 because the Council put them on probation.

16 An annual report was filed with -- filled
17 with progress and I just want -- I don't know if the
18 Council had an opportunity to read that copy of the
19 report or if they would read the minutes from the last
20 year and find out the progress that's being made. But
21 this summit, this support from our community that's
22 going on right now in Ketchikan is just proof that they
23 are doing a good job.

24 RICHARD IRWIN: Your time is up, Anne.

25 ANNE LUCAS: I'm just asking you to

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1 consider at least to change the reimbursement of funds
2 so WISH can be financially stable as they work out the
3 probation. Thank you.

4 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you. Gigi?

5 GIGI PILCHER: Thank you for allowing me
6 to address you today. I'm going to try to state very
7 quickly and I will have written comments to send.

8 First of all, I was born and raised on a
9 reservation in New Mexico. I moved to Alaska, to
10 Ketchikan 43 years ago. And I, my children and
11 grandchildren, are all enrolled members of Ketchikan
12 Indian Corporation.

13 I worked as a staff at WISH from -- well,
14 first I worked as a volunteer from '77 to 1980, and as
15 a staff from 1980 until 2003 when I retired. I was
16 then called back out of retirement by the board for a
17 four-month period because there was a problem had
18 arisen with the new executive director.

19 I don't have a dog in this fight. I've
20 heard a lot of people talk about disgruntled this and
21 disgruntled that. My concern is I devoted and
22 committed 27 years of my life to Women In Safe Homes,
23 and it saddened me to hear over and over again from
24 people in the community, especially women that had been
25 at WISH who have felt that they were treated very

1 disrespectfully and that they no longer were receiving
2 the services that WISH had been known to provide
3 before.

4 I just wanted to let you know that on
5 February 17th, I represented a member of -- 40 percent
6 of the membership by turning in a petition to the board
7 of directors signed by 40 percent of the members, at
8 least. I tried to ask, that was what I was told was
9 that there was a membership of 71, and we had a
10 petition signed by 30 members requesting that there be
11 a membership meeting called by the members.

12 RICHARD IRWIN: Gigi, you are out of
13 time.

14 GIGI PILCHER: One last thing. I just
15 want to ask you folks, is there going to be any kind of
16 inquiry into the status of Angeline Dundus (ph)?

17 RICHARD IRWIN: I don't know that we can
18 comment on that at this point. Thank you though for
19 brining it up.

20 Okay. Dan -- excuse me -- Don Moss?
21 Don, are you there?

22 Well, she was -- Naomi, are you there?

23 NAOMI MICHALSEN: I sure am.

24 RICHARD IRWIN: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought
25 you were -- I thought you were leaving.

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1 NAOMI MICHALSEN: Oh, no. Some of the
2 other people had to leave for lunch, so I wanted to --

3 RICHARD IRWIN: Oh, I'm sorry.

4 NAOMI MICHALSEN: -- so I wanted to --
5 yeah, no, that's okay.

6 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay. Go ahead.

7 NAOMI MICHALSEN: Good afternoon. My
8 name is Naomi Michalsen and I live in Ketchikan. I am
9 also a KIC tribal member and also a WISH member. I
10 served as the executive director of Women In Safe Homes
11 for seven years and worked for a little over a decade
12 at WISH, and left my position in 2013 to spend more
13 time with family.

14 I, like Gigi, don't have a dog in the
15 fight, but have been approached by people with
16 concerns: program participants, past employees,
17 community members, people in the rural areas, and then
18 finally heard about the probation, and I am very, very
19 concerned.

20 Throughout all the recent news articles
21 and the radio interview and the public meetings held
22 here in Ketchikan this past month, and all these things
23 that folks are talking about are recent, even after the
24 probation, there are hidden and important voices still
25 very much unheard.

1 This is the voice of the survivors, not
2 once have they been able to speak, they weren't
3 mentioned in any of the articles gone public, and we
4 all know why. The reason we are all here in this
5 moment together is because of the voices of the
6 survivors, I believe. And if it weren't for the
7 dedicated staff and the leadership of the Council,
8 these voices and concerns may have never been ever
9 heard.

10 And I know you know the Council's mission
11 is to promote the prevention of domestic violence and
12 sexual assault, to provide safety for Alaskans
13 victimized or impacted by domestic violence, but it is
14 also by demanding accountability, perpetrator
15 accountability, and also program accountability.

16 One of the CDVSA's 18 shelters within the
17 state of Alaska main goal is to eliminate the barriers
18 that increase, that survivors have to access safety,
19 and --

20 RICHARD IRWIN: Naomi, you're --

21 NAOMI MICHALSEN: -- to find that --

22 RICHARD IRWIN: Your time is up. I'm
23 sorry.

24 NAOMI MICHALSEN: I'm sorry, but I just
25 say that the victim blaming attitude by, you know, the

1 board, it seems, and in there are what we need to stand
2 up against so that people can say --

3 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay.

4 NAOMI MICHALSEN: -- you know, what
5 happened to you instead of what did you do, and I find
6 it very sad.

7 And I just want to say thank you to the
8 Council for taking your time, and if there is progress
9 with the probationary status, then let's hope that
10 there continues to be progress and the probation
11 continues. Thank you very much.

12 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you. And, again,
13 you are welcome to submit your thoughts in writing. We
14 would appreciate it very much.

15 NAOMI MICHALSEN: Okay. We'll do that.
16 Thank you so much.

17 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay. Thank you. So
18 that's everyone I have on my --

19 DON MOSS: Hello there. This is Don
20 again. I accidently got disconnected.

21 RICHARD IRWIN: Oh, okay.

22 DON MOSS: May I speak now?

23 RICHARD IRWIN: You're welcome to.

24 DON MOSS: I'll make it real quick. I
25 know you folks are probably hungry.

1 Anyway, I'd like to thank CDVSA for its
2 support of all the shelters in the state of Alaska, for
3 the policies and the direction and the assistance that
4 you give.

5 I came on the board after the probation
6 period started. I've read up on it. I've talked with
7 CDVSA people and other board members who are involved.

8 First of all, again, my name is Don Moss,
9 and like I said, I'm on the board, again, was elected
10 just a couple of months ago, and I served on the board
11 some years ago. I am once again serving as treasurer
12 for the board.

13 I am not concerned so much about the
14 issues that are in the probation that need to be
15 resolved, because I believe the board is working in the
16 right direction as attested to by the two members of
17 CDVSA who recently spoke to the board, and I really
18 appreciate their help and their honesty and
19 forthrightness in the way they presented the
20 information they had.

21 However, I am quite concerned about this
22 reimbursement process. No. 1, I feel it is
23 unnecessary.

24 No. 2, at this point -- let me clarify
25 that. At this point in time I feel it is unnecessary.

1 No. 2, I believe it's harmful to our
2 internal accounting processes and it makes it very
3 difficult for us to get our accounting reports out on
4 time.

5 So I would like at the very least to
6 have -- for the Council to return us to the normal
7 operating procedure for funding, we would really
8 appreciate that.

9 One other item is that I've known for
10 some time that there's some issues the board needed to
11 address and they are doing that -- we are, I should
12 say -- we are doing that, and they have been doing it
13 for the last two months, probably not as quickly as
14 some people would like, and there is more to do.

15 So I just wanted to say that I also
16 wanted to say thank you to CDVSA for all that they do.
17 And I do recognize one problem that was mentioned --

18 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay --

19 DON MOSS: -- by a speaker earlier, and
20 I'm not sure what's going to be done about it, but I
21 personally see this as a problem. That is the lack of
22 representation on the board by Native -- Alaska Native
23 people. And I hope that the board is going to be able
24 to do something about that. I know I will be bringing
25 it up at the future meetings. I don't know what can be

1 done, but I just wanted to acknowledge that that does
2 appear to be a problem. The one Native board member we
3 have is from a remote community, so she, of course,
4 goes to the difficulties that everyone does --

5 RICHARD IRWIN: Don, your time is up. So
6 thank you very much. And you are welcome to submit
7 those comments in writing. We would love to hear them.

8 DON MOSS: All right. Thank you.

9 RICHARD IRWIN: Thank you.

10 LAUREE MORTON: I believe we have some
11 written comments.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have not gotten
13 anything in writing at this point for anything.

14 LAUREE MORTON: Didn't we bring some
15 written comments?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I brought the
17 e-mails that were submitted to say put me on the list.
18 I don't have anything that was written out to read.

19 LAUREE MORTON: Okay.

20 RICHARD IRWIN: Okay. So I think that's
21 the end of the public comment anyway.

22 (Public comment concluded)

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I was a client several times throughout my life, as was my mother. Recently I lived at WSH in AUG 2014, and May 2015

Gloria Burns was the manager in AUG 2014. She ran a great ship. She was ~~outgoing~~^{going} respectful, concerned for all clients & their well being. Staff Janet, Cami, Tawna, Amanda ~~was~~ were awesome and I felt at that time Nicole too was positive. I was a participant because of DV with my husband.

In May 2015, we were evicted from our apt due to the drama from my mother & siblings, who were arrested for meth distribution. Colleen was the new WSH manager. She had no people skills for helping women, poor interaction to being negative to staff & clients. However Nicole as well used manipulation & intimidation and their position to control clients & run WSH. They both intimidated me that I would have to leave. (with my 13 year old) They said it came from Beth the director that only DV assault cases would be allowed to stay or let in

yet after this statement & giving lectures & "exit" dates, ~~not~~ let in those released from jail for even assaults

They helped clients the most that did their bidding, kept mouth shut.

they chose who came into shelter & who could not. Including a drug abuser kicked out of car house, & WISH 2's but allowed in as was told was Beth's niece

They allowed some clients in that were drunk high, stayed out all night, yet some were not so lucky.

Like my friend Angeline Dundas. She stayed out, next day came & wanted to stay; her stuff was packed & wasn't allowed to say bye. 12 hrs or so later Duns the first who found her dead, on cling facebook. I told staff if we could they could do something. They were unemotional & said if anyone needs to talk can come to office. To me they acted like didn't ~~care~~ care.

I urge the CDVSA to please put in place staff training specializing in DV, Assault, Trauma, Violent situations. I urge a

safety plan/check in with clients on how they're being treated, changes they (who live there) think will help or need. The menu + meals are done in a timely manner as also the shopping + food left upstairs.

A check that staff are not to treat clients inferior, nor are staff superior. Intimidation not be allowed staff to clients

A safe check on how clients are receiving help to support them emotionally, housing, mental health and in addition

End of my stay I felt desperate hopeless, severely depressed, unsupported and scared, with no place to go..

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My name is Anne Lucas, from Ketchikan, Alaska. I am a educator PreK through grade 12 – I'd like to say I'm a retired educator, but like my sister Chris Ashenbrenner, I find it hard to stay retired. My job puts me in direct contact with students and families who have experienced trauma – either in the past or currently.

I would like to comment regarding the Probation Status of Women in Safe Homes (WISH) in Ketchikan. In order to comment, I am taking a short break from a 3-day Thrive Summit in Ketchikan, sponsored by WISH. This summit resulted in a record turnout (more than 150 people) from many segments of our society. It is a privilege to be included in this valuable learning experience. Positive connections are being formed within our community at this summit -- and it is a stellar example of the fine work that WISH is doing.

At the last two WISH Board Meetings that I attended in Ketchikan, some disgruntled ex-employees and ex-participants, and their relatives put forth the idea that WISH was in trouble and might close because the "Council" put them on probation. The Annual Report that was filled with the progress and outreach of WISH was ignored. The correspondence between CDVSA and WISH was obtained by these people and disseminated amongst them, fueling their fire.

I'm asking the council to consider the source of these complaints, and to look at the annual report and the board minutes from the past year to find proof of positive progress.

I'm also asking that you take steps to return WISH to a reimbursement of funds that is financially stable.

Wells, Angela E (DPS)

From: dlotness <dlotness@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 12:18 PM
To: Wells, Angela E (DPS)
Subject: Fwd: Dara otness public comment

I had an additional comment that I forgot to include in my original letter, Addition: the WISH board was not following the Open Meetings Act at the 1/27/16 and 2/17/16 meetings. We were told at the annual meeting and February meeting that they do not need to provide us with the responses to CDVSA because those documents are confidential and they are dealing with them.

----- Original message -----

From: Dara Otness <dlotness@gmail.com>
Date: 02/24/2016 12:13 PM (GMT-09:00)
To: angela.wells@alaska.gov
Subject: Dara otness public comment

Good morning,

My name is Dara Otness, I'm a Tlingit Ketchikan resident, KIC tribal member, and a paid WISH member. I would like to thank the Council for allowing me to speak and also for approaching everything unbiased and fairly based on the information that you are given. I was given the opportunity to read the publicly available documents and as a WISH member at the top of the organizational chart, would like to sincerely apologize for the unprofessional response to the probation letter given by WISH. From my perspective it seemed as though WISH was blaming CDVSA and their staff for issues that WISH should be taking responsibility for. I request based on the following recent reasons that the council has the board complete the necessary training to do their jobs efficiently.

At the annual meeting, the board chair expresses her uncertainty for the order of events that needs to be established- establishing a quorum was suggested by an employee after the chair asked what to proceed with next. At the annual meeting there was a clear conflict of interest stated when the candidates listed on the ballot were introducing themselves. A current board member and candidate introduced herself as a Vigor employee, followed by another current board member and candidate, who asked the board chair before introducing himself "Are you okay with this? Us doing these introductions? Okay, great, ..." who continued introduced himself as the General Manager of Vigor. How is the employee supposed to vote how she feels is appropriate if it conflicts with the general manager of the company she works for. Could this jeopardize her current employment? Could she vote a different way if she feels it could, whether she voices the concern or not?

The professionalism expected of being on a board- One board member sighed heavily and rolled her eyes repeatedly during public comment when a former Executive Director spoke at both the annual meeting as well as the 2/17/16 meeting. I made eye contact with that individual and stated each time that it was unprofessional and rude. That person, who was sitting 2 chairs away from the Chair, proceeded to stick her tongue out at me and make faces.

How to hold elections - I asked for clarifications on how to vote and stated that it wasn't clear on how to vote and we weren't given instructions. A clear answer was not given. There were several people sitting around me that were still unclear on how to vote and so I asked for clarification again and it was still not made clear. We were voting without the knowledge on how to vote. I was actually able to see many people's ballots because papers were passed around the room to everyone that had a name tag, which we were told when we signed in

was required to be presented to receive a ballot. Personally, I had a hard time keeping track of my name tag because my baby kept taking it off my shirt and folding it up. Also, it was not publicized that we could fax in our ballots. I would have taken this option if i had known it was available because I had 3 kids there, including my infant, who was talkative the whole meeting.

What is confidential and what is not. It has been established several times that certain things are confidential. Who is entitled to that confidential information? The Board confirmed at the 2/17/16 meeting that two staff members regularly sit in on executive session where confidential matters are discussed. Along with the confidentiality comment - Isn't it the duty of the Chair to provide all other board members with the same information or concerns brought up so that they can all make educated decisions to do what is best for WISH. I know that several board members are not given all of the information. After I expressed interested in participating in committees, the Chair, offered to get me information on the committees and I requested that she email me she stated that she didn't have my email. That statement in itself was offensive because I had copied the chair on all of my correspondence with getting my personnel file. I brought it to their attention that I had copied her on all of my emails and none of the board members had a clue what I was talking about and only then did she say she will have to go back and look for my email.

As you can see from these recent examples, there is a lot of training that the new Board needs. I would also like to suggest sensitivity training. Many people who choose to be involved members of WISH, including myself, are survivors of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault...or both. I would kindly like to request that if you continue to fund WISH that you take this into consideration and recommend the necessary training so that the Board of Directors can use their good intent in the most efficient way to make the best decisions for WISH.

Thank you,
Dara Otness
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Current Status as of one week ago, Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at WISH Board Meeting

1. Board refused to answer the question as to how many members WISH. On February 17th. One of the board members said they weren't answering any questions by members or the public.

The question asked was to verify that WISH has 71 members as reported to the board and membership at the Annual Meeting a week before.

At that time, after board refused to answer, I turned in a petition signed by 30 members, or 40% of the membership, as per 1999 By-laws which required twenty percent of the membership, requesting that a special meeting of the membership be held.

2. Unanswered questions by the board regarding a variety of issues remains. The board was/is very adversarial when asked any questions.

3. While the board may be sending you documents that you have requested, it remains to be seen if all of what they claim has been done has really been done when they say it was done.

The board was very verbal in saying they want the CDVSA off their "backs" at the meetings held on January 27th and on February 17th.

4. The lack of empathy for clients or program participants was exhibited in remarks made at both meetings, regarding substance abuse and mental illness.

5. It was apparent that there is still confusion or a clear policy/procedure regarding clients who may have been drinking. Some board members say there is other board members say it hasn't been settled.

6. Based on my experienced, many of the problems and concerns for

and by clients/program participants has to do with lack of direct service staff. Too many "managers" for such a small number of employees.

From 1984 through 2002, Wish had five full time adult advocates with one part-time adult advocates. They were supervised by a Shelter Coordinator who also provided direct services.

In addition, trained direct service volunteers were utilized. We had staff from KIC coming in to do two groups/classes a week as well as meeting with mural clients at the Shelter. We also had a weekly substance abuse information class taught by staff from the Gateway Human Services. This allowed for direct service staff to conduct support groups on DV and SA as well as a group for people who had been child victims of violence. We provided education classes on DV/SA. This staffing also allowed staff time to spend in the shelter with the clients and to have address any facility issues regarding health and safety.

Over those years, the bed count was around 25 plus cribs and we provided more shelter nights to more clients than what WISH currently reports for 2014, 2015, and 2016.

We had a real Children's Program that provided groups for kids who were from homes where DV was/had occurred. We provided groups for kids who were victims of child sexual and physical abuse, provided advocacy for kids and one on one counseling.

The staffing for that program was a Children's Program Coordinator, full time Child Advocate, part-time Child Care Specialist and a number of active volunteers.

Wish had a fantastic Education and Rural Program that was staffed by a Coordinator and by a VISTA volunteer.

Wish had a active volunteer program, a quarterly newsletter and a very fantastic and beautiful web site maintained by a volunteer.

The most important thing to board, staff and volunteers was that safety was our number one priority and that clients were treated with respect and empowerment.

We served the clients.

Wish worked cooperatively with law enforcement and various community agencies through out our service area of Petersburg, Wrangell, Prince of Wales and Metlakatla.

We worked to empower the grass roots all-volunteer programs in those communities with the goal of them someday being able to provide immediate safety services as well as other services within their own communities. They were always autonomous of WISH and had very strong support in their own communities.

Today WISH a Executive Director, a executive assistant, Finance Manger and finance clerk who send everything to a CPA in Anchorage to do the monthly, quarterly finance reports and payroll. 12 years ago WISH had a ED with a Business Manager who did al,reports and payroll in house.

Today Wish has a Shelter Manager, Assistant Shelter Manager, three full time advocates plus some on-call or part time advocates. no Children's Program but they have one child advocate.

The Education and Rural Outreach Program is about the only thing Wish has going for it right now, with two staff who seem to be trying very hard to provide some great prevention activities and education. In viewing WISH today, TheI am sadden to see and hear that much of what was done over the twenty-seven years I was involved with WISH has been diminished.

Clients or program participants are no longer treated with respect or empowered. Instead they feel threatened by the staff, express that the main staff are on power trips and afraid of doing something wrong and being kicked out if the shelter.

But my biggest disappointment and greatest sadness is that a young woman, a mother, was refused re-entry to the shelter because she had spent the night before out. Despite returning to the shelter the next day sober, the staff had already, before she had even returned, packed up her belongings. Less then 12 hours later this young Native woman was found floating in Tongass Narrows. She drowned but the question remains as to how she got into the water.

Did she fall, jump or was she pushed/thrown off the dock ?

There is much concern and some anger as well as to why she was refused entry that day.

There is also a lot of questions, heart break and more anger that as of today, in less than a two year period, there is one dead Native woman and four missing Native men in ages ranging between 69 years old to 20 years old.

What assurances are there that another woman will be turned away by untrained or uncaring staff

In the forty years that WISH has been in existence I know of no other woman who came to Wish for safety, was refused entry and died.

Until the board and staff really get the training needed and until leadership is provided by both the board and administration I do not see Wish providing quality services that they once took pride in providing.

The buck stops at the top. The membership is suppose to be at the "top" of the slick little organizational chart they include in their grant, with the board answering to the membership and the Executive Director answering to the board.

The reality is that the problems Wish is having stems from a dysfunctional program being administered by a board who believes everything they are told by their administration and who blames Ketchikan Indian Corporation along with disgruntled ex-employees for spreading lies.

Reality is that until Wish can demonstrate that they are not only following regulations, their own policy and procedures there will continue to be problems.

They have recently, as if one week ago today, continued to demonstrate they are unwilling to listen to the membership, accept offers of help, and to SERVE the clients with respect and empowerment.

The training the board and administration needs to be specific to DV/SA programs providing safety, advocacy and support services.

2/24/16

Good Afternoon! My name is Naomi Michalsen, and I live in Ketchikan.

I am speaking today regarding Women In Safe Homes and their current probation status, which is on the agenda later this afternoon.

- Throughout all the recent news articles, radio interviews and public meetings held here in Ketchikan this past month, there are hidden and important voices still very much unheard. I believe, that is the voice of survivors.....the reason we are all here in this moment together now. If it weren't for the dedicated staff and leadership of the CDVSA, these voices and concerns may not have ever been heard.
- The Council promotes the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault and provides safety for Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault through a statewide system of crisis intervention and support, and by demanding perpetrator accountability. I believe that this also includes program accountability.
- As advocates, one of our main goals across the state has been to eliminate barriers and increase survivors' access to safety, resources and support. Victim-blaming attitudes are one of these barriers and place survivors in greater danger.

We as an Alaskan community need to continue to:

- Challenge victim-blaming statements when you hear them
- Do not agree with abusers' excuses for why they abuse
- Let survivors know that it is not their fault
- Hold abusers accountable for their actions: do not let them make excuses like blaming the victim, alcohol, or drugs for their behavior
- Acknowledge that survivors are their own best experts and provide them with resources and support
- Avoid victim blaming in the media
- Reframe the question "Why does the victim stay?" or "What did you do" to "Why does the perpetrator abuse?" or "What happened to you?"

A Definition of Advocacy I'd like to share: To advocate means to stand with and to give voice to those whose voices have been subdued.

If a domestic violence shelter is not advocating for those whose voices have been subdued.....who will, who can?

The WISH logo symbolizes being sheltered under the wing of Thy protectionit symbolizes love, peace and protection.

WISH should be a place of HOPE, love and healing, of reconnecting with our spirit and, a place to find our voice and strength.... A place to learn about, or remember and revisit many of our traditional Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian teachings such as:

- Women are Sacred
- Respect for each other, the earth and all things, and
- the injury of one shall be considered the injury of all, the comfort of each, the comfort of all, the honor of one is the honor of all.

We are reminded as advocates that if you are aware of abusive behavior and do not speak out against it, your silence communicates implicitly that you see nothing unacceptable taking place. The CDVSA became aware of certain behavior and has spoken out against it. As difficult as this may seem, it's usually more difficult and takes longer to do the right thing. I appreciate CDVSA's effort and time taken to ensure that people can access needed services safely and without judgment.

To the CDVSA Staff, ED and Council Members: I would like to thank you for your service and challenging work you have accomplished and the endless work still yet to do. I hope the CDVSA continues to operate with a clear vision, a pure heart and an attentive ear.

The core of our work to end violence is said by Archbishop Desmond Tutu:
That Justice demands 3 things:

1. The truth be told
2. To whatever extent possible the harm be repaired, and
3. The conditions that produced the injustice be changed

This (Justice), I believe, is what the CDVSA is striving for as should the current leadership at WISH. If there has been progress made at WISH within the last several months, how will the CDVSA ensure that this progress is continued?

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WISH Member,
Naomi Michalsen

February 24, 2016

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

I am Vivian Benson of Metlakatla, AK. I belong to the Lak Skeeg (Eagle) Clan. I am Tsimpshian/Tlingit. I live here in Ketchikan Alaska; I am a paying member of WISH. I am a member of Ketchikan Indian Community. I have 4 children, 7 grandchildren.

I worked for WISH starting in January 2010 starting as the Program Assistant – Acting Finance Manager – Director of Finance – Acting Executive Director/Director of Finance, I filled in when then ED Naomi Michalsen was out of the office/while she was on sabbatical/and finally when she turned her resignation in. My last day at WISH was July 31, 2014

I would like to thank the council in all the hard work you do and thank you for the time spent on the onsite review that I know was very cooperative with WISH. And that you are showing that you are willing to work with WISH to make ensure that all involved will be taken care WISH board, Staff, and most important that persons who do not/or cannot speak for themselves.

Staff grievances use to be followed in steps. All employees could file a grievance against another staff member which had to be put into writing if it could not be talked out between them. It then went to the supervisor if there was one. After that, the Executive Director heard the grievance and if it was not resolved at that level it then went to the Executive Committee of the Board. If the employee was still not satisfied then it went to the full board for the final step.

If a grievance was filed against the Executive Director by either a client or staff, the grievance went to the Executive Committee and if not resolved, then went to the full board.

If there is not a procedure for filing a grievance against the Executive Director, for staff or clients of if the Board does NOT want to be involved in client or staff issues then a procedure must be developed that gives both client and staff the opportunity and ability to have their grievance heard. A solution could be to have a Personnel Committee that is made of of people who are not staff or board and who have no conflict of interest to hear the matter.

Staff, even former staff has a right to a copy of what is contained in their personnel file in order to respond to either a grievance or to use in filing an appeal with the Alaska Department of Labor.

If a staff member was terminated and refused to sign the letter of termination it was policy and procedure to send it by certified mail with return receipt.

As of today there is still a great deal of confusion in this matter, of how to file a grievance and if it will truly be heard.

At the recent board meeting I and along with other members there witnessed a current staff employee get up and speak to the board that she was trying to write a grievance regarding the current administration and told the board that if she is given a termination she will go after WISH for a wrongful termination, this same employee stood up three weeks' prior at the annual membership meeting talking about how WISH staff was just wonderful to work with. I don't know what happened between January 27th and February 17th in 3 weeks.

But that sure sends a loud statement for the board and the membership as well as you the Council that there is still something really wrong with the administration staff and the board to cause this employee to put the administration and board on notice don't you.

I feel strongly that WISH should still be kept on probation; I think that with the council having WISH on probation the staff and board will think (at least I hope) about turning any one away from any of the services that WISH provides. Until they WISH are operating under an understanding that they are there to help the persons that do not or cannot have a voice of their own.

Also I believe that you can have them change the policies to reflect how they should handle policy and procedures, the policy is not the main issue the issue is will they follow these policies time after time they have picked and choose which ones to follow and ignore.

Training of the staff if all good and the entire trauma informed training that they can take will not change the way they think. Which are all victims is a cookie cutter victim.

Thank you again for listening to me and I do believe that you should keep WISH on probation.

Have a wonderful day

Vivian Benson

Community Prevention Snapshots 2015



Domestic
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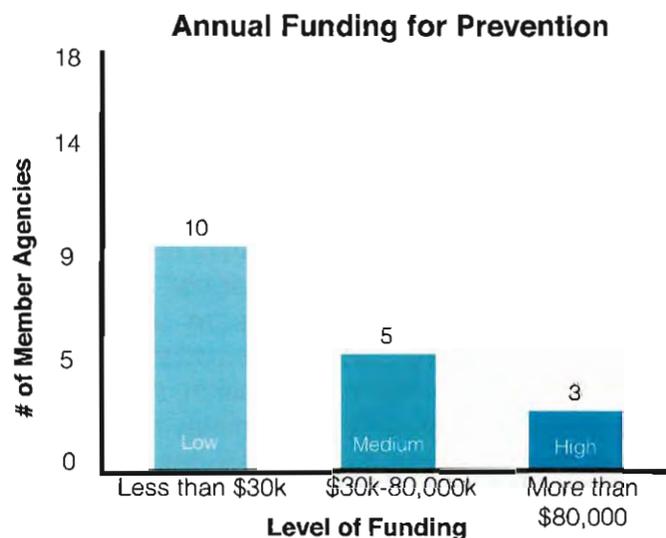
Building Comprehensive Prevention in Alaska

Domestic violence, sexual assault, and teen dating violence are critical problems occurring within Alaska at unacceptably high rates. According to the 2015 Alaska Victimization Survey, half of adult women in Alaska have experienced intimate partner violence or sexual violence within their lifetime, and 1 in 12 women have experienced this violence within the past year. Preventing these destructive acts of violence demands support and action from all sectors of our society. In order to create substantial, long-lasting change, we are building comprehensive prevention programming within our communities across Alaska. Violence prevention is not just a one-time presentation in a classroom or a singular community awareness event. Comprehensive violence prevention requires varied, theory-driven, socio-culturally relevant strategies that are recurring and pervasive across multiple settings. To be effective, programming must acknowledge the needs of a wide range of community members and foster stable, healthy relationships that reinforce positive social norms.

Each year, ANDVSA member agencies are interviewed by ANDVSA prevention staff in order to learn about their annual prevention programming and level of resources. In 2015, agencies were assessed according to 5 types of capacities that are needed to implement effective prevention programming. These include: *Partnerships, Programming, Evaluation, Organizational Structure, and Resources for Prevention*. This assessment tool was designed to inform funders and stakeholders about different types of resources required for agencies to be successful in preventing domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaskan communities. ANDVSA is also using this assessment to work with agencies to improve their understanding of how prevention activities can become more comprehensive and the steps fundamental to that growth over time.

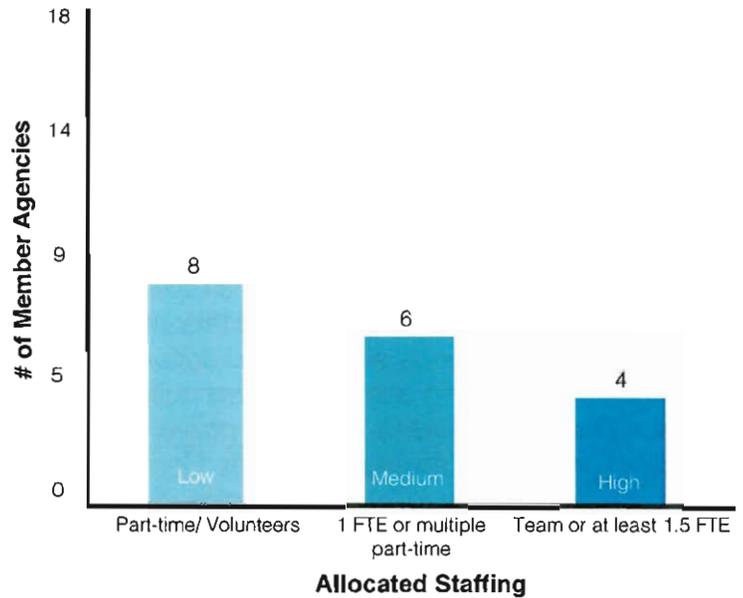
Sustained Funding and Adequate Staff are Critical to Comprehensive Prevention

During the past six years evaluating violence prevention programming, the ANDVSA team has observed that it takes three to five years of dedicated prevention funding for an agency to begin implementing comprehensive prevention programming. However, the majority of ANDVSA member agencies have not been receiving this sustained funding, and 10 out of 18 agencies are operating with an annual prevention budget of less than \$30,000. This is not enough funding to support even one full-time prevention position. Currently, 14 out of 18 ANDVSA member agencies rely on one or fewer full-time staff to manage and implement all prevention programming.



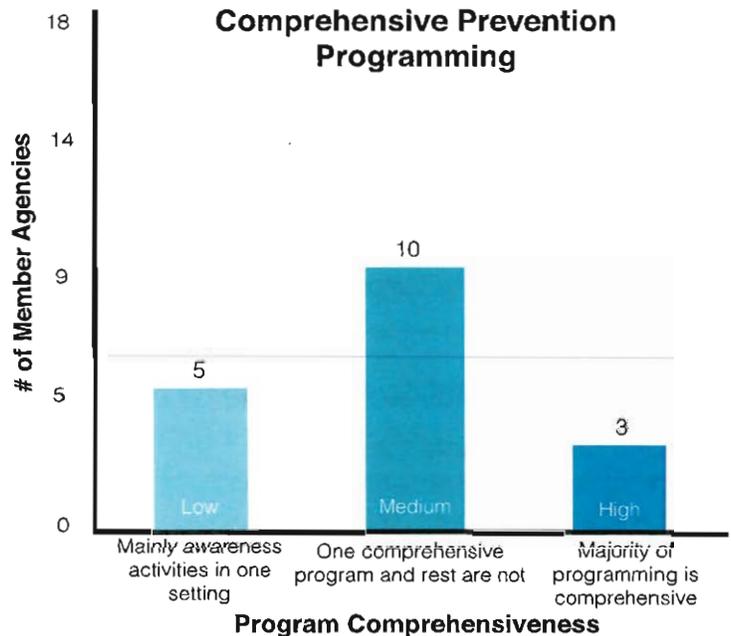
Establishing a team of well-trained, supported prevention staff who have the capacity to coordinate, plan, and evaluate comprehensive prevention programming is essential for prevention to be effective. The complexity of violence prevention demands partnering across community sectors to focus on addressing the shared factors that contribute to violence. Sustained staff time and funding is required to build and maintain integral relationships over time. These staff positions are at risk of being lost when prevention funding is decreased.

Staffing for Prevention



As resources for prevention increase, agencies can expand their programming to become more comprehensive. However, learning how to best implement comprehensive programming takes time and hands-on technical assistance. ANDVSA staff has observed that agencies that have received at least three years of technical assistance and sustained funding for prevention have increased the comprehensiveness of their prevention programming. This momentum continues as communities sustain prevention staff, partnerships, and programming to end violence.

Comprehensive Prevention Programming



Next Steps

Despite limited funding for prevention in our state, Alaskan communities are still passionately engaged in preventing violence. Over half of ANDVSA member agencies are implementing at least one comprehensive prevention program, partnerships are becoming more diverse, and evaluation is more widespread. ANDVSA continues to provide technical assistance and training to build and strengthen prevention efforts. In addition, the Pathways Statewide Steering Committee, comprised of dedicated State, non-profit, community agencies, and community members, draws on knowledge from diverse professions, regions, cultures, and experiences to support and evaluate prevention programming across the state. Yet even with these successes, sustained funding and state-wide support for comprehensive prevention remains vital for continued progress in ending violence across Alaska. The Community Prevention Snapshots recognizes and celebrates the transformative prevention work performed by ANDVSA member agencies throughout 2015.

For a full report, or to get more involved, please contact Prevention Project Director Kaml Moore at: kmoore@andvsa.org

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Anchorage



Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)

AWAIC has one full-time prevention employee funded through the Council on Domestic Violence, the Allstate Foundation, United Way, and unrestricted donations to AWAIC's administrative funds

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- AWAIC conducted 80 presentations on safe dating, healthy relationships, and related topics in the Anchorage School District (ASD), reaching 2,875 ASD students.
- 97.4% of students surveyed after an AWAIC presentation reported an increase in pro-social behavior.
- 97.1% of students surveyed after an AWAIC presentation reported an increase in conflict resolution skills.
- AWAIC and the Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention (AAVP) partnered with ASD to host Green Dot youth summits in middle school health classes.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- AWAIC staff engaged 2,973 youth around youth volunteerism or prevention with the aim of creating a safer community. AWAIC and AAVP partnered with Covenant House and Green Dot, Etc. to host a full-day Green Dot youth summit.
- AWAIC staff provided community presentations to 5,761 people at health fairs and through programs such as Green Dot.
- AWAIC provided 18 presentations to 191 village/community service and rural service providers.
- AWAIC offers training for workplaces and professionals on domestic violence. Staff provided 62 presentations to 996 professionals.
- AWAIC provides prevention and awareness outreach upon request to college students and military personnel.
- In collaboration with the Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention (AAVP), AWAIC has provided regular community-based and workplace-based Green Dot trainings since April 2014. AWAIC staff provided community presentations to 5,761 people at health fairs and through programs such as Green Dot.



Shed the Light Event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- Conducted awareness and action campaigns during Domestic Violence Action Month (DVAM).
- Maintained a teen dating violence and domestic violence website: www.itsnotcool.me
- Engaged the faith community in a city-wide event called "Shed the Light". In October of 2015, three churches provided information to approximately 200 people in their congregations about respect in relationships and then held candlelight vigils in order to shed the light on domestic violence issues and to show their support to survivors.
- AAVP's efforts with Green Dot Anchorage have been widely covered by local media outlets. In FY15, through CDVSA funding, AWAIC produced 4 Green Dot Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for statewide use.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- Anchorage youth participated in the Lead On! Leadership Summit, which teaches respect and helps youth plan their own community action project around changing behavioral norms.
- Anchorage youth from the Socially Active Youth Vocalizing Empowerment (SAYVE) were granted the Stand Up, Speak Up mini grant, hosting a successful youth-led arts event with a focus on youth empowerment and assisting youth in identifying and developing protective factors. The event was attended by approximately 100 Anchorage area youth and adults.
- SAYVE youth have continued to meet and have expanded their membership. They have applied for the Stand Up, Speak Up mini grant again this year.
- AWAIC tracks volunteerism in youth.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- AWAIC offers regular parenting groups on-site. In 2015, AWAIC participated in a pilot project called the Kids Club Mother's Empowerment Program (KCMEP), with the goal of offering coordinated groups for mothers and children.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- AWAIC is a United Way agency and work contributes to larger goals of prevention in the community.
- AWAIC's Executive Director is the Chair of the Anchorage Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Caucus as well as the Anchorage Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Committee. Both groups engage with systems to improve service delivery to victims, address barriers to safety for those experiencing abuse, and increase collaboration between agencies.
- AWAIC is a member of the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition which seeks to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for youth in Anchorage.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Community members attending Green Dot training will report an increase in prosocial bystander behaviors.
- Community members and ASD students will report an increase in knowledge and understanding of warning signs of domestic violence and sexual violence.
- ASD youth will report an increased level of comfort talking with other teens about healthy relationships.



AWAIC staff and students decorate the sidewalk at North Star Elementary School

NEXT STEPS

- Continue collaboration with AAVP on Green Dot Anchorage efforts, with a focus on capacity building and sustainability.
- Identify which ASD students/classes are not currently receiving AWAIC presentations on healthy dating and teen dating violence, and proactively build partnerships with teachers and administrators to more effectively reach a larger portion of high school students.

**For more information, please visit:
www.awaic.org**

Anchorage



Standing Together Against Rape (STAR)

STAR has three FTE funded education positions in addition to the Community Prevention and Education Manager. The positions are funded in part through general donations.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- Provided age appropriate classroom presentations for over 14,000 children; school-district approved content focuses on personal safety and sexual violence risk reduction for K-12.
- STAR has incorporated evaluation tools to determine the effectiveness of STAR presentations. 99% of teachers felt students had learned skills to help keep them safer. 96% of teachers felt students had learned about resources available to them.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- Participated in several community health fairs and education booths.
- Presented bi-weekly at Dena-a-Coy and Clitheroe House as well as to young men/young women's groups at the ARCH Program, focused on substance abuse rehabilitation.
- Conducted 60 public education presentations to over 1,000 community members. Presentations covered sexual assault, healthy relationships, violence prevention, and bullying.
- Two STAR staff members were trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid as Trainers.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- Coordinated activities for Sexual Assault Awareness Month; connected with various sectors and age groups for prevention related events and activities throughout the year. STAR promoted Denim Day, Take Back the Night, Green Dot, and Pridefest
- STAR used, paid, and earned media opportunities to bring awareness through television ads, bus signs, events, radio PSAs, and print media.
- STAR participated in the sexual assault awareness month events.



STAR supports Anchorage Youth



STAR tabling event

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- Connected with community partners and programs to recommend use of evidenced-based curriculums in Anchorage.
- Opened dialogue with boys and men in small groups to discuss and break down societal myths and encourage healthy reframing of beliefs in a way that promotes safety for all in the community. Clitheroe House and ARCH were part of our monthly programming series.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- STAR participates in the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition (AYDC)
- STAR presented at the YWCA Multicultural Female Leadership Conference
- STAR participates on the Alaska Native LGBTQ Community Advisory Committee

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- STAR has developed a parenting group curriculum (HEART) that addresses safety and warning signs for parents of early elementary aged students. Topics include: how to handle a disclosure from a child, how to talk to your children in an age appropriate manner regarding child sexual abuse engaging other parents in your community and how to pick safe spaces for your child to be outside of your care.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

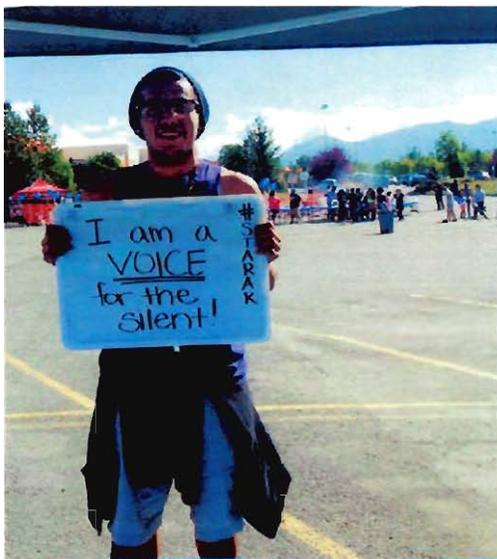
- STAR works with ASD to provide classroom presentations on an invitational basis. Presentations cover personal safety and sexual violence risk reduction for K-12.
- STAR works with the Green Dot program to help educate the Anchorage community about bystander intervention and violence prevention techniques for the common citizen.
- Prevention training for youth serving organizations around the community.



STAR tabling event

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Parents and caregivers having more resources to protect their children from becoming victims of child sexual abuse.
- Provide the Anchorage community with options and resources for preventing violence through green dot.
- Continued efforts to connect boys and men with a progressive movement towards a safer community.
- To have more community members identify as allies of the LGBT community; specifically transgendered.



Stop the Violence Block Party

NEXT STEPS

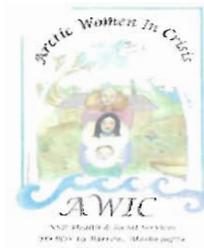
- Continue to expand outreach to new and diverse populations including boys and men, individuals identifying as LGBTQ, etc.
- Continue a leadership role in Anchorage for Green Dot in 2016 and participate in Train the Trainer while building capacity for sustainability.

**For more information, please visit:
www.staralaska.com**

Barrow

Arctic Women in Crisis (AWIC)

Currently there is no funding for a position focusing exclusively on prevention at AWIC



SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- AWIC presents to teachers and students at the elementary, middle, and high school on topics such as bullying awareness, healthy relationships, safe touch, and sexual harassment.
- Facilitate presentations to Ilisagvik College's Allied Health Camps on healthy relationships.
- AWIC uses evidence-based curricula "Second Step" and "Steps to Respect."
- Staff from AWIC, Barrow High School, Hopson Middle School, and Kiita have been trained to use the FourthR, an evidence-based healthy relationship curriculum adapted for Alaska.
- Kiita Learning Center and Barrow High School are implementing the Fourth R curriculum.
- Barrow has one Fourth R Master Trainer.

Staff from AWIC lead school presentation on healthy relationships



YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- In partnership with Ilisagvik College, AWIC hopes to implement the Girls on the Run program. Girls on the Run works to encourage pre-teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- Present social skills and healthy relationship presentations to the Barrow Boys and Girls Club.
- AWIC presents to the North Slope Borough School District on bullying prevention and healthy relationships.
- Conducted awareness campaigns during Stalking Awareness, Child Abuse Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Domestic Violence Awareness Months.
- Partnered with the Barrow Boys and Girls Club and facilitate a youth-organized community walk to honor victims of domestic violence.
- In October, AWIC participated in the 2nd Annual Arctic Slope Native Association North Slope Borough Health and Social Services Healthy Living Summit.
- AWIC partners with the Ilisagvik College's Student Success Center Team and travels to the North Slope Borough villages. The Student Success Center Team sponsored sports activities and a community dinner in each village.
- Advocates visit community schools and health clinics, distribute information about AWIC resources.
- AWIC Advocates participate in the Wellness Center's annual Kindergarten Round Up. The Wellness Center Staff provides children with physicals including dental, vision, hearing, hemoglobin and developmental screenings, AWIC advocates staff provide parents with information on positive parenting, impact of bullying, sleep, hygiene, exercise, and nutrition.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- AWIC facilitate radio shows 2-3 times a year presenting on bullying and domestic violence prevention, healthy relationships, the impact of domestic violence on children. These shows reach 10,000 listeners.
- AWIC develops posters and promotional materials for public education on domestic violence and bullying.
- Coordinate speakers from the community for the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month event
- AWIC works with the local radio station, KBRW to promote prevention and bystander intervention messages through public service announcements on the radio.
- AWIC works with AWIC Board members and advocates and facilitates groups about social skills and respect.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- At the October 2nd Annual Arctic Slope Native Association North Slope Borough Health and Social Services Healthy Living Summit. AWIC facilitated a workshop for community members on how to utilize the Talk Now Talk Often Cards and start a conversation in your family.
- AWIC teaches parent groups and is involved with the Boys and Girls Club.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- AWIC partners with the North Slope Borough Department of Health and Social Services, Ilisagvik College, Arctic Slope Native Association, and the North Slope Borough Police Department on various events.



Presentation led by AWIC promotes respect, and bullying awareness

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Girls on the Run—we hope the girls that participate begin to realize that they can do anything and learn how to promote their own health, avoid risky behaviors, and deal honestly and fairly with others.
- Through our social skills activities with the Barrow Boys and Girls Club we hope to foster positive social and emotional development. The goal is to help students share their thoughts and feelings in a non-threatening way.
- More community knowledge and participation in events. More community members following through after events, by attending other events or being more involved.



AWIC and community take part in recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

NEXT STEPS

- Identify funding for prevention staffing and school-based education programs.
- Engage men and boys in the community.

For more information, please visit:
www.north-slope.org

Bethel



Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC)

Currently there is no funding at TWC for a position focused exclusively on prevention coordination. Outreach, education, and prevention are integrated into four youth service staff positions funded through CDVSA, Jesuit Volunteer Program, and two ANDVSA and Office of Violence Against Women grants that are combination direct service and prevention positions.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- TWC Youth Services staff and Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) members provide presentations to elementary students on safe touching and bullying prevention with curriculums from the Committee for Children
- TWC's youth group designed and presented on healthy relationships to middle and high school students in Bethel and the surrounding villages when invited.
- TWC staff and TAAV members have visited six village schools including Akiak, Mekoryuk, Napakiak, Numan Iqua, Kwethluk, and Alakanuk and given age appropriate presentations to the entire school.
- TAAV and TWC staff presented at the Bethel Regional High School, the Kuskokwim Learning Academy, and Mikelnguut Elitnaurviat Elementary School. TWC staff and TAAV members gave presentations to a total of 698 elementary, middle, and high school students.
- TAAV members and TWC staff tabled at high school basketball tournaments during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Information, pamphlets, posters, ribbons, and bracelets were distributed and a pledge paper was made for people to sign.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- TWC hosts a monthly radio show, Peacetalk, every fourth Wednesday of the month to discuss relevant issues, spread information about TWC services, and speak to guests about timely topics and reduce violence and increase healthy living.
- Often, TAAV members are guests on the Peacetalk radio show to spread information about the work that they do.
- TAAV members create one to two PSA about Teen Dating Violence, Recycling, Suicide Prevention, or other relevant topics yearly.
- TAAV assists Drew's Foundation, an organization to raise awareness and prevent suicide, in creating a "Remembrance Room" during the Camaii Dance festival every year. This is a well known community event that is attended by people from all over the YK region and held in the Bethel Regional High School.
- TAAV has a Facebook group page that is growing slowly, but consistently, in the Bethel Facebook community. TAAV staff and members use the page to raise awareness about TDV, DV, and SA, along with advertising for the numerous events TAAV hosts and participates in.
- TWC created a facebook group page to advertise different events and raise awareness about DV and SA.
- TWC continues to distribute the Bethel Love, Heal, Protect posters in Bethel and the villages.



Peace Walk 2015

COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION

- TWC provides presentations to various community organizations and groups upon request including understanding the basics of domestic violence and sexual assault, the effects of domestic violence on children, and teen dating violence. These trainings are annually requested by staff at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kuskokwim University Campus, for Village Health Aids through the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel Public Health, Head Start through the Association of Village Council presidents, Rural Human Services students through the Kuskokwim University Campus, and clergy from different churches.
- TWC co-sponsors or assists with workshops in villages. TAAV often participates in these villages gatherings.
- TAAV youth performed multiple public performances of poems and skits about consent and healthy living at Bethel community events and gatherings.
- TAAV organized their 5th annual youth-led leadership camp, Teens Lead Ahead, in June. It was a three day camp and included 10 TAAV members and 30 youth from seven villages in the YK area including Kipnuk, Napaskiak, Atmautluak, Kwethluk, Scammon Bay, Chevak, and Kotlik. Youth cut fish, swam, spent the night at fish camp, heard from inspirational speakers and elders, carved wood, and had fun! Community partners included AVCP, LKSD, Public Health, BCSF, YKHC, and Yuut Elitnaurviat.
- TWC staff faxed Lead On! applications to all YK Delta schools. TWC staff assisted in chaperoning youth from some of the villages.
- Four Bethel youth attended the Lead On! for Peace and Equality gathering in Anchorage and did a Healthy Relationships presentation there.
- TWC hosts a fundraiser and banquet event, called Yukegtaa. The event honors community-nominated, and committee-elected "people of the year." The event is an opportunity to showcase the work that TWC does throughout the year.
- During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, TWC staff and sometimes TAAV members table at events like the Saturday Market to raise awareness about the issues.



Teens Lead Ahead

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- TWC has an Engaging Men and Boys program devoted to prevention activities with boys, teenagers, and men. A men's advisory group from the program coordinates special events like traditional dance gatherings, hunting and other subsistence activities, and multi-media projects currently in process.
- Several staff members from TWC and the school district have attended Compass trainings held by ANDVSA to strengthen male mentorship in Bethel.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) is a violence-prevention program created almost 20 years ago by interested youth and TWC staff. It is a region and state-wide known group.
- TAAV was recently evaluated by the UAA Justice Center with very positive results. The survey shows that the TAAV program was successful in effecting positive changes in the behaviors of TAAV members. Full results of the survey can be found at: <http://goo.gl/LFd2hn>
- TAAV recently started an endowed fund with the Bethel Community Services Foundation in order to ensure TAAV's longevity and to increase TAAV's fiscal viability in the future.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- TWC collaborates with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC), Public Health, the Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD), other school districts in the Y-K Region including LYSD, St. Mary's School District, the Chevak School District, and the Yupiit School District.



Teens Lead Ahead

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Prevention is successful when the momentum of strategies is maintained. The longevity of and securing funding for prevention strategies like the EMB program, the TLA camp, and TAAV in general is always a desired outcome.
- From those strategies desired outcomes include educating youth on healthy relationships through the outreach and education that TAAV does every year, a decrease in the rate of teen dating violence, connecting youth to their culture, healthy support groups that teach coping strategies, and connecting youth to healthy adults.

NEXT STEPS

- TWC has several new board members that need to be trained on the mechanics of prevention. A new strategic plan is in process and prevention will be an element of that plan.
- The entire TWC staff will be trained in prevention through the prevention modules created by ANDVSA as a way to connect staff who work with the crisis response programs to the prevention programs.

**For more information, please visit:
www.tundrapeace.org**

Cordova

Cordova Family Resource Center (CFRC)

Currently there is not funding for a prevention position



SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- Offered age-appropriate presentations on safe touch, bullying prevention, and healthy relationships in the elementary and middle schools.
- The Fourth R Health Relationship Plaus is a 30 lesson, research-based, healthy relationship curriculum adapted for Alaska and implemented in the 7th and 9th grades.
- The Fourth R small group curriculum is offered afterschool to the youth involved in the B.I.O.N.I.C. Group.
- The Bionic Group created special skills testing and peer mentoring which was implemented during home room.
- Girls on the Run, which helps teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles is offered for 3rd-8th graders
- Coaching Boys into Men is offered to mentor young men about healthy masculinity and respect.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- CFRC organized the Governor's "Choose Respect" march in Cordova.
- CFRC offered twice a year in-school presentations in Chenega and Tatitlek.
- CFRC participated in a travelling health fair to promote wellness and healthy relationships.
- Green Dot Bystander Intervention offered to community working on focus in the schools.



Girls on the Run Season

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- CFRC developed educational materials for the scanner.
- CFRC has a Facebook page for peer helpers and the agency.
- CFRC shared messages about their work in partnership with local media outlets.
- CFRC organized a Green Dot three day summit that was attended by 15 adult providers and 15 youth. This is going to be piloted in other communities.



B.I.O.N.I.C. Logo created by Cordova Youth

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- CFRC worked with the school district to have a basketball coach trained for Coaching Boys into Men which will be implemented during the upcoming season.
- A representative from the native villages attended a COMPASS mentoring program training.
- Four out of the seven members of the CFRC board are men.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- CFRC staff supported youth-led prevention efforts carried out in the community.
- CFRC and peer helpers received ANDVSA “Stand Up, Speak Up” mini-grant to carry out a youth-led project.
- Five Cordova youth attended Lead On! an annual state wide youth leadership mini-summit. The youth will develop an action plan for prevention projects in 2016.
- CFRC carried out a “Windows between Worlds” program. This is a weekly art program during the school year. Through collaboration with the school district, this program has been combined with a healthy lunches program (every day) during the summer.
- CFRC co-lead a meeting to the School District with the youth that attended a Green Dot three day summit discussing the option and interest in Green Dot Curriculum in the schools.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- To have more youth involved and equipped with the tools to help peers recognize when there are situations that are unhealthy, as well as take an active role in prevention leadership.
- With Girls on the Run have more girls feel comfortable expressing themselves, feel secure about who they are. Expand program to get more girls involved. Develop lessons and interactions with Coaching Boys into Men.
- 4th R, incorporate after-school program into curriculum.

NEXT STEPS

- Grow Girls on the Run Program.
- Integrate the 4th R into school beyond after school programming.
- Expand Green Dot and bystander prevention.
- Continue strengthening evaluation of all programming.

***For more information, please visit:
www.cordovaalaska.org***

Dillingham

Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFE)



SAFE has a part-time Prevention Coordinator and Myspace Manager as well as a part-time outreach position.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- SAFE offers summer youth services programming for youth ages four and up. Key partners are Curyung Tribe and Bristol Bay Native Association.
- SAFE took part in the Choose Respect Rally to raise awareness around domestic violence.



Dillingham youth and SAFE staff at Lead On! 2015

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Dillingham has prevention systems that connect community members and organizations across the lifecycle.
- Dillingham youth are content with themselves, within their family, within their schools and within their community.
- Dillingham has community-wide expectations and norms that promote equality and peace.
- Dillingham has a physical environment that promotes connectivity, community health and wellness.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- SAFE continued to staff and support Myspace Youth Wellness Center, a place that empowers youth and helps them build life skills to reach their full potential. Myspace is open Monday-Saturday.
- Youth of Dillingham Leadership Group (YDLG) celebrated their fourth year. They continue to strive to change Dillingham with youth-led community events.
- YDLG participants have attended various leadership trainings including Lead On!, Gathering of Alaska Natives, Youth Leadership Institute, as well as AFN's Youth & Elder's Conference.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- The Community Action Network Directed Upstream (CANDU) remains an active coalition to address the prevention of DV/SA and promotion of wellness.
- SAFE partners with Dillingham Tobacco Coalition to prevent youth smoking.
- Active member of Early Childhood Interdisciplinary Team with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.

NEXT STEPS

- Create an updated plan to reflect the prevention capacity within the organization.
- Reevaluate short and long term outcomes in prevention activities in our community within the coalition.
- Seek funding to continue successful programs.

**For more information, please visit:
www.safebristolbay.org**

Fairbanks



Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC)

The full-time Prevention Coordinator position was lost in October, 2015, due to agency budget deficits. The Prevention Specialist position, funded through the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to reduce sexual assault rates and to prevent unplanned pregnancies in our community, ended June 30th, 2015.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- IAC provided the administrative support and training to begin the first “Girls on the Run” program in Fairbanks. Girls on the Run is an after school program which combines training for a 5K with curriculum on topics such as healthy relationships, self-esteem, body image, and boundaries. Our Fairbanks Girls on the Run was offered to girls in grades 3rd through 5th grade. One team was located at Pearl Creek Elementary, and had 12 girls participate.
- IAC continues to support Green Dot team at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, (UAF) working collaboratively with the University Green Dot team to support roll-out, implementation, and sustainability. The UAF Green Dot program has been well-received, with bystander trainings being offered every quarter. Additionally, the bystander intervention program is now offered to all UAF faculty members as part of their orientation, and to all UAF student athletes and ROTC students.
- The IAC Prevention Specialist provided presentations to schools and school-aged children throughout the borough. Presentations focused on recognizing unhealthy behaviors/patterns in a relationship, identifying ways to help friends who may be in an unhealthy relationship, and resources for help, if needed. Presentations were provided at more than 10 borough schools. Additional prevention trainings were provided on an ongoing basis at a local youth treatment facility.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- IAC provided 60 prevention presentations and outreach tables at community events throughout the year reaching 958 individuals
- IAC organized the 2nd annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event with over 100 community members participating in the event. Participants included UAF students, community members, military members and many volunteers. This event raised awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault and raised funds for prevention.
- IAC began implementation of community “Green Dot” which included training of 20 community members including representatives from Fairbanks Native Association, North Star Youth Court, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the North Pole Police Department, the Alaska Center for Natural Medicine, and more.



Choose Respect Campaign

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” is a community awareness event with a focus on engaging men in violence prevention. While it is a fundraiser, the focus is raising awareness about how men can get involved in preventing violence through programs like Green Dot.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- Fairbanks “Choose Respect” was hosted by the Fairbanks Downtown Rotary had over 200 people in attendance. Choose Respect highlighted prevention and community engagement.
- In October, IAC participated in weekly radio shows sponsored by iHeartMEDIA. Each week the show highlighted various prevention efforts in our community including: Green Dot, Girls on the Run, UAF Green Dot, IAC services, and the Kendall Cares Social Media Campaign.
- This year, Kendall Auto Fairbanks partnered with IAC to host a social media awareness campaign. Kendall Purchased purple shirts to raise awareness about domestic violence. For each person who posted a picture raising awareness, Kendall donated \$1. Almost 300 people posted a picture in one week.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- IAC assisted students from a local high school to create a powerful print media campaign for bullying prevention. The students' efforts were a result of their involvement in “Stand Up, Speak Up” and were funded through a mini-grant. The media campaign encouraged their peers to “take a second look” when they see hurtful comments online, and includes suggestions on how to intervene and get help. The printed materials were hung in local schools and were distributed to students.
- The first annual “Run for Respect” was organized and hosted by UAF students during Sexual Assault Awareness month to raise awareness about violence on campus. 130 Runners participated in this event.



Kendall Campaign 2015

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- IAC continued to offer “Changing Patterns”, a curriculum on healthy relationships, to clients on a weekly basis. Many of the women participating in this curriculum are parents.
- IAC offers a 10-week group-therapy series for moms and children; separate groups are offered for moms and children. The curriculum is focused on parenting and working with children who have come from homes where they have witnessed violence.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- IAC has been very involved in the Fairbanks Wellness Coalition, which is a coalition formed to address prevention in our community through evidence based strategies. The Wellness Coalition is grant funded, by DHSS, and is focused on environmental level change in three identified areas: suicide, substance abuse, and mental health. The Wellness Coalition brings together representatives from various sectors, providing an opportunity for a collaborative approach, working across systems, to prevention in our community.
- The Fairbanks Primary Prevention Alliance has met monthly to inform one another about prevention efforts in the community and to explore opportunities for collaborative efforts around prevention. The Prevention Alliance partners, including representatives from the military, youth organizations, tribal organizations, behavioral health providers, local health care providers, social service organizations, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and more.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Increased collaborative prevention efforts in Fairbanks through the Fairbanks Wellness Coalition.
- Participants who complete the Girls on the Run program will have increased healthy life skills, including the ability to stand up for themselves and the ability to identify and deal with emotions.
- Full implementation of the community Green Dot program, with bystander trainings and overview speeches offered to the identified target population.
- Sexual assault and domestic violence prevention programming for all Borough schools, in accordance with the Alaska Safe Children's Act.



*Walk a Mile in Her Shoes (Above)
GOTR 5k Rotary (Below)*



NEXT STEPS

- Develop an updated Prevention Plan for Fairbanks, taking into account community readiness and both community and agency capacity.
- Explore and obtain sustainable funding for prevention programming.
- Continue implementation of the community "Green Dot" program in Fairbanks, if funded.
- Maintain 2 host sites, one community based and one school based, for Girls on the Run in Fairbanks, and explore opportunities for additional sites.
- Work with the Fairbanks North Star Borough school district to strategize and collaborate on the Alaska Safe Children's Act training and curriculum.
- Assess community readiness and capacity for implementation of Coaching Boys into Men, a prevention program for young men.

**For more information, please visit:
www.iacnvl.org**

Homer

South Peninsula Haven House



South Peninsula Haven House employs a full-time Prevention Director and a part time Prevention Specialist, positions supported by state and community grant funds. Collaboration with other local projects, including the Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities (MARC) grant, which seeks to reduce childhood trauma and increase resiliency on a local and statewide level, also supports the prevention work of Haven House in the community.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- SPHH provides support to 8th grade health classes. Using social-emotional learning tenants, staff help plan and implement lessons, in collaboration with school and community partners, which promote skills such as gratitude, mindfulness, emotional identification and regulation, healthy communication and optimism. Lessons also include unhealthy and healthy relationships, consent, bullying, coping skills and the adolescent brain.
- SPHH offers healthy communication, healthy relationship, dating violence, bullying, coping skills, resilience and adolescent brain development lessons to 9th grade health classes.
- SPHH offers Adverse Childhood Experience and Resilience education to Flex Alternative High School, in partnership with the local youth center: the R.E.C. Room.
- SPHH coordinates Girls on the Run (GOTR) in elementary schools in Homer and Kachemak Selo. Focused on social emotional skills and girls' empowerment, for 3rd-5th grade girls.
- In fall of 2015, SPHH coordinated and supported the implementation of the Green Dot bystander intervention program at Homer High School with a Leadership Training of 33 students. One-hour overview talks have been delivered in the math classes to 229 students. Five trained Homer High staff are supporting the continued launch of Green Dot.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- SPHH coordinates and participates in Green Dot Homer, a collaborative group of local instructors who offer training in the Green Dot bystander intervention philosophy to community members, groups, and workplaces. In 2015, 620 people were engaged in-person at outreach events, overviews, and trainings. That year, 424 people attended a training or an overview talk.
- SPHH offers healthy relationship and communication, consent, and dating violence education in Ninilchik, through the Ninilchik Traditional Council's young women's retreat.
- SPHH staff, as part of a larger community coalition, offer education and training on adverse childhood experiences, resilience and trauma-informed care as requested.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- SPHH staff collaborate with the R.E.C. Room youth center to support their Peer Health Educators. Offering some training and education, SPHH staff also coordinate with this group of four to six youth educators to provide presentations in schools and in the community.
- Six Homer-area youth participated in the 2015 LeadOn! statewide leadership summit.
- With SPHH support, the local LeadOn team from 2014 along with other youth volunteers, raised money for, wrote and acted in "Homeless in Homer," a short video that highlights the issue of local teen homelessness. From this video, a task force has formed to work on sustainable solutions to the homelessness problem in the Homer area.
- SPHH, with the R.E.C. Room, continues to coordinate the local LeadOn team in implementing a youth-led and organized community project in 2015-16.



Anti-bullying Presentation

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- SPHH, in collaboration with Homer Middle School, offer one to two annual free family meal nights at the school. These events gather parents and their middle schoolers, teachers and other area youth and adults to share a meal and participate in presentations on subjects such as the adolescent brain, talking about drugs, alcohol and relationships with your teens and identifying signs of an unhealthy or abusive teen relationship. Local area experts are featured as speakers, with 8th grade health class students sharing some of their knowledge.
- SPHH staff coordinate two Family Fun nights each season for parents and youth participants of the Girls on the Run program. Girls lead their parents through lessons from the Girls on the Run curriculum so parents can reinforce these concepts at home, while building connections and networking with other parents and families.

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- SPHH supports Youth on Record Alaska, a teen music production class taught at the R.E.C. Room. Originally funded through a Alaska Men Choose Respect Grant, this program continues to offer positive male role modeling and engagement through music.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- SPHH coordinates the local Resilience Coalition, a collaborative group of service agencies and community members with the vision that communities on the Southern Kenai Peninsula cultivate healthy relationships and resilient families, free from violence and substance abuse.
- The Resilience Coalition is coordinating an assessment process to gauge the level of trauma-informed care participating agencies offer, while supporting the adoption of trauma-informed practices within service agencies.
- The Resilience Coalition is under the umbrella of the broader community health improvement coalition, Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) of the Southern Kenai Peninsula, which seeks to increase family well-being through collective impact.
- The Resilience Coalition has a plan for prevention which includes measurable outcomes regarding youth and school engagement in violence prevention activities, community and cross-agency collaboration.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Goal 1: Partner agencies will collaborate to strengthen and support opportunities for building resiliency, family wellbeing, and strive for eservices and care delivered with compassion and trauma awareness.
- Goal 2: Teens adopt leadership roles within the community to promote respect, non-violence, and healthy choices.
- Goal 3: Schools in Homer and surrounding communities are supported in working to build protective factors against interpersonal violence and promotive factors for safety and resiliency.
- Goal 4: Men and boys are informed, included and empowered to play an active role in preventing violence and promoting respect and equality.
- Goal 6: The community of Homer is informed about the root causes of violence and empowered to take concrete action.



Girls on the Run 5k

NEXT STEPS

- Create a plan to share relevant evaluation results more effectively.
- Build capacity by recruiting diverse members to the Resilience Coalition and Green Dot Homer.
- Increase community ownership of violence prevention efforts by highlighting the efforts of volunteers.
- Create an evaluation tool to measure changes among youth who participate in Lead On.

**For more information, please visit:
havenhousealaska.org**

Juneau



Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. (AWARE)

AWARE has one full-time prevention director and one community engagement coordinator funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention DELTA Project via ANDVSA, and CDVSA funding. AWARE has a full-time personal safety education coordinator funded through the City and Borough of Juneau and CDVSA. CDVSA Prevention funds and AWARE general funds support one Girls on the Run coordinator, as well as a VISTA Volunteer working on Youth Engagement.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- AWARE staff provided 342 school presentations in the elementary, middle and high school for 8,101 student contacts. Presentations with preschool, elementary, middle, high school, and UAS students, and students in AWARE's service areas: Gustavus, Haines, Hoonah, Klukwan, Mosquito Lake, Pelican, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, and Yakutat.
- Juneau's Violence Prevention Coalition has continued a partnership with Juneau's Suicide Prevention Coalition to implement "Sources of Strength" in all three high schools and one middle school. Sources of Strength is a national evidence-based program that is being adapted locally to holistically prevent teen dating violence, substance use, bullying, and suicide among high school and middle school students. AWARE's AmeriCorps VISTA served as a Sources of Strength Adult Advisor and mentored leaders in one Juneau high school.
- AWARE hosts the Greater Alaska chapter for "Girls on the Run" (GOTR), a program for young girls ages 8-14 that uses running to teach girls about positive self-image, self-respect and self-worth. The program combines training for a 5K (3.1 mile) running event with healthy living and self-esteem enhancing curricula. During FY 15, we expanded AWARE's territory from SE Alaska (15 communities) to include all of Alaska save Anchorage and the Mat-su Valley. AWARE partners with dv/sa agencies in hub communities, training staff and volunteers about the GOTR program, requirements from GOTR International, and implementation in rural communities. GOTR instills self-esteem and self-respect through physical training, health education, life skills development, and mentoring. This year, 292 girls participated in 10 communities, with the support of 108 volunteer coaches.
- AWARE and SAFV collaborated on the development of a boys running program called "Boys Run: I toowú klatseen." This 10 week afterschool program for 3rd-5th grade boys involves running, discussion and cultural activities that honor Southeast Alaska traditional values and promotes skills for healthy relationships and a community of respect for self and others. This program was piloted during the fall of 2014 in Juneau and Sitka to ensure inclusion of feedback from the pilot season, and input from Alaska Native consultants in Sitka and Juneau.
- Juneau's Violence Prevention Coalition, under the leadership of AWARE's VISTA, partnered with local high school administration, staff, and student leaders to identify gaps in current school programming and policies related to healthy relationships. Two Juneau high schools chose to participate. Recommendations came forward from the report, and we are currently working with the Juneau School District on how to best address the identified needs.
- AWARE works with the Juneau School District and local athletic coaches to implement the Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) curriculum, and offer support before, during, and after the coaching season.



Girls on the Run 5k

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- AWARE hosts Girls on the Run and Boys Run: I toowú klatseen season end 5Ks in December and May. The 5Ks are a chance to bring program participants from different after school sites together, to celebrate being healthy and positive.
- AWARE held a series of events during April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including the performance of HUSH, a short play that sought to raise awareness around teen dating violence; a Healing Arts project; and a self-defense class for women.
- During October, Domestic Violence Awareness/Action Month, AWARE worked with community partners to raise awareness. The Alaska Chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Treadwell Ice Arena sponsored a "Purple Ice" skating night; the Juneau Police Department partnered for Coffee with a Cop and an AWARE Advocate!, and the Women of the Moose held their Annual Frugal Fashion Show fundraiser with AWARE.
- AWARE offers a "Healthy Relationships" class for Women (10 week community-based education group), three times/year. Class evaluations consistently praise the class and the teacher.
- AWARE's prevention trainings are integrated into bi-annual community/volunteer trainings.
- AWARE hosts weekly women's and children's groups.
- AWARE staff travels to Northern SE AK communities served by AWARE, meets with community partners and provides training and presentations for service providers, community members, and school students.



*Juneau Teen Council and AWARE Staff (Above)
Boys Run participants (Below)*



MALE ENGAGEMENT

- AWARE and Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) collaborated on the development and finalization of a boys running program curriculum, "Boys Run: I toowú klatseen- Strengthen Your Spirit." This 10 week afterschool program for 3rd-5th grade boys involves running, discussion and cultural activities that honor Southeast Alaska traditional values, and promote skills for healthy relationships and a community of respect for self and others. This program was piloted during the fall of 2014 in Juneau and Sitka, underwent a revision and finalization process the following spring, and then saw its first full season of implementation in the fall of 2015.
- AWARE staff help train coaches and support "Coaching Boys into Men" (CBIM) in Juneau high schools. CBIM engages athletic coaches through the Coaches Leadership Program to help shape the attitudes and behaviors of young male athletes. More than ten coaches in Juneau have been trained to date and are using the CBIM curriculum with their teams, including the Juneau Douglas High School boys' basketball and cross country teams and Thunder Mountain High School boys' basketball and football teams.
- AWARE continues to support the implementation of "COMPASS", a strength-based educational tool for men to use with boys in different settings including sports, outdoors, and cultural activities. Five "COMPASS" mentors in AWARE's service area have now been trained, and AWARE staff regularly consult with and assist mentors.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- AWARE sends several local teens to an annual state-wide leadership summit, "Lead On! For Peace and Equality." There teens learn leadership skills and return to their communities with increased capacity for making social change by promoting respect, equity, and non-violence. In fall 2014, six Juneau teens attended the Lead On! summit and returned to our community to carry out an event entitled "Teentopia: Food, Friends, Fun," where over 175 teens gathered together to share food, talk about respect and healthy relationships, and participate in a talent show.
- AWARE continued our annual outdoor leadership kayaking trip, REBOUND, for youth in Southeast Alaska, and in partnership with SAFV prevention staff. The REBOUND curriculum addresses respect, personal boundaries and healthy relationships, communication, advocacy and social change. 12 teens participated in this year's trip, where they kayaked over 40 miles from Pack Creek to Juneau.
- The Juneau Teen Council seeks to empower teenagers to educate their peers, families, and community about human sexuality and healthy decision making. Juneau Teen Council members meet weekly to receive training on accurate, nonjudgmental, and unbiased sexuality information, which they then present to their peers and other members of their community. During FY 15, 7 Teen Council members dedicated over 1,000 hours to learning and teaching about healthy sexuality, healthy relationships, and peer education. Teen Council is a program of Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Island and works in partnership with Juneau's Violence Prevention Coalition.



Juneau Teen Council Members at Teentopia

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- After surveying high school students, AWARE completed a social norms campaign for Juneau high school youth focused on shifting norms around gender roles, healthy relationships, bullying, bystander intervention, and oppression/discrimination based on race, sexual orientation, and gender. Three videos were created for the campaign, one of which was shown as an advertisement at the Gross Alaska movie theatres in Juneau. There is also a series of eight posters and other promotional materials, for widespread distribution.
- AWARE manages three Facebook pages: the Juneau Violence Prevention Coalition page, Girls on the Run of Greater Alaska, and an AWARE page, in total 1,200 followers.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- AWARE is actively distributing "Talk Now, Talk Often AK" cards to area schools to be given to parents at parent/teacher conferences. These aim to open up conversations between parents and teens.
- AWARE has partnered with one Juneau high school to provide trainings during parent/teen discussion forums on healthy relationships.
- Our Girls on the Run and Boys Run: I toowu' klatseen programs incorporate families in celebration at the program culmination 5Ks. Family members are cheerleaders, running buddies, and supportive presences. Additionally, GOTR has a specific booklet for parents/guardians which summarizes each lesson and offers conversation tips.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- Juneau's Violence Prevention Coalition (JVPC) has adapted a toolkit to help organizations, agencies, or community coalitions assess how they are considering equity, diversity, and inclusion when developing policies, planning and developing programs, assessing their organization, and evaluating their program. This root causes assessment tool will help organizations, agencies, or community coalitions identify internal changes needed to approach equity.
- AWARE, ANDVSA, and contracted evaluators have completed an evaluation plan for all of the goals and outcomes articulated in the Juneau Pathways to Prevent Violence plan.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Through social norms campaigns, social networking, and peer-to-peer influence, teen leaders involved in prevention and teen leadership programming will positively impact school climate around respect, equality, and non-violence.
- Based on our findings from last year's Gap Analysis, we hope to implement recommendations in partnership with the Juneau School District and local high schools to better serve teens and prevent violence within our community's high schools.
- Girls participating in "Girls on the Run" will have an increase in self-esteem, physical activity, social emotional health and body acceptance, and a decrease in acceptance of traditional gender stereotypes, as measured by a pre-post survey.
- AWARE will reach Alaskan boys and men from multiple sectors, ages, and ethnicities through media messaging, social norms campaign, and mentoring and teaching programs such as "Alaska Men Choose Respect", "Coaching Boys Into Men", "COMPASS", and "Boys Run: I toowú klatseen." Over the next year, boys participating in AWARE's prevention programming will have an increased recognition of abusive behavior, increased intentions to intervene when witnessing abusive behaviors, and increased meaningful dialogue about gender equity and healthy



Girls on the Run 5k

NEXT STEPS

- Identify sustainable funding sources for staffing and implementation of primary prevention programming.
- Build collaborative relationships with the Juneau School District and high schools to implement recommendations from the Gap Analysis, with focus on addressing school programming, trainings, and policies to promote a school climate of teen wellness and non-violence.
- Continue the expansion of Girls on the Run on Greater Alaska to more Alaskan communities, while sustaining and maintaining implementation in current service areas.
- Implement, sustain, and build upon male engagement programs like Coaching Boys Into Men, COMPASS, and Boys Run: I toowú klatseen.
- Provide resources and facilitate conversations with JVPC members around root causes of violence within the Juneau community.

**For more information, please visit:
www.awareak.org**

Kenai

The LeeShore Center

Currently there is no dedicated funding source for prevention staffing.



SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- LeeShore staff offers age-appropriate K-12 education on personal safety, dating violence, sexual assault, bullying prevention, and healthy relationships. There were 103 prevention education sessions to 2215 youth in 2015.
- LeeShore continues collaborative efforts with the school district to help bring the "Fourth R" to the region. The "Fourth R" is an evidenced-based, healthy relationship curriculum adapted for Alaska.



Choose Respect March

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- LeeShore offers professional and community based prevention and awareness education. There were 195 presentations to over 42,000 individuals during the past year.
- LeeShore participated in ongoing interagency collaborative meetings with numerous community partners to discuss prevention efforts and we continue to work to build capacity to increase Green Dot efforts.
- LeeShore conducts a community awareness workshop on domestic violence and sexual assault bi-annually.
- LeeShore participated in 8 community health fairs and education booths.
- LeeShore hosts the annual community Choose Respect event.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- Kenai received ongoing media coverage for Green Dot.
- LeeShore sponsors monthly DV/SA educational ads in the local newspaper.
- LeeShore conducts awareness campaign events during Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness months, including joint collaboration efforts with the local tribe.
- LeeShore continues to offer on-air education on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and animal abuse.
- LeeShore developed a Facebook page with DV/SA awareness posts weekly.
- LeeShore maintains a teen dating violence and DV page on the agency website at www.leeshoreak.org/Teen_Corner.html.



Run For Women

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- LeeShore collaborates with the local disability provider to address prevention efforts around domestic violence against persons with disabilities.
- LeeShore and community partners have an identified prevention team who attends Prevention Summit conferences in Juneau.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Increased knowledge and understanding of community members about issues and how they can get involved in prevention efforts.
- See an increase in awareness and engagement in the community.
- Increase social media outreach and education.

NEXT STEPS

- Identify sustainable funding for prevention staff.
- Build capacity to educate the community about prevention.
- Develop programs for engaging men and boys in prevention.
- Establish peer education and youth programming.
- Expand social media program.

***For more information, please visit:
www.leeshoreak.org***

Ketchikan



Women in Safe Homes (WISH)

Currently there are two positions focused on prevention, a Youth Outreach Position and an Education Services Manager. Funding for the Youth Outreach position comes from CDVSA and the City of Ketchikan

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- WISH continues to partner with the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District, the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, Public Health, and the Ketchikan Police Department to provide classroom facilitation on Healthy Relationships and Dating Violence, Consent, Social Media Safety, Sexting, Bullying prevention, simple self-defense techniques to escape an attack and environmental awareness. Over 21 presentations were offered with 520 students participating.
- WISH partnered with the Ketchikan High School Varsity Guys Basketball Team and a community member to facilitate the Coaching Boys into Men curriculum.
- WISH partnered with Pt. Higgins Elementary School and the Ketchikan Indian Community in using Compass: A Toolkit for Men to help mentor young boys who come from families affected by domestic violence.
- WISH partnered with the Empowering Youth Task Force, helping Ketchikan youth organizations help youth build resiliency.
- WISH partnered with the Integrated Youth Dynamics, Empowering Youth Task Force and the Ketchikan High School Student Body Association to host a 3-day training to help high school age students learn how to build resiliency in their lives.
- WISH provided Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault training for teachers and staff at two elementary schools and offered resources (How Can I Help? A Guide for Teachers, Care Givers and Adults Working with Youth)
- WISH trained coaches and supported the “Girls on the Run” program in Ketchikan, a program for young girls ages 8-14 that uses running to teach girls about positive self-image, self-respect and self-worth. The program combines training for a 5K (3.1 mile) running event with healthy living and self-esteem enhancing curricula. The total number of young girls and volunteers who participated were 221.
- WISH is partnering with members of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District, the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, Ketchikan Indian Community and members of the community to review, develop and recommend a dating violence policy for the school district.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- WISH utilized opportunities with the local radio station to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- WISH was involved in the Choose Respect March.



Ketchikan youth at WISH hosted community event

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- WISH utilized the Compass Toolkit and help men learn how to mentor young men and boys. The toolkit was used during evening mentoring activities and school-based mentoring.
- WISH conducted the Coaching Boys into Men program with the Ketchikan High School Guys Varsity Basketball team. The varsity soccer team also used Coaching Boys into Men.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- WISH collaborated with The Organized Village of Saxman to utilize the Compass Toolkit in an effort to mentor young men and boys away from domestic violence and sexual assault. The mentors and young men began planning and carving canoe paddles while emphasizing learning about respect and their culture. WISH kicked off the collaboration with a community potluck and storytelling by Gene Tagaban. The traditional way of asking for permission to walk on Saanyaa Kwaan land and journey with them was honored. Over 200 were in attendance.
- WISH collaborated with the Ketchikan Indian Community Behavioral Health Department to host "Steps for Change." This event was held during the month of October and helped raise awareness of domestic violence and interpersonal violence. Participants walked around the indoor track at the Rec. Center. Participants talked about domestic violence and why people stay in abusive relationships. Rep. Dan Ortiz read a proclamation and Ketchikan PD and Alaska State Troopers participated to show their support. About 70 community members attended.
- WISH participated in the Choose Respect March held in Ketchikan.
- WISH participated with ANDVSA to train 16 juvenile justice officers in the McLaughlin Youth Center on the Compass Toolkit. This training lasted 2 days. There is a large number of Alaska Native youth in the juvenile justice system.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- 4 youth participated in the annual LeadOn! Youth Leadership Conference and the Preconference.
- The attending youth meet monthly and plan to create a teen advocacy group at Ketchikan High School.
- About 62 youth were empowered in how to build resiliency in their lives using the ROYGBIV method. This was a 3 day program through Integrated Youth Dynamics.



Youth learn new resiliency skills

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Continue strengthening adult male mentors and recruit more mentors participating in the Compass Toolkit activities
- Young ladies will continue to build a foundation of positive self-image and self-esteem.
- Young men will continue to develop respect for genders.
- Community businesses and organizations will begin using resiliency language and adopt resiliency approaches for the wellness of their employees and community.
- Alaska Native youth will continue to develop their cultural identity that is free of interpersonal violence.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- WISH engaged parents/families in the Compass Toolkit and helped train family members to mentor young men.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- WISH utilizes the Social-Ecological framework and aspects of the Public Health Method.
- We are beginning to incorporate the ROYGBIV framework from Integrated Youth Dynamics into every activity.

NEXT STEPS

- Empower the Compass mentors to seek new mentors and new young men to be participate
- Continue to build collaboration and partnerships with community organizations
- Explore and seek sustainable funding options for prevention positions and efforts
- Continue to improve evaluation efforts and data gathering processes
- Develop and implement a dignity curriculum/ toolbox for local school presentations

**For more information, please visit:
www.wishak.org**

Kodiak



Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center (KWRCC)

1 full-time Outreach Coordinator implements prevention activities

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- Presentations at Kodiak Middle School around Healthy Relationships and Bullying Prevention.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- The Choose Respect Walk raises awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and bullying by having community members stand up and support preventative tactics and education.
- KWRCC held a candlelight vigil to honor domestic violence victims during Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- KWRCC hosted a community dog walk, "Paws for Peace" to raise awareness in the community.
- Run For Respect 5k in honor of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention Month

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- KWRCC engages with the Gay-Straight Alliance Club to promote respect and healthy relationships



Teen Court 2015

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- Connecting with local schools to raise awareness of community resources and new laws that have taken effect around violence prevention.



Run For Respect 5k

NEXT STEPS

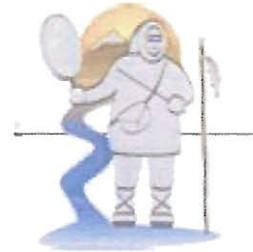
- Expand Male Engagement Programming.
- Strengthen outreach in community School District.

For more information, please visit:
www.kwrcc.org

Kotzebue

Maniilaq Family Crisis Center (MFCC)

Currently all advocates at Maniilaq Family Crisis Center participate in prevention supported with Outreach Funds



COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- Traveled to 7 villages through the region for Outreach
- A community event, Our Cake Walk held in October for Domestic Violence Awareness
- 5th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner event with Information on Domestic Violence
- October Carnival Booth Balloon Pop with information about Domestic Violence Awareness
- October Spirit Week
- Walk A mile in her shoes event held in April for Sexual Assault Awareness
- Choose Respect March

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

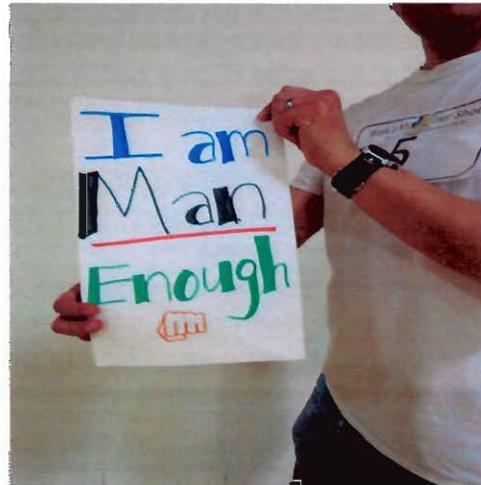
- Maniilaq Family Crisis Center Facebook Page
- Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness Flower Challenge



Choose Respect March

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- To have community familiar with available programs and know where to seek help
- To give youth the tools and information to think and talk about relationships, sexual assault, and consent



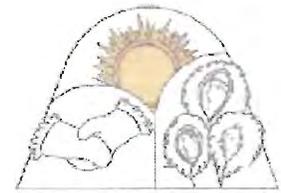
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event

NEXT STEPS

- Sexual Assault themed training with high school students.

**For more information, please visit:
www.maniilaq.org**

Nome



Bering's Sea Women Group (BSWG)

To support the prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and teen dating violence, the Bering Sea Women's Group Executive Director, Shelter Manager and Legal Advocate/Children's Services Coordinator provide educational and outreach programming in Nome and the Bering Strait village communities.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- BSWG and Sergeant Cross of the Alaska State Troopers (AST) provide presentations for the Nome Schools Junior High during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and cover the Definition of Domestic Violence; and Healthy Relationships and Healthy Boundaries.
- During Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), BSWG provides presentations to the Nome Schools JROTC Program and cover the Definition of Consent; and Healthy Boundaries and Healthy Relationships.
- Another SAAM activity that BSWG provides is a presentation for the Nome Youth Facility (NYF) clients on Definition of Consent; and Healthy Boundaries and Healthy Relationships.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, KNOM, the local radio station, airs a Public Service Announcement (PSA) produced by BSWG and the Alaska State Troopers.
- During SAAM, KNOM and KICY air PSAs produced by BSWG.

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- BSWG, through a CDVSA Mini-Grant, enabled a staff member of the NYF to attend a COMPASS training in Anchorage and two Nome Schools coaches to attend Counseling Boys Into Men training also in Anchorage.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- BSWG staff members travel to the village communities to present at Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) Council meetings and during Alaska Native Dance Festivals. Staff members of the Kawerak, Inc. Child Advocacy Center (CAC) will join BSWG in 2016.



Bering's Sea Women group promotes the Choose Respect Campaign

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- BSWG staff members are working with the Nome Native Youth Leadership Organization so that they may provide presentations on healthy relationships and healthy boundaries.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- BSWG coordinates with the Nome Community Center, the Office of Children's Services, Behavioral Health, Arctic Access and Kawerak, Inc. Vocational Rehabilitation to support healthy families.



BSWG presents to junior high school students on healthy relationships

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- BSWG staff members understand the effectiveness of systemic initiatives and actively participates on the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), the Disabilities Abuse Response Team (DART), the Interagency Council and the CAC Multi-Disciplinary Team in efforts to prevent DV and SA.
- BSWG collaborates with law enforcement agencies, schools, municipal government, social service agencies, medical services providers, Tribes to prevent DV, SA and teen dating violence. BSWG is a SART partner with Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) SART, Alaska State Troopers, and the Nome Police Department. BSWG is a DART partner with NSHC Rainbow Services, Kawerak, Inc. Vocational Rehabilitation, NSHC Behavioral Health, Arctic Access and NSHC Social Services. The DART members have established a Memorandum of Understanding and meet monthly with partners rotating responsibility for hosting.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- BSWG aims to support an increased understanding and awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- BSWG is one of several organizations that facilitate change in conversations and attitudes, particularly concerning self-care and care for others.

NEXT STEPS

- Build partnerships to strengthen primary prevention.
- Develop evaluation plan to encourage improvement and growth within prevention programming.



Kingikmiut Dance Festival

**For more information, please visit:
www.beatingseawomensgroup.org**

Seward



SeaView Community Services

No violence prevention-specific staff is funded at this time. The Program Coordinator is in charge of all Victim Services, Outreach & Education, and Prevention Efforts within the community

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- SeaView worked with the middle school to implement Bullying Prevention and Education

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- SeaView provided domestic violence and sexual assault trainings to local community organizations upon request.
- SeaView provided support to the Disability Abuse Response Team (DART), a collaborative approach to addressing violence and abuse of people with disabilities.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- SeaView maintained its facebook page which provides positive community messaging on domestic violence, sexual assault, underage drinking, and drug use.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- Seaview is in the process of collaborating with the new Wellness for All program coordinator and with the Seward Prevention Coalition to offer more training to the community
- Seaview Community Services collaborates with the Behavioral Health Program, Disability Services and Infant Learning Program; Alaska Vocation Technical Center; Seward Police Departments; Local Churches; Seward Prevention Coalition; Wellness for All; Independent Living Center, Seward Senior Center

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

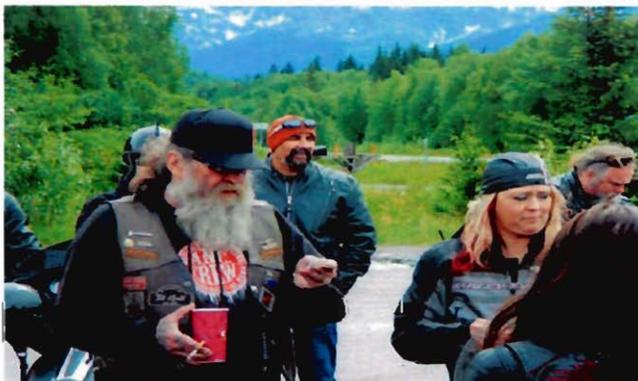
- Seaview is planning to build a volunteer program to help with our new crisis line.



Before I Die Wall



Carnival



Motorcycle Awareness Ride

NEXT STEPS

- Re-evaluating the program and its major needs. Building a volunteer program and providing victim services. Prevention efforts may be put on hold until we can find other fund sources to help the program.

**For more information, please visit:
www.seaviewseward.org**

Sitka



Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV)

Sitka has one full-time prevention director funded through ANDVSA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention DELTA project. A full-time school program coordinator plans in-school and after school healthy relationships programming. A full-time VISTA prevention specialist builds capacity for male engagement and parent engagement activities. SAFV funds a part-time media specialist, and contracts with an empowerment evaluator.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- SAFV gave K-5 presentations on safe and unsafe touch, bullying prevention, and healthy lifestyles to Sitka and outlying areas.
- Sitka High and Mt. Edgecumbe High School used the Fourth R in the 9th grade. The Fourth R is a 30-lesson, research-based, healthy relationships and healthy lifestyle curriculum, adapted for Alaska.
- Blatchley Middle School uses Fourth R in the 8th grade. Blatchley Middle School is also looking for comprehensive sustainable healthy life skills curricula for 6th and 7th grade.
- SAFV continued Girls on the Run (GOTR) for its 7th season. GOTR is a national running program for girls in grades 3rd-5th, at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School each spring. This evidenced-based program uses running to teach girls about positive self-image, self-respect and self-worth.
- SAFV implemented the second season of Boys Run I toowú klatseen: Strengthen Your Spirit, a healthy lifestyles program similar to GOTR but for boys in 3rd-5th grade.
- SAFV taught a 3-day healthy relationship class at Blatchley Middle School. Plans for implementing a more comprehensive programming for 6th, 7th, and 8th are underway.
- SAFV has provided funding and support to the Sitka School District (SSD) to develop a comprehensive social and emotional learning plan that ties together healthy relationships programs; Arts, Culture, and Technology standards; and other relevant SSD efforts under one vision and policy.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- Pathways to a Safer Sitka is the local prevention coalition organized by SAFV to address risk factors and build protective factors of intimate partner violence. Fifteen individuals representing ten agencies in town are partners at the table.
- SAFV prevention staff provides healthy relationships presentations and classes at Raven's Way, a local youth treatment program, on a recurring basis.
- SAFV coordinates the annual Choose Respect march during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- SAFV and the Pathways prevention coalition have provided community seminars since 2011 on topics such as prevention 101, risk and protective factors, evaluation and strategic planning, facilitation techniques, community cafes, supporting youth, non-violent communication, developing a socially just social service practice, disability etiquette, social emotional learning, racial equity, and positive parenting programs.
- SAFV prevention staff is working closely with Kake City Schools and the Organized Village of Kake to build capacity for primary prevention programs in Kake. SAFV prevention staff is providing regular support to Kake partners for the implementation of Girls on the Run (GOTR), Boys Run I toowú klatseen, and in-school presentations on safe and unsafe touch, bullying, dating violence and healthy relationships. SAFV is also facilitating ongoing discussions around engaging parents and the community with key stakeholders in Kake.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- SAFV developed twelve short public service announcements (PSAs) with participants from GOTR and three PSAs with participants from Boys Run I toowú klatseen that served as “mini-lessons” to the community about what participants were learning in the program. These PSAs aired on the local radio station and on SAFV's Facebook page.
- SAFV developed a short documentary about the impact of Girls on the Run on the Sitka school environment in 2014. This video continues to be shared both locally and statewide.
- SAFV, in partnership with AWARE, Inc., created a digital story about the impact of the annual outdoor youth leadership trip, REBOUND. This digital story is shared on SAFV's website and Facebook page.
- The Sitka Youth Leadership Committee (SYLC) and SAFV continue to use their video shorts and educational toolkit for local and statewide workshops. The video has been used to structure conversation around respect, belonging, and interrupting oppression and has been shown at the annual LeadOn! conference, the Alaska Association of Student Government conference, with student council members locally, and with a youth leadership group in Metlakatla. SYLC developed a train-the-trainer and plans to mentor other youth leadership groups to use this toolkit for conversation in their home communities.
- SYLC and SAFV recently launched their “I AM” CAMPAIGN which encourages youth from around Alaska to embrace their unique qualities, celebrate diversity, and challenge stereotypes. This campaign includes posters, a video, radio PSAs, and a movie theater ad playing in various southeast communities. Young Alaskans are encouraged to upload a selfie to Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook with a positive adjective using the hashtag #respectchallenge.
- SAFV is developing a media piece about the Pathways to a Safer Sitka prevention coalition and the impact of its programs and partnerships on the community of Sitka. Once completed, the piece will air on the local radio station, on SAFV's website, and distributed via social media.
- SAFV revamped its website to be more comprehensive which is serving as a useful resource and educational tool.
- SAFV's Facebook page highlights local, state and national prevention work.
- SAFV and Pathways release quarterly prevention e-newsletters to local and statewide contacts.

MALE ENGAGEMENT

- SAFV has been working with partners to edit and implement the second season of Boys Run I toowú klatseen: Strengthen Your Spirit. Through running and cultural activities, this program teaches healthy lifestyle skills to 3rd-5th grade boys in after school settings. A rigorous evaluation process was conducted during the pilot season in both Sitka and Juneau last fall. Working in partnership, SAFV and AWARE incorporated these edits into the second edition of the program which was finalized last summer and implemented in Sitka, Juneau and Kake at the start of the school year.
- SAFV prevention staff assisted in the Alaska Men Choose Respect (AMCR) Compass toolkit development and has recruited 3 Sitka based male mentors to attend the Compass training. SAFV prevention staff is working with Mt. Edgecumbe High School to offer a local COMPASS training to their dorm staff.
- SAFV, in partnership with Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS), provided a Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) training for 25 coaches, dorm staff, and teachers at MEHS. The wrestling coach began using the toolkit in the fall of 2015.
- In 2013, SAFV taught an all-male media literacy class at Pacific High where students examined mainstream media portrayals of men and created their own messages about healthy masculinity. The students created a short radio PSA that aired on the local radio station and a mini-magazine or “zine” with messages about healthy masculinity. This “zine” was distributed around the school and community in Sitka. In January of 2015, SAFV partnered with the public library to offer a similar class.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- The Sitka Youth Leadership Committee (SYLC) is a group of youth leaders working together to develop messages around respect and build bridges among youth in Sitka and across Alaska. Membership is comprised of students in middle and high schools.
- SYLC received a "Stand Up Speak Up" mini-grant and applied for funding again this year. This grant helps support youth projects like peer education, media campaigns, travel, and student stipends.
- SYLC attended and presented at Lead On! for their 5th year. Lead On! is an annual state wide youth leadership mini-summit where teens participate in workshops and plan community projects that address social issues in their home communities.
- SYLC facilitated a "Teen Talk" using their video toolkit called "Alaskan Youth for Social Change" at LeadOn!, AASG, with the local student councils, and with CLAM—the youth leadership group in Metlakatla.
- SYLC developed a train-the-trainer for their video toolkit and will mentor and train other youth groups in Alaska to use it. They will provide a webinar about the toolkit with the Alaska Afterschool Network.
- SYLC traveled to Metlakatla and facilitated a planning retreat with CLAM, the local youth leadership group. SYLC facilitated a discussion using their video toolkit and helped the group identify a purpose, vision, and priorities for the upcoming year.
- SYLC helped coordinate the Sitka "Choose Respect" march and spoke during the open mic about healthy relationships, sexual assault, and healthy masculinity programs like Coaching Boys Into Men.
- SYLC participated in the 5th year of the outdoor leadership trip, REBOUND. REBOUND is a collaboration between AWARE, Inc. in Juneau and SAFV where students from Southeast Alaska kayak for a week and gain leadership skills, outdoor survival skills, and relationship skills.
- SAFV and SYLC are developing a short documentary about how SYLC is using media strategies and peer education to change the narrative around relationships-- both intimate partner relationships and cross-school relations.
- SYLC developed three posters, one video, three movie theater ads, and three radio PSAs this year to bring attention to healthy relationships, positive peer climate, and cross-school relations.
- SYLC launched their "I AM" CAMPAIGN in November of 2015. This campaign promotes respect, celebrates diversity, and challenges stereotypes. Through posters, a movie theater ad (airing in three SE Alaskan communities), a video launch, radio PSAs and a social media presence, SYLC is encouraging young Alaskans to take the #respectchallenge by uploading a selfie with a positive adjective to Twitter or Instagram.



Boys Run



Choose Respect March

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Sitka was selected by the All Alaska Pediatrics Partnership as the pilot site to implement the Triple P—Positive Parenting Program. Center for Community, a Pathways partner, is spearheading the Triple P Steering Committee. In April of 2015, 18 individuals attended the training and 10 became certified to implement the program. In November of 2015, 4 certified trainers provided two community seminars called The Power of Positive Parenting.
- SAFV, in partnership with ANDVSA, offered 3 Talk Now Talk Often trainings to parents in the community and dorm staff at Mt. Edgecumbe High School.
- SAFV provided parent newsletters for both GOTR and Boys Run I toowú klatseen to help continue the lessons learned in the home setting. These newsletters included a summary about the lessons taught that week, conversation starters for parents, parent resources, and updates/logistics about the program. Each newsletter featured a quote from a participant about what Boys Run was teaching them.
- SAFV offered a parent/participant workshop for GOTR and Boys Run parents to help them prepare for the 5K, to give participants an opportunity to teach their parents about the program, and to provide opportunities for parents and their children to connect.
- SAFV worked with key stakeholders in the community of Kake to facilitate a brainstorming session about what parent engagement could look like in Kake.
- SAFV provides resources and handouts for parents at the elementary school level, including tips for talking about secret safety, safe and unsafe touches, private parts, safety planning, and personal empowerment.

PREVENTION SYSTEMS

- The Pathways to a Safer Sitka (Pathways) prevention coalition is comprised of 10 local service agencies including Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka Native Education Program, and the Sitka School District.
- Pathways conducted a local needs assessment before developing a community-based prevention plan.
- The Pathways coalition has a public plan for prevention that includes specific measurable goals, outcomes, and strategies for Sitka. The plan is available online at www.safv.org. Pathways is currently broadening their vision and goals to be more inclusive and to further the impact of their work.
- The Pathways coalition has adapted strategies for Sitka schools, parent engagement, male engagement, cultural programs, youth leadership and community groups.
- SAFV and the Pathways coalition supports Sitka Native Education and Sitka Tribe of Alaska's school-based cultural curriculum and the Arts, Culture and Technology standards developed in partnership with the Sitka School District (SSD).
- SAFV is working with the Alaska Association of School Boards and the Sitka School District administrators to develop a district-wide plan for culturally responsive social and emotional learning (SEL).



Sitka Youth Leadership Committee recording a PSA

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

Sitka has an evaluation plan for all prevention programming. Outcomes include:

- Increase the number of community environments supporting healthy masculinity.
- Increase in the number of social service agencies and providers who support and foster healthy social-emotional parenting.
- Increase in the number of healthy SE environments within the community.
- Increase the number of SSD culturally responsive SEL implementation plans.
- Increase in teachers who know how to meaningfully integrate culture into the classroom;
- increase in the number of classrooms and school offering cultural units.
- Increase in number of elementary school girls and boys who understand healthy relationship norms.
- Increase in youth cultural connectedness.
- Increase in the number of elementary schools that have climate/peer culture that supports respectful behaviors.
- Increase in the number of youth groups who are actively engaged in reframing norms that support a positive peer culture.

Changes due to SAFV's programming include:

- Youth develop media skills for promoting positive messages about healthy relationships and equity.
- Boys understand the tenants of healthy masculinity.
- Boy and girls have a better understanding of healthy relationships and healthy lifestyles;
- Parents have tools and resources for positive parenting in the home.
- There are opportunities for parents and children to connect.
- Schools incorporate SEL policies/procedures into the classroom.
- Youth are connected to positive adult mentors;
- Youth have access to resources about healthy relationships.
- Youth feel like they have a voice in their community and are perceived as leaders.

NEXT STEPS

- Secure ongoing, long-term funding to sustain prevention programs in Sitka.
- Work with the Sitka School District and the Alaska Association of School Boards to develop a district-wide culturally responsive SEL plan.
- Continue updating the school board on school-based prevention programs.
- Support implementation and sustainability of the Triple P.
- Develop and air a media piece about the Pathways coalition and the impact of prevention programming.
- Work with key stakeholders in Kake to build capacity for parent engagement activities.
- Work with youth leaders in the Sitka Youth Leadership Committee to launch their next media campaign and begin planning a teen health fair.
- Work with administrators and coaches at Mt. Edgecumbe High School to collect data on the local CBIM program.
- Expand the Pathways vision and goals to have a greater impact, include more partners, and leverage funds.
- Compile and analyze data from the Boys Run I toowú klatseen season in Juneau, Sitka and Kake. Make adjustments based on feedback and begin developing an expansion plan.



Girls' on the Run 5k

**For more information, please visit:
www.safv.org**

Unalaska



Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (USA FV)

No violence prevention-specific staff is funded at this time.

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- Staff members visit high school to talk about consent and healthy relationships.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- USA FV has a Girls' Night Out event for 5th-12th grade girls aimed at building self-esteem and increasing awareness and resistance of negative stereotypes about women and girls.
- Teen Nights hosted through USA FV
- USA FV had a Suicide Awareness Dinner for the community to talk about suicide prevention in Unalaska

MEDIA OR SOCIAL NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- USA FV created PSAs, posters, and social media posts for Domestic Violence Awareness month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and Suicide Prevention and Awareness month

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- To have community familiar with available programs and know where to seek help
- To give youth the tools and information to think and talk about relationships, sexual assault, and consent



Girls' Night Out Hike

NEXT STEPS

- Sexual Assault themed training with high school students.



Girls' Night Out campfire

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Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV)

Youth Services Coordinator supports prevention efforts in Valdez, but currently there is no funding specifically for prevention.



4th Annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" (Above)
Attendees of the Gold Rush Parade (Below)



SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

- AVV provided 49 presentations to 680 students in the Valdez elementary, junior high, and high schools. These presentations included bullying prevention, teen dating violence, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and anti-drug and alcohol campaigns.
- AVV presented to school and daycare staff on child abuse, domestic violence, and mandatory reporting.

COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION

- AVV co-sponsored the "Father-Daughter Dance" in Valdez
- AVV collaborated with the chief of police, school administrators, faith-based leaders, and other community partners to organize the Governor's "Choose Respect" march for high school and community presentations.
- AVV held a Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign called "Get Your Purple On." This was a contest for all of the businesses in the community in which they collected non-perishable items then taken to the local food bank.
- AVV held a Candlelight Vigil for DVAM at Ruth Pond, in which 30 community members attended.
- AVV provided trainings to 17 junior counselors around how to diffuse difficult situations with children, as well as Mandated Reporting for Parks and Recreation summer camps
- AVV hosted its 4th annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" campaign for Sexual Assault Awareness month in which 15 proud men and boys donned 3 inch red high heels and walked a mile outside at the High School Track.
- AVV participated in the Gold Rush Days activities, including having an informational booth at the market and participating in the Gold Rush Parade.
- AVV had 3 members participate in the Health Fair in Glennallen, to teach healthy living, suicide prevention, and teen dating violence. A slideshow showcasing community events and services was
- AVV is working closely with the Child Advocacy Center in Gakona on joint cases and participating Monthly on the Multidisciplinary Team.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- AVV collaborated with numerous organizations to prevent underage drinking and drug use, suicide, and promoting healthy relationships. These included Prince William Sound Community College, George Gilson Junior High, Valdez High School, Youth Court, SOA Public Health, Alyeska, Providence Hospital, Chugachmuit, Sound Wellness Alliance Network (SWAN), and the Chenega Council.

MEDIA OR SOCIAL/NORMS CAMPAIGNS

- AVV accepted Proclamations from the City on Child Abuse Awareness month and Domestic Violence Awareness month. Community and city council members were informed about current services and programs offered through the shelter.
- AVV advertised prevention programs in sports magazines.
- AVV has PSA's on both radio stations on information on our services and current crisis numbers.
- AVV worked with both radio stations to develop ads for events. Live interviews helped promote programs, answer questions, and get people excited to participate.
- AVV coordinated numerous violence prevention campaigns and worked with the local newspaper and two local radio stations to broadcast information on DV/SA, child abuse, Teen Dating Awareness and Suicide Prevention months.
- AVV worked with the high school guidance counselor, high school broadcast system, and school newsletters to share information about prevention and prevention activities.
- AVV coordinated and presented an annual "Women of Distinction" event that recognizes the vast achievements of young woman and women in our community.
- AVV maintained a website with links to a variety of prevention subjects and Facebook.
- AVV produced a quarterly newsletter that includes prevention activities.
- AVV has a contract with a local advertising agency to show an advertisement about the agency and the services it provides before each movie that plays at the Valdez Civic Center.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/PEER EDUCATION

- "Express Yourself" is an after school program that works with children from grades 3rd-5th and uses "A Window Between Worlds" curricula. This program focused on healthy ways to express feelings through art, relaxation techniques, and open discussions.
- AVV supported "Girls' Time", an after-school program that works with girls from 3rd-5th grades to focus on healthy relationships, self-esteem, self-confidence, conflict resolution, and friendship.
- The Youth Services Coordinator used project adventure activities that focused on team building, critical thinking, and communication.
- AVV offered four free summer camps. AVV Outdoor Adventures was broken up into three different age groups from 1st-8th grade. Kids explore outside, hike, raft, kayak, work with animals, learn outdoor skills, and to respect nature and animals they worked with.
- AVV offered a 5 day River Run for 9th-12th grades. The campers are taught self-sufficiency, decision-making, leadership, self-confidence, teamwork, communication, responsibility, friendship and especially the respect for nature and to Leave No Trace.

EXPECTED CHANGES/OUTCOMES

- AVV expects to have more participation and awareness from parents and children.
- AVV has observed more parent involvement
- AVV expects to have a primary prevention in Valdez by 2016, such as Girls on the Run.
- AVV expects to have a program for boys to be mentored by adult men.



Participants from AVV's Outdoor Adventures summer camps

NEXT STEPS

- AVV would like a new position that works with the Youth Services Coordinator and does outreach and prevention work.
- Development of male engagement in programs, especially with after school activities
- Identify additional funding for prevention efforts.

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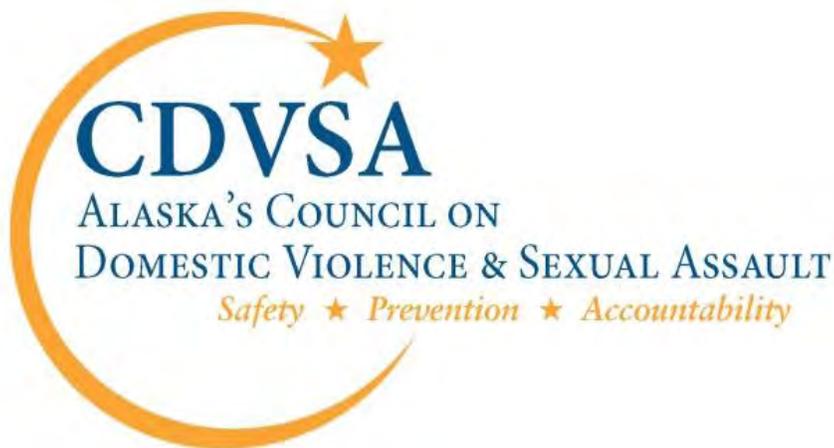
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Kids Club Mom's Empowerment Program

This quarter, Kids Club Mom's Empowerment Program (KCME) continued to be active, with both of our Fairbanks and Juneau sites providing groups to mothers and children in shelter. Our two other sites, Homer and Sitka, worked to recruit and establish groups within their communities, though were not successful due to various factors such as employee turnover, high numbers in shelter resulting in diminished time spent on recruitment, as well as the challenge of finding participants in small communities.

As we navigate our second year of recruiting for and implementing KCME groups, we are finding that our sites residing in smaller communities have a more difficult time recruiting and establishing a group, while larger communities appear to be more successful in starting and completing full rounds of groups. While the obvious factor of having more people to draw from is in play, we also attribute this to the larger shelters' ability to conduct more frequent reminders and group promotion due to higher staff numbers. However, when KCME groups are established and running successfully, the rewards are apparent; mom's report feeling an increase in support and knowledge, and children report enjoying the activities and having a kids-only group. All sites look forward to continuing on the KCME Pilot Project in FY17 as we learn effective strategies for getting the groups established and successful in each community.

AFS-Alaska Family Services - PALMER

SUCSESSES

We hosted the Choose Respect March in Palmer with over 150 in attendance. Butch and Cindy Moore (Brea's parents of Brea's Law) were AFS's main speakers with the Wasilla mayor and officials from City of Palmer and representatives of Senators Sullivan's and Murkowski's Office.

AFS continues to have good youth outreach. AFS presented to over 740 students this 2015-2016 school year.

AFS is counting meetings for the 2nd "NO More" Summit with the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club. AFS will host the event on April 24th at the Glenn Massey Theater on the Mat-Su College campus.

AFS is excited for April Sexual Assault Awareness month events. Some activities are "NO More" Mat-Su Summit, Sexual Assault Presentations, Denim Day, and the Clothesline Project. AFS will have booths at the hospital, public health and sunshine clinic and the Mat-Su College.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AFS continues to host the Mat-Su SART Management team meetings.

AFS presented to Jobs Corps staff on sexual assault and the SART process. AFS has a PSA contest for middle and high school students to develop DVSA NO More Mat-Su Summit PSAs. AFS Presented to Colony High on bullying and cyber bullying. AFS provided DVSA resources during the Mat-Su Homeless Connect.

AFS participated in the Mat-Su Ski for Women and had an information and resources table. AFS presented to over 100 individuals and families. AFS presented to the Boys and Girls Club and PACE Program on teen dating violence, and to students at DJJ on respect and boundaries

AFS gave our first tele-video outreach presentation to a rural school in Western Alaska. AFS attended a Military Resource Fair and provided information and resources to over 90 individuals.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

At the time of this report AFS was not able to get data from our CDVSA database. Requests to fix the issue have been made to CDVSA. This has caused some inaccuracy of our data. The YTD totals in the stalking protective order columns are not adding correctly in the form.

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

SUCCESES

This quarter was one of the busiest quarters AVV have had, going from empty to full right after the New Year. During this quarter, AVV provided services to a participant who sustained a substantial knife wound to her face and was hospitalized for two months before arriving in shelter. AVV is currently assisting this participant with obtaining safe housing. AVV also worked with a mother and daughter, both of whom have a history of physical and sexual abuse, along with mental and physical health issues. AVV has been providing continuous service to these women for over two years now, and has assisted them with accessing services and necessary resources in the community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AVV continues to work effectively with Valdez Police Department. During this quarter, a woman was arrested for an assault case. VPD was aware that the woman was receiving services from AVV and has been a long time victim of domestic violence. The woman caused injury to a family member during an altercation, though this family member appealed to the judge to drop the resulting No Contact Order after explaining the situation. VPD was a big help to have the case dropped. This incident was another source of trauma for the family and the victim but she was very thankful to everyone that helped her.

This quarter marked the end of AVV's elementary after-school programs, which started in October. During the course of the programs, they had almost 47 sessions between the two programs: Express Yourself and Girls Time. They had 15 children each session. During the two programs they covered topics such as self-esteem and healthy friendships. The kids learned a lot during the course of the programs and the positive changes in them was noticeable. AVV staff were also able to identify kids that were going through difficult situations and were able to assist them and their families.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

AVV's concern about the Aleutian Trailer Park is a continuous saga. At the end of August these trailer homes will either be demolished or the houses will be relocated. Currently, there are 72 families living at the Trailer Park. The stress level is getting high; with the cost of living and very minimal low income housing in Valdez, residents are starting to panic. They do not know where to relocate after August 2016. Staff at AVV can feel the pressure on the residents, and the number of calls to the crisis line is increasing (because of domestic violence and/or looking for resources AVV can provide for them). If the residents can't find a place, there will be an increase in homeless families in the community and the rate of domestic violence will also likely increase. Most of these people are very concerned of what their fate will be.

AWAIC-Abused Women's Aid in Crisis-ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

During the quarter AWAIC's plans for expansion moved forward with architects completing schematics up to 35%. AWAIC continues to seek funding. AWAIC was approved as a Tier 2 applicant with the Rasmuson Foundation and will be considered in November 2016. AWAIC is organizing their capital committee and will have a plan finalized by the end of the fourth quarter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

In January of 2016, the Green Dot Anchorage partners held an instructor training using trainers from Anchorage, Chelsie Morrison-Heath and Julie Dale, as well as Tara Schmidt from Homer. Twelve new instructors were trained and began planning regular meetings to arrange Green Dot events. The group held a four-hour bystander training in March. The group is meeting regularly and plans to hold Green Dot events throughout Anchorage, making April Green Dot Action Month.

In January AWAIC hosted guests from a delegation from Mongolia. AWAIC has worked extensively with the National Center Against Violence in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This trip has been in planning for several years, however funding and visas have been barriers to the planning of the trip. The NCAV recently received a grant that allowed 13 people from a variety of backgrounds to come to Alaska and see how our victim service, law enforcement, and legal entities work together regarding domestic violence.

Catholic Social Services, AWAIC, and the Downtown Soup Kitchen have been working together to address the issue of the safety of homeless single women in the community. Brother Francis, the local shelter for single adults, is becoming a safety issue for women. The Downtown Soup Kitchen, along with many volunteers, has created a new space for single women. It is a 30-bed overnight facility and single women access the resource through Brother Francis. Those with domestic violence issues and who are referred by AWAIC go directly to the Soup Kitchen without having to show up at Brother Francis. Initially the program got off to a slow start, however it is now working at full capacity and is completely run by volunteers. The Downtown Soup Kitchen also plans to start a small business operating a bakery and employ the women who have engaged in services so they can gain employment skills.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

At the end of the fiscal year AWAIC was notified that funding for the Anchorage Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Intervention Project would be funded by the municipality for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year and all of 2016, however the funding would be less than in past years. Due to the reduced funding for 2016 the case manager position for ADVSAIP has been reduced to a .75 position.

AWARE-Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies-JUNEAU

SUCSESSES

AWARE provided 2397 nights of safe emergency shelter for 52 women and 34 children during FY16Q3. Their YTD total for shelter nights is 5,878, putting them on track for another very busy year. This past quarter yielded lower numbers in terms of shelter residents and bed nights than typically experienced (in the last two years). Several multi-family housing units have opened in Juneau during that past year (including AWARE's own supportive transitional project, Kaasei), and some of the shelter residents are experiencing the benefits of a more flexible rental market.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWARE partially hosted visitors from Mongolia's National Center Against Violence. AWARE staff and CDVSA worked together to present a snapshot of DV/SA services to victims, collaborative partnerships, and prevention efforts. It was gratifying to hear the visitors become excited about some philosophical shifts; AWASRE talked about what confidentiality means and the run of government in the lives of victims. Conversations surrounded WHO commits these crimes, and the visitors were seemingly surprised that people could openly talk about men's use of violence against women (even with men present!). The Mongolian visitors also joined staff for a performance of Our Voices Will Be Heard, again highlighting the myriad of ways our culture works to dismantle the shame and stigma of domestic and sexual violence.

AWARE held the 20th Annual Women of Distinction banquet this year, honoring Marie Darlin, Justine Muench, Missouri Smyth and Kristi West. It was a delightful and inspiring evening for a sold-out crowd of nearly 400 people. AWARE also solicited new members at the event, raising over \$11,000, with a match from the Benito and Frances Gaguine Foundation for every new dollar generated.

AWARE staff was invited to participate in Governor Walker's Housing Summit in January. AWARE brought the perspective of DV/SA shelter providers as well as advocated for women-headed households, who are statistically more likely to live in poverty and be unable to afford safe, decent housing. The Deputy Director was also re-appointed to the City and Borough of Juneau Affordable Housing Commission, as well as elected co-chair of the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness. She continues to advocate for housing policy that acknowledges the particular challenges for single mothers and victims of domestic and sexual violence

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

During this quarter, AWARE staff began to wrestle with what it means to provide support services to women who are choosing to stay with their partner who has been controlling/abusive. AWARE received several referrals from OCS and the city attorney's office for women who wanted to stay in relationship with their partners and not support prosecution for domestic assault or the safety plan envisioned by child protection.

AWIC-Arctic Women in Crisis-BARROW

SUCSESSES

During the 3rd quarter, AWIC provided residential services for a total of (30) women and (28) children and provided (780) safe- bed nights. On-call counselors responded to (6) SART calls; the Crisis Line responded to crisis calls. Based on information from the gold sheets and from participants, this quarter AWIC assisted (15) adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

AWIC staff met with the Barrow Boys and Girls Club on January 20 and provided a workshop about bullying and conflict resolution. There was an interactive activity included for the students. AWIC has high hopes of beginning a Girls on the Run (GOTR) program this fall.

Throughout the month of March, AWIC advocates met with students at the Barrow Boys and Girls Club and helped them design a ribbon tree to honor victims of child abuse and sexual assault. The tree will be displayed at the NSB Wellness Center.

Advocates attended the Legal Provider's Meetings in January, February, and March. On February 2-3 AWIC helped facilitate the advanced course, *Strangulation Response, Investigation, and Prosecution* in Barrow for advocates, nurses, and medical staff as well as the NSB Police Department.

In partnership with Integrated Behavioral Health and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, AWIC held the seventh annual *Choose Respect Walk* on Thursday, March 24. Community members met at the North Slope Borough Building. Former Mayor Charlotte E. Brower, Michael Aamodt, current Interim NSB Mayor, and IBH Clinical Director Russell Bryant spoke eloquently to the participants after the walk about the impact of domestic violence.

AWIC partnered with Ilisagvik College and Integrated Behavioral Health, and Ilisagvik College Dean of Students, Josh Stein showed the powerful and unnerving documentary, "The Hunting Ground" on March 5 at the Tuzzy Library in Barrow. This heartbreaking expose of sexual assault on American college campuses reinforces the demand that universities nationwide rethink how they investigate sexual assault complaints.

In February, AWIC advocates met with the Barrow High School (BHS) Assistant Principal, Principal, and Health Teacher to discuss AWIC facilitating workshops regarding healthy relationships at BHS. On February 25, AWIC advocates taught 25 Barrow Boys and Girls Club social skills, and on February 17-19, AWIC advocates taught 533 kindergartens through fifth grade students about bullying prevention at Ipalook Elementary School.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

BSWG-Bering Sea Women's Group - NOME

SUCSESSES

The Kawerak, Inc. Wellness Program proposal to the Office on Violence Women was granted so the Safe Home Representative Manager was hired and she began work on February 22, 2016.

BSWG staff participated in the planning of the statewide DV/SA Conference. BSWG staff members have participated actively on the Community Alcohol Safety Team.

BSWG participated in the planning of a calendar of activities in April to recognize child abuse prevention and sexual assault prevention. Events included an Awareness March, Honoring our Children fun night, and a Panel Presentation on Trauma and Healing.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

BSWG continued to partner with agencies to support clients with special needs.

Bering Sea Women's Group hosted a gathering for the NCAV Delegation from Mongolia.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

CFRC-Cordova Family Resource Center-CORDOVA

SUCSESSES

CFRC has been very busy this quarter with 45 Help Line calls (for a total of 136 year-to-date). Last year they had a total of 118 Help Line calls for all of FY15. The male members of the community are reaching out to seek services. CFRC saw 5 new male participants since the 2nd quarter. CFRC held its Annual Dinner in February, where informational flyers, brochures, and additional educational information about DV/SA Victims were made available. CFRC also completed an onsite review with CDVSA this quarter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

CFRC has had a great working relationship with Law Enforcement, Courts, School, and Sound Alternatives. The collaborated efforts have allowed CFRC to be more visible in the community. The school often reaches out to CFRC when students are struggling. During this quarter, a B.I.O.N.I.C. member brought a peer to the school counselor for support, but first said they wanted Mrs. Songer from CFRC present before getting started. (Afterwards it was mentioned that the reason they requested Mrs. Songer was because they knew something would get done.)

CFRC had 4 students volunteering at their agency as part of the Career Ready Program, for which the students receive credit. This is the first year CFRC has seen such an interest. The school district, CDVSA, and ANDVSA have been very supportive, which has allowed for students to take part in trainings in Anchorage.

The B.I.O.N.I.C group students continue to meet, working on their project from Lead-on. The students met with several local leaders in the community and are in the process of preparing the music video they are creating. The Choose Respect March Event was rescheduled for April 18th when all the students will be back and the B.I.O.N.I.C. group will present the music video.

CFRC's annual Easter Basket Auction was a great success with over 130 baskets and raising \$3800. All baskets were donated from local and state-wide businesses.

CFRC and Sound Alternatives held parenting classes for participants and community members, in which a total of 9 parents participated. CFRC facilitated the childcare for these classes through the Close-up youth.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

CFRC has been extremely busy this quarter with the need for services increasing, causing concern as they are down to 2 staff. They have seen an increase in participants in need of shelter, and have had to turn some down due to the individuals being the perpetrator or being homeless (rather than having DV/SA or another violent crime as the concerning issue).

An area of continued concern is the lack of OCS in their community. Although there is a new worker out of Wasilla who is very good, he is only there once a month. Also concerning is the continued change in Native Village of Eyak (NVE) staff and experiencing some difficulties in working with NVE as a community partner. There are tribal members who do not want to go to NVE due to the lack of confidentiality or difficulty accessing their services. CFRC does have a solid working relationship with one NVE staff member, with whom they coordinate in efforts to provide outreach to nearby villages. Access to these villages is hindered by weather, lack of flights, and scheduling with Infant Learning (a third partner in this outreach).

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

SUCSESSES

IAC continues to see an increase in the services they are providing to survivors. With limited resources in the Fairbanks and surrounding communities they are often the only resource for safety that victims can access. In the third quarter IAC provided shelter to 41 new adult survivors and 18 new children, with an increase of 233 shelter nights. Of the 158 families they provided shelter for since July 1st, 99 of those families have moved on to permanent housing.

IAC has also seen an increase in attendance for the groups they offer. This quarter they offered Changing Patterns, Art Healing and a Mom's Empowerment group. Many of those that attend these groups are individuals who have resided in the shelter and continue to return to continue services through group participation. The benefit to this is that, through the group setting, victims are able to connect with others that have gone through similar situations and are now successfully living on their own. The dynamic creates an atmosphere of support, education and encouragement that comes from peers versus just the group facilitator. Many individuals have expressed how helpful and uplifting it is to have access to groups and resources in a safe, confidential and supported environment.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

One of the highlights of this quarter was the annual Choose Respect event that took place at the end of March. Through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Fairbanks this event was a luncheon where approximately 150 people were in attendance. During the event there was a presentation by Dr. Andre Rosay regarding the results from the most recent UAA Justice Center Victimization Survey that took place in 2015. This survey, compared to the one conducted in 2010, showed that there has been a slight decrease in interpersonal violence throughout Alaska in recent years. This was a very encouraging presentation to not only those who work in the field but also community members who support the work being done on domestic violence.

IAC continues to work with AHFC surrounding the Echip Vouchers that are designated through IAC. This program has provided the opportunity for IAC to designate 40 vouchers to individuals they are working with and it has been a great success. It has allowed families to get into housing within months versus the years of waiting on the AHFC housing lists.

IAC once again this year was presented with the opportunity to participate in TCC's Annual Health Fair that takes place during Convention. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the Alaska Native population from not only Fairbanks, but also from surrounding villages and others throughout the state. IAC had a table at the event which allowed us to share materials educating on the services that we can provide surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as a table that promoted Green Dot. It is estimated that approximately 500 people came through the tables this year.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted at this time.

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

SUCSESSES

KWRCC started a beginning advocacy class. They had 6 people in attendance, of which 5 were community members and 1 was a staff member.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

KWRCC continues to be a full member of the Community Child Advocacy MDT, which addresses child cases of sexual assault and child abuse or maltreatment. They also facilitate the Adult Community Coordinated Response (CCR) Team, as well as Adult SART team (which addresses all Adult sexual assault and extreme domestic violence cases). Both teams seem to be working efficiently. They have seen better outcomes for victims that go through the criminal justice system with this comprehensive team approach in effect.

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

KWRCC collaborates with Sunaq on the Native Women's Advisory Committee, which works with natural leaders in the Native community on addressing DV/SA in the native community.

KWRCC continues their Immigrant Women's program that offers first language advocacy and culturally-informed services.

KWRCC provided Kodiak High School with materials for Healthy Relationships and prevention safety geared toward LGBTQ students.

ANDVSA provided a CCR training to train KWRCC advocates and community partners. KWRCC was featured in a front page newspaper article on their CCR team and other services. Senator Dan Sullivan came to KWRCC and met with the CCR team to discuss the effects of the drug epidemic in Kodiak and on their services/resources.

KWRCC and their community partners coordinated an annual Choose Respect March. They had great participation from both the troopers and Kodiak Police department, along with other community partners. It was a successful event.

KWRCC continues to have their first off-site Advocate working in the village of Old Harbor, which improves access to services, as well as providing outreach and prevention programs. KWRCC's Outreach Coordinator traveled to Old Harbor and participated with the Advocate there to host Old Harbor's Choose Respect Day. The entire day was filled with different community events that focused on the Choose Respect theme.

KWRCC continues meeting with OCS, built on the work started in the statewide SAFTEE pilot project in which Kodiak was a participating site. The local efforts to bring collaboration between OCS and DV programs have been going very well, which has helped each to better understand the other's roles in working with victims.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

Turning the Tide funding ended and KWRCC continues to operate with one Outreach Coordinator instead of two. Losing the Turning the tide funding also meant that KWRCC has lost their in-house therapist through Providence Mental Health Counseling Center. They now have to send participants back to the counseling center to be processed and set appointments.

LSC-The LeeShore Center-KENAI

SUCSESSES

A participant LSC worked with many years (off and on) was able to leave shelter and move into her own apartment with her children. She is working full time and has developed a strong sense of self-worth and determination to be in control of her own life. Another participant coming into the shelter had multiple issues she was dealing with and through great community partner collaboration, LSC was able to assist her with receiving the resources she needed to address what was happening in her life. She moved into her own apartment recently and has long term supports in place to help as needed.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

LSC participated in a community Project Homeless Connect event in January. A total of 123 homeless individuals accessed assistance and were provided help with their particular needs. LSC was able to offer direct support to a few women who were also victims of domestic violence and in need of safe shelter.

LSC held its 7th annual Choose Respect event on March 31st which was well attended (57 participants). There were pre- and post-event interviews by the local newspaper, Peninsula Clarion, and KSRM radio station.

LSC was chosen by KTUU to be the Breakfast Club recipients in March, giving them airtime to talk about the agency as well as being promoted on KTUU's website. This opened a door for future possible media airtime to promote upcoming events such as their bi-annual Community Awareness Workshop and annual Run for Women.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

SAFE-Safe and Fear-Free Environment-DILLINGHAM

SUCSESSES

SAFE learned that the Domestic Violence Maintenance Initiative (DVMI) Steering Committee met and decided that the SAFE Sewer System was a health and safety issue. The DVMI funding allocation for Dillingham was increased from \$172,000 to \$350,000 to fund an on-site Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade. The upgrade is moving forward, and will be completed this summer.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SAFE held 12 SISTR's meetings during this quarter, including the integral shared dinner before each meeting. They plan to resume the weekly steam baths once the steam is up to fire code. SAFE participated in the Choose Respect March this quarter to reach out to potential victims of DV/SA. The community participants walked through town and ended up at SAFE, where propaganda was distributed.

MySpace had another successful quarter in fundraising and donations from the community of Dillingham. Approximately \$18,000 was received in fundraising, donations, and small grants, which will fund MySpace through to the end of the school year. These fundraisers included the "Beaver Round Up" during the Dillingham Spring Carnival. Rural People in Motion held a run and provided its proceeds to MySpace. A group of citizens also held a dessert auction for MySpace. The Community of Dillingham has really come together to support MySpace. SAFE received a small grant from the Bristol Bay Native Corporation for \$4,000 for Summer Services, and have been collaborating with Curyung Tribal (who will be taking the lead for Summer Services).

There was a Compass training in Dillingham for Male Mentorship, followed by a community presentation with about 75 people in attendance. To see SAFE's Gregg Marxmiller at the helm of men stepping up to the plate in support of DV/SA services for Dillingham was surreal. It is a great feeling to see the men joining this important cause.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

SAFE continues to experience sewer problems. SAFE's leach field has failed, and when the ground freezes the sewer over flows on the neighbor's property. SAFE had to take extreme measures for health and safety issues. During this quarter they were emptying their septic twice per week, spending an additional \$4556 in septic dumping fees. They also cut their laundry use to three times a week, and changed out each sink and shower faucet to low-flow aerators. With the weather warming up, the sewer is functioning normally.

SAFE's Direct Services Coordinator resigned her position on February 25th for a higher paying position at the hospital. This position remained open through this quarter due to lack of qualified applicants, which provided the current new Executive Director with the opportunity to learn and practice this role before supervising someone newly appointed.

Despite working with their community partners on a grant proposal for addressing childhood trauma, SAFE ran out of time and was not able to apply. They continue to seek out funding opportunities to keep MySpace open for FY17 and beyond.

SAFV-Sitkans Against Family Violence-SITKA

SUCSESSES

SAFV assisted a victim with a SAM case. She had been sexually assaulted by two perpetrators and there was already an investigation started when she came to SAFV for services. The officers were unsure as to when they would be able to forward charges to the DA office, however the victim was feeling unsafe and wanted to get sexual assault protective orders in place. Throughout the process advocates went to court with her, provided on-going support, and referred her to ANDVSA who provided her with legal representation for the long-term protective order hearings. Advocates continue to provide her with support throughout the case. Both the S/A ex-parte and long-term protective orders were granted.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SAFV staff concluded the first session this fiscal year of the Kid's Club and Mom's Empowerment Program this quarter. The session ended with a farewell party where the kid's group leaders announced positive attributes about each child to their mothers.

Two SAFV advocates were trained as coaches for Girls on the Run this quarter. They began participating as lead coaches for the two Girls on the Run teams at Keet Elementary School.

SAFV co-facilitated a Coaching Boys Into Men training last August for Mt. Edgecumbe High School coaches, dorm staff, and a few teachers. SAFV learned that wrestling Coach Mike Kimber implemented CBIM throughout his entire wrestling season with his co-ed team. In February, SAFV's Americorps-Vista interviewed him to learn more about his experience with the program. He reported back that many of his athletes actively engaged in the program's prompts surrounding respectful behavior. Three male athletes from the wrestling team were also interviewed; they reported observing positive changes in their teammates because of this program, including more respectful "locker room" talk about girls and women. Coach Kimber stated that he intends to do CBIM again with his team next season.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

At the end of this quarter, the shelter filled to the point where every bed was needed, along with extra cots in the living room. There is an increased number of families with 2-3 kids each living in the shelter, which results in the Children's Advocate having to provide more respite childcare and advocates having to jump in to help with children more often. Relief advocates have been called in as extra day shift staff more than usual. It has been difficult to find relief advocates for overnight and swing shifts resulting in overtime for staff.

SCS–Seaview Community Services - SEWARD

SUCSESSES

SCS Victim Services have been running effectively and SCS holds monthly DART meetings.

SCS is preparing to schedule community partner and community member trainings.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SCS has had no media or events to report on at this time. SCS is focused on victim services and a recruiting a volunteer base for the program.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

The DVSA Program Coordinator for Seward Seaview Community Services DVSA Program moved on from the agency during this quarter and SCS is in the midst of recruiting for the position.

SPHH-South Peninsula Haven House-HOMER

SUCSESSES

With the departure of their Executive Director, 3 staff members have been fulfilling the duties of interim director. SPHH restructured, resulting in a strong Leadership Team made up of different program heads, which will act as a support for the future Executive Director. Though the full-time legal advocate position was lost, all shelter staff members attended legal advocacy training with ANDVSA and are successfully providing legal advocacy services (such as supporting participants in obtaining protective orders and navigating the legal process as survivors of DV/SA).

SPHH assisted a long-time participant with relocating with her infant daughter. They also assisted a participant who survived a particularly severe incident of DV with obtaining housing, accessing medical care, obtaining financial resources through VCCB, and offered her legal advocacy during a very challenging criminal case process. They even coordinated with a local optometrist to obtain services and expensive lenses (needed to address the legal blindness resulting from her injuries) at low cost.

Advocates assisted several participants with accessing mini-grants during this quarter to fund necessary activities such as medical procedures and auto repairs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

This quarter SPHH saw an increased need for coordinating services with the South Peninsula Behavioral Health Center, which underscored the need for a community multi-disciplinary response team to support victims of assault that experience disabilities. Preliminary steps have been taken to create a D.A.R.T. team, which is now being spear-headed by SPHH's lead advocate. Training in the area of Mental Health First Aid is also being coordinated with Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic's REC Room, and all SPHH staff will receive certification in this area during the 4th quarter.

Also during the 3rd quarter two new staff were trained and are now full members of the Homer S.A.R.T. team. Basic training was also provided for all advocates by the two forensic nurses at South Peninsula Hospital and an educator from ANDVSA. Introductions were made of the new team members at a S.A.R.T. meeting and during this quarter an MOU was completed and signed by members of all participating agencies.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

During the 3rd quarter some challenges were identified when working with a participant that was part of a court case involving the local district attorney's office. Specifically, systems and legal advocacy was needed to help in the communication process. Considering that the local District Attorney's office is 80 miles away in Kenai, this poses specific challenges when victims would like to participate fully in the legal process and exercise their rights as a witness in the state's potential court case. SPHH staff and advocates are working closely to develop new relationships with the staff of the DA's office since SPHH has lost the position of legal advocate. This will continue in the 4th quarter and they will continue to work toward more open channels of communication between all parties.

STAR – Standing Together Against Rape - ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

A STAR client wrote a letter in appreciation of STAR services highlighting her experience working with STAR's counselor. In the letter she shares her journey towards healing and self-acceptance. She describes the ability to share her story as one of the many gifts she has received while working through her trauma. She has given permission for STAR to share her letter.

STAR's Development and Events Department had the privilege of working with a local director and cast in presenting Eve Ensler's award winning production The Vagina Monologues. Two performances were presented at a local night club and another night was a black tie gala. STAR credits one of STAR's Board of Directors with the idea and the production was a huge success. STAR has received many requests from the community to bring the Monologues back again next year. KTUU presented a video story on STAR's production of The Vagina Monologues.

STAR facilitated crisis line training. STAR will add 15 new crisis line responders to the team of specially trained volunteer responders to help answer STAR's 24/7, 365 days a year crisis line.

STAR is fortunate to have a full time, licensed counselor for program participants who may require more extensive or longer term counseling.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

STAR facilitated a Green Dot Bystander Intervention training to the Full Lives Conference for direct service workers caring for the elderly and individuals living with disabilities.

STAR continues to host the Anchorage Disability Abuse Response Team, (DART).

STAR provides outreach and education to homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness at Beans Café, and educational groups at Dena A Coy and Clitheroe residential treatment programs. STAR provides parenting classes to at risk expectant and new parents.

STAR was on hand for the premier of Dena'ina and Athabaskan playwright Vera Starbard's play Our Voices Will Be Heard for those wishing to talk about sexual assault or child sexual abuse.

STAR's Green Dot trainers and Homer Haven House, AWAIC, and APD trainers, presented a week long train the trainers conference to 13 people from Anchorage program service agencies and businesses. All successfully completed the program.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

In the 3rd Quarter, STAR responded to over 56 SART call outs and to over 55 call outs for child sexual abuse investigations at Anchorage's Multi-disciplinary Center.

TWC – Tundra Women’s Coalition - BETHEL

SUCSESSES

TWC’s held the annual fund raiser, Yukegtaa. It was well-attended, went off well, and made TWC several thousand dollars. TWC honors members of the Y-K Delta community doing excellent work or services at Yukegtaa.

TWC's shelter and housing program are working really well together. TWC sees some very positive moves either to TWC's transitional houses or affordable housing. Every person who has stayed in the transitional homes this year has moved to permanent housing and TWC has helped close to 15 women with deposits to move into safe housing.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

TWC provides services to many YK Delta communities with very few victim resources. Only one village has a shelter for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault besides Bethel. A few don't have law enforcement. TWC has a 24-hour crisis line used by everyone in the delta. TWC regularly sends contact information and brochures about TWC to these communities. Additionally, in Bethel, there are certain resources that are difficult to access, or have a long waiting period, including subsidized housing and behavior health services. TWC provides shelter services for people experiencing homelessness and has an on-site contracted behavioral health clinician that residents and non-residents can access sometimes easier than other local resources can be accessed. TWC’s legal advocates are adept at helping people fill out the Violent Crimes Compensation Board forms, both for people living in Bethel and in the remote villages, so that they can utilize TWC's contracted clinician sooner than seeing someone at the regional hospital.

TWC received media coverage for the Choose Respect walk. Community and agency partners attended.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

A program participant broke confidentiality of another participant. Due to the lethality of the situation, we immediately exited the shelter participant who broke confidentiality to a hotel that night. The next day we arranged an alternate place for her to stay for the next two months.

TWC is concerned with the under-staffing of the Bethel Police Department. BPD has only one person on patrol at a time and the patrol includes upper management sometimes. This severely affects wait times for non-emergency calls and for BPD ability to attend planning meetings.

TWC is concerned with the SANE nurse situation with YKHC. YKHC had management transition and while the new manager is an ally to this cause and attends partnership meetings she is inheriting a SANE response structure that might not be sustainable.

USAFV-Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence-UNALASKA

SUCCESES

USAFV continued to be very, very busy with direct services in the third quarter. USAFV reports that, due to this, their major success was that they managed to keep their direct services, crisis intervention, and shelter functional while down one-third of the full-time staff. Because they were so busy and understaffed, outreach was minimal during the third quarter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Due to being short-staffed and busy with residents, outreach this quarter was minimal. USAFV staff members did hold a Chain of Love event where 26 kids from 2nd through 9th grade made Valentine's cards to send to students and others in the Aleutian Chain. The cards had messages of love, friendship, respect, self-care, and self-respect.

USAFV staff visited Head Start to read books to kids about diversity and communication. They produced several radio PSAs for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

USAFV also held a successful fund-raiser, the SOUP-OFF, which raised more than \$16,000 for our program.

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

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

USAFV has been very busy in FY16, after a slow FY15. They attribute this to nothing other than the unpredictable nature of the work and the community, though efforts at outreach when able and awareness seem to be working.

VFJ – Victims for Justice - ANCHORAGE

SUCSESSES

VFJ merged the Eva Foundation into Victims for Justice. In late November 2015, VFJ began discussions with an Eva Foundation board member who heard that Victims for Justice (VFJ) had new leadership and that VFJ was exploring new directions. The Eva Foundation was run primarily by a volunteer board and had not had a Director in over one year. The Eva Foundation wanted to make sure work in the community, serving victims of abuse that had left their abuser, continued. VFJ's and Eva Foundation's missions were similar and both agencies held the same value of empowering victims to report the crime/offender to law enforcement, cooperate fully, and see their case through the Criminal Justice System. After several meetings with staff and both boards, VFJ and the Eva Foundation agreed and completed the merger in February 2016. VFJ/Eva hired Lexi Rickard, former director of Eva Foundation. The continuity allowed VFJ/Eva to get up to speed very quickly and begin serving clients. VFJ/Eva will expand the financial assistance to all of VFJ clients and hope to eventually expand to more areas of the State through the Eva Program.

VFJ relocated a client to another state due to unsafe situation in Alaska.

VFL worked with a domestic violence client for eight months through the short-term protective order, criminal proceedings and subsequently the long-term protective order process.

VFJ assisted a client for several months who was the victim of a robbery sustaining broken ribs from the time of the incident through trial where his attackers were convicted of robbery.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

VFJ is working with the Fairbanks Police Department to create a Homicide Resource Guide for their area.

VFJ participated in the Anchorage Choose Respect March.

VFJ joined the Anchorage Prisoner Re-entry Coalition, the Public Safety Workgroup through the Anchorage Economic Development Corp., and the Disability Abuse Response Treatment (DART).

VFJ met several times to plan the National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and met with Priceless on how to better coordinate services for sex trafficking clients. VFJ met with the Municipal Trafficking Task force and victim providers' subgroup, and with the Governor's office and several legislators to work through SB91.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

None noted.

WISH-Women in Safe Homes-KETCHIKAN

SUCSESSES

A young lady barely 23 and her two young children came to WISH in a domestic violence crisis with her boyfriend. This young woman was granted a long term protective order; she started receiving child support, got herself on public assistance and will be moving soon to Washington to start over with the support of family and friends. She has a job set up for when she gets there and also daycare through her sister's child care center. This woman has been in the cycle of abuse ever since she was a child. She is now taking steps to make sure this cycle does not continue. She is getting counseling and surrounding herself with positive support and is happy and healing.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Girls on the Run kicked off in Ketchikan and Craig (Prince of Wales Island). The first season for GOTR POW is fully funded and has 15 participants. WISH continues to partner with teachers in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District and community volunteers to implement a spring season of GOTR in Ketchikan. The weekly sessions are going well and the end of the season 5k is quickly approaching. The participants are enjoying their time and the mid-season check-ins are going well.

WISH and the Organized Village of Saxman continue to partner in the Compass Toolkit. The participants are starting to carve their paddles. The young men are seeing their paddles take shape and are enjoying time together. The adult mentors continue to increase their ability to mentor. Some of the mentors have had some unexpected events happen in their lives but are using these experiences to strengthen their mentoring skills.

The THRIVE Summit was a huge success. Over 80 people attended the showing of Paper Tigers and engaged in a dialogue about the movie. Over 150 participants from 3 communities (Ketchikan, Saxman, and Metlakatla) attended the two day summit on the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and trauma on youth, adults and the community. A broad range of organizations (law enforcement, dv/sa shelter, school district employees, mental health practitioners, daycares, foster parents, businesses and tribal governments) attended and engaged in community dialogue to help our communities become trauma-informed and resilient. An overwhelming response to the summit was the interest to continue to meet, have dialogue and work together. As a result, WISH is planning 4 more dialogs to engage the community in the coming year.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

WISH reports a large increase of women checking in while under the influence and being under the influence throughout their stay at WISH. WISH has referred each of these women to the Ketchikan ER, then refer them to many different rehabs and behavioral health establishments. WISH reports their goal is to ensure that they establish and maintain a sober and healthy life.

FY16 3rd Quarter Outcome Measures January 1- March 31, 2016

Service	Number of participants this quarter	Number of surveys completed	(1) Yes to Safety	(2) Yes to Resources	(3) Yes to Services for Children	(4) Yes to Feel Less Isolated	(5) Yes to Understanding Crisis/Trauma	(6) Yes to Legal Rights	(7) Yes to Understanding Justice Process
Shelter	560	270	222	240	164	203	216	204	181
Non-residential Support and Advocacy	924	177	169	169	107	150	150	146	141
Counseling	96	40	39	39	31	35	33	27	25
Non-residential Support Groups	262	151	133	125	104	124	121	98	93
TOTAL	1814	638	563	573	406	512	510	475	440
(N/A) Not applicable	0	1	8	12	147	17	26	50	58
Neutral	0	0	51	47	60	80	81	83	97
% Positive Responses			89%	92%	83%	82%	83%	81%	76%

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

SUCSESSES

HOPE contacted Petersburg Mental Health about offering mental health services to our participants. If they provide the counseling, HOPE will offer it via polycom equipment at HOPE.

HOPE purchased 350 Green Dot children's placemats for all restaurants on the Island and 50 Green Dot bathroom pull-off tabs posters for businesses throughout the Island.

HOPE began discussions about feasibility of starting a domestic violence court on POW.

HOPE applied for OVW-2016 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program to start a batterer intervention program.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

HOPE wrote articles for the POW Chamber Newsletter for three months. HOPE also participated in the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce Trade Expo. Over 400 people attended the event and HOPE handed out personalized lip balm, bags, and tiny succulent plants with stickers that said "HOPE is growing on Prince of Wales."

HOPE also organized the Choose Respect March that was held in Craig. We had around 15 participants and reached everyone who passed by in cars during our walk!

Completed and submitted United Way Partnership application.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

HOPE is continuing to spread the word that HOPE is open and ready to provide advocacy services. As in HOPE's last report, HOPE is still experiencing some negativity in the community about the organization.

UTWC-Upper Tanana Wellness Court - TOK

SUCSESSES

UTWC continues to gain more momentum in the communities and UTWC is receiving more calls for information and advocacy.

UTWC is working to get more advocates locally and are using the program from IAC.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The UTWC volunteer contacted each village during this quarter and UTWC continues to send information out to the villages.

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

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

UTWC is continuing to work to train more advocates for the program. Due to the eventual grant end UTWC is working to get as much done as possible during this year.

WAVE –Working Against Violence for Everyone - PETERSBURG

SUCSESSES

WAVE continues to see an increase in walk-ins and calls. From January to March WAVE had 13 victims use our services. In the prior calendar year WAVE had 18 victims from January to December.

The time at the high school has been a good opportunity for WAVE to network with the school staff and connect with teens needing help.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The WAVE director participated in several trainings this quarter.

REACH came in to discuss their services to WAVE's advocate meeting.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

WAVE is still searching for funding for this next FY. WAVE held several community meetings to discuss WAVE's financial future. WAVE plans to meet with the Foraker Group in this next quarter to develop a financial plan.

The time at the high school has been a great opportunity for WAVE, but WAVE having only one staff member makes it harder to be in two places at once.

AFS – Alaska Family Services Family Violence Intervention Program – PALMER

OVERVIEW

The AFS FVIP staff participated and encouraged clients to attend the Choose Respect March in Palmer. Staff taught on the theme of what it means to Choose Respect and had clients make posters for the march.

AFS FVIP presented on the follow topics: Trauma Bonding Characteristics, When Men Deal with Women’s Anger, Cycle of Intolerable Feelings, Time Out, Handling Criticism, Emotional/Psychological Abuse, Verbal & Emotional Abuse, Mind Games, Coercion & Threats, Economic & Financial Abuse, Killing Us Softly, Franklin Reality Model, Crazy Makers-Passive Aggressive Communication, The Great Santini, and Effects of DV on Children.

SUCSESSES

AFS FVIP had 18 new participants accepted into the program and four participants completed their court-ordered groups for this quarter.

CONCERNS

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement - Law Enforcement is involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Prosecutors – AFS FVIP worked with ADA’s this quarter for assistance in filling petitions to revoke probation for clients that for some reason were not making it to the court calendar.
- Court System – The AFS FVIP have experience some delays in the court system filling petitions to revoke probation.
- Probation/Parole – AFS FVIP provided status updates on a regular basis to the individual officers. AFS was able to present on our program to the community officers.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) – FVIP continues to provide status updates to OCS clients with releases of information. OCS continues to send FVIP referrals to conduct intakes on their clients for placement in FVIP classes.
- DV Task Force – AFS FVIP participated in monthly Task Force meetings. AFS is working on developing outreach packets to assist medical providers in giving resources to the people they serve who may be affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health – AFS regularly contacts and collaborates with mental health providers for coordinating services. Staff is trained through AFS’ Behavior Health Treatment Center.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – AFS FVIP maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. AFS FVIP continues to coordinate services of our clients with other Batterer Intervention Programs.

AWARE/JCAP–Juneau Choice and Accountability Program–JUNEAU

OVERVIEW

JCAP continued to work on the transition to a new structure of classes with fixed start and stop dates for 2016 and beyond, and the implications of that in attendance and filing non-compliance. On January 5th, the first fixed start and stop class started with 8 men scheduled to attend. 2 men failed to show for the first two weeks of class. JCAP experienced a high "dropout " rate of non-compliance and notable need for collaboration with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs.

SUCSESSES

JCAP implemented a new data tracking system, which has improved efficiency and accuracy for JCAP. JCAP continues to work through the new questions and concerns regarding structural change implications such as: filing non-compliance, attendance, accepting homework, what to do when major life occurrences pop-up in the lives of the men, when and how to re-enroll men who dropped out temporarily, etc.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – N/A
- Prosecutors – This quarter, staff filed fewer affidavits of noncompliance for current participants and consistently attended related court hearings. Staff discussed program compliance with prosecutors, and worked to best ensure men’s accountability through the court system.
- Court System – Staff worked with Judge Levy and other community partners for the *Success Inside and Out* event in March. Staff attended the event and spoke with 20 or more men and women about healthy relationships, effects of past use of violence or criminality on relationships, services available when they are in community, and healing with hope.
- Probation/Parole – Staff communicates with field probation officers on a case-by-case basis, providing them with participant updates as needed. Recently Brent Wilson of the Probation Office asked to set up regular meetings with JCAP. JCAP and the PO’s will meet once per month to connect and discuss procedures and specific issues.
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) – OCS is the leading referral agency for JCAP; many OCS-referred men are quick to schedule intakes and slower to show up for them.
- DV Task Force – JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE’s Deputy Director.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse – Staff is coordinating compliance of several men while they complete behavioral health requirements. A couple of men delayed their enrollment in JCAP to complete those requirements. Other men have been on hold with JCAP because of apparent mental health concerns that arose during their participation in class. One man will likely not be returning to our program but is in communication with JCAP to find a program in Anchorage. The second man will likely be returning in Q4 to finish his JCAP requirements. This is in agreement with him, his counselor at JAMHI, and JCAP staff.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – Staff is monitoring the compliance of five men while they participate in other BIP courses or look for BIPs in other communities to fulfill their treatment requirement.

IAC/LEAP–Life Education Action Program–FAIRBANKS

OVERVIEW

26 slots are available for offenders who qualify for sliding scale assistance due to low or no income. Offenders are responsible for providing documentation on a quarterly basis in order to qualify. If they go non-compliant then they lose their sliding scale status. This quarter LEAP had 6 new people get into the Sliding Scale BIP program. At the end of the quarter 10 slots were available.

Numbers dipped this quarter, it is unclear why. Five program participants on the sliding fee scale successfully completed the program this quarter.

SUCSESSES

LEAP has an MSW intern working with their agency from Humboldt State University and an M.Ed. (Counseling) intern from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The intern from HSU completed a study of the effectiveness of the program that found program attendance (# of sessions attended) and completion were top predictors of non-recidivism over an 8 year period. LEAP staff has continued to work together as a team that supports, encourages and respects one another and has continued to be good role models for clients as to how to treat others honestly and fairly.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement –Through the CCR and DVTF meetings and via the Community program LEAP has had communication with law enforcement that has been constructive. Fairbanks Police Department Chief Aragon has made it a priority to participate in DV Task Force and he connected with LEAP to learn more about the program and it's requirements.
- Prosecutors – LEAP continues to be challenged with finding a way to work to get non-compliance filed with the court. While these affidavits are filed timely to the DA's office, they are at least 7 months behind in their filing. This does not seem to be a priority for the DA's office.
- Court System – LEAP participates in a weekly ongoing status hearing for offenders and provides information on client status upon request. Judges continue not to court order the BIP class as part of a sentence on Rule 11's if not asked for by the DA's office.
- OCS – LEAP maintains regular contact with OCS by making regular reports of harm when information is disclosed to us or obtained by us. LEAP participate in meetings with caseworkers on client progress or lack thereof, and have ongoing referrals from OCS to our program.
- DV Task Force – LEAP attends the DVTF meetings.
- Probation/Parole –LEAP continues to have a good relationship with Probation and Parole and reports that most of their successful clients are working directly with parole officers. It would be extremely helpful if the internal PO's and the external PO's would begin communicating as LEAP has been told is supposed to be happening. Currently this coordination is not in place to ensure that they move from prison program to community.

KIC-Ketchikan Indian Community-KETCHIKAN

OVERVIEW

KIC continues to provide education and accountability. Men that enter the program experience multiple opportunities to participate in other activities KIC sponsors in the community. Several participated in 1 Billion Rising, and others have volunteered at the Elders monthly dinners. Community Work Service (CWS) is an active part of the process for many, as unemployment is often a factor in the lives of many. KIC is anticipating an increase in CWS payment of fees with fish, berries and seaweed this year from years past. This benefits the elders and victims as they are the direct recipients of these goods. The elders welcome CWS participants back into the community with open arms. It is often met with surprise and relief on part of the participants as they have felt separated from their families, friends and culture because of the shame and regret of past behavior. It is very rewarding, and can be an important piece to reducing recidivism.

SUCSESSES

KIC was the lead agency in hosting the One Billion Rising event in Ketchikan. KIC supplied refreshment and t shirts for the event. There was an increase in cooperation and participation than in previous years; more agencies and people were interested in supporting the cause of violence against women after the event. KIC also participated in the adapted Choose Respect march this quarter.

KIC reports moving forward with their relationship with WISH. The MOA between agencies was signed March 25th, and several meaningful and productive meetings were held over the quarter that helped open communication and strengthen understanding of how to best serve mutual participants and respect the policies of respective agencies. KIC invited WISH to be involved in their training on historical trauma which is scheduled for April.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement –N/A this quarter
- Prosecutors – KIC is working to schedule a meeting on reestablishing the DVTF. very promising development with the district attorney's office recently that indicates a strong willingness to participate.
- Court System – KIC has attended several hearings for restraining orders for victims/thus the perpetrator being a potential or current program participant.
- Probation/Parole – KIC receives status updates on BIP participants. They attend monthly MDT meetings with probation to discuss compliance of participants.
- DV Task Force – No meetings during this reporting period, however contact with agencies and the discussion to begin the process again has been enthusiastic. KIC is looking at the PRAXIS method of coordinating the group.
- Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse –KIC receives referrals on a regular basis for both BIP and their victim services program.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs –KIC is adding case management services.

LSC/CPBIP-Central Peninsula Batterers Intervention Program-KENAI

OVERVIEW

During the 3rd quarter, 11 new participants entered the program and received orientation. There was one court hearing during this quarter to address non-compliance issues; two cases were continued. During this quarter five men were court ordered into the program.

SUCCESES

During this quarter CPBIP completed the Power and Control module. Role play is accomplished via DVD presentations from Duluth. Some of the longer term participants continue to challenge and talk with newer participants about preconceived gender roles and power and control issues. Two men completed the program in this quarter.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement- LSC continues to work closely with the three local law enforcement agencies and collaborate on training needs. During this quarter, Kenai Police Department provided an advocate training on drug use in our community. All law enforcement agencies participated in LSC's 6th annual Choose Respect event, held March 31st.
- Prosecutors- Members of the DA's office attended LSC's Choose Respect event.
- Court System- CPBIP co-facilitator attended one court date this quarter. Cases continue to take a long time to go through the court system, possibly due to calendaring issues and continuances requested by the defense attorneys. Orders to Anger Management for convictions involving DV are increasing, though none were received this quarter.
- Probation/Parole- Adult Probation officers work very well with CPBIP and provided one new referral this quarter.
- Medical- Due to scheduling conflicts there was not a SART meeting this quarter.
- OCS (Office of Children's Services)- LSC receives referrals to CPBIP from OCS. Two of the longest term employees of the local office have recently retired and another has moved out of town, which has left OCS short staffed.
- DV Task Force- LSC's Executive Director chairs the semi-monthly task force meetings, which also include law enforcement, prosecution, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and SART nurses. Due to scheduling conflicts there was not a Task Force meeting this quarter.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)- LSC advocates provide access to VCCB as needed and educate the community about VCCB at the CAWs in April and October.
- Behavioral Health- LSC collaborates with Center for Human Development, Independent Living Center, Dena'ina Wellness Center (Kenaitze Indian Tribe), and Peninsula Community Health Services about shared clients who experience disabilities and are victims of DV/SA.
- Other Victim Services or Batterer Intervention Programs- As needed, CPBIP monitors participants for completion of a program in a different jurisdiction. Two men were reassigned to Anchorage programs this quarter.

SPHH/DVIP-Domestic Violence Intervention Program-HOMER

OVERVIEW

This quarter all participants remained in compliance. Each participant has reported that they have continued to maintain sobriety. SPHH has not encountered any issues with the judicial system nor has anyone been arrested.

SUCCESES

This has been a successful quarter as all participants have maintained sobriety and no one has been arrested.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

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

BIP - Community FY16 3rd Quarter Statistics January 1 - March 31, 2016		AFS Palmer	AWARE Juneau	IAC Fairbanks	KIC Ketchikan	LSC Kenai	SPHH Homer
a	How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	14	4	3		5	0
b	How many written intake assessments were completed?	12	5	3		11	0
c	How many participants were accepted into the program?	18	5	6		11	0
d	How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	9	7	0		2	0
e	How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	39	16	11		61	0
f	How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	4	4	5		2	0
g	How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	4	3	4		10	0
h	How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	3	1	1		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)?	5	0	2		1	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)	14	7	0		2	0
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)	2	1	3		2	0
l	What is the total dollars of fees collected?	\$8,659.00	\$2,030.00	\$0.00		\$4,750.00	\$200.00
m	What is the total dollars of accounts receivable (more than 30 days past due)?	\$0.00	\$3,225.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$300.00

AFS – Prison-Based Batterer’s Program – PALMER

OVERVIEW

AFS PBP presented on the follow topics: Trauma Bonding Characteristics, When Men Deal with Women’s Anger, Cycle of Intolerable Feelings, Time Out, Handling Criticism, Emotional/Psychological Abuse, Verbal & Emotional Abuse, Mind Games, Coercion & Threats, Economic & Financial Abuse, Killing Us Softly, Franklin Reality Model, Crazy Makers-Passive Aggressive Communication, The Great Santini, and Effects of DV on Children.

CONCERNS

AFS PBP is still being charged for records requests of the client’s judgments for Anchorage and Fairbanks. With the changes in Courtview and now with the fees for records requests it has become difficult to acquire the necessary information for AFS clients. The program does not have the funds to purchase the records needed for the program to be complaint in petitioning the court to revoke probation on clients that are non-compliant.

SUCCESES

6 intakes and new participants were accepted into AFS PBP. 4 participants completed groups.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement is involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Prosecutors – AFS PBP have worked with a few ADA’s this quarter for assistance in filling petitions to revoke probation for clients that for some reason were not making it to the court calendar.
- Court System – AFS PBP have experienced some delays in the court system filling petitions to revoke probation.
- Probation/Parole – Probation officers continue to give us referrals for our groups and help coordination of services at their facilities.
- Medical - Public Health and the hospital were involved in monthly DV Task Force meetings.
- Office of Children’s Services (OCS) – AFS PBP contact with OCS is limited with clients in the Prison-Based Program. When inmates are released we have worked with OCS to conduct intakes and to provide status reports.
- DV Task Force – AFS PBP participated in monthly Task Force meetings. AFS is working on developing outreach packets to assist the medical providers in giving resources for those affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – Information is offered to victims during safety checks.
- Behavioral Health – AFS PBP has regular contact and collaboration with local mental health providers regarding coordination of services. Staff receives additional training through AFS’ Behavior Health Treatment Center.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – AFS PBP maintains regular contact with the local DV shelter to coordinate services and provide victim safety checks. AFS PBP continues to coordinate services of other Batterer Intervention Programs.

AWARE/JCAP– Juneau Choice and Accountability Program –JUNEAU

OVERVIEW

JCAP continues to be impressed with the quality of dialogue generated among the five consistent participants (with upwards of seven attending). Two participants lead the group grounding and meditation activities at the beginning of class.

SUCSESSES

Accountability at LCCC takes a different spin with the men who are holding themselves accountable for often much more or slightly different issues than just intimate partner and domestic violence. While staff try to reframe accountability around the effects on family and loved ones, the men hold a very different mindset, generally, than those in the community. For example, one man in on charges of selling drugs and arms is now starting to come out with how his choices affected his sister.

JCAP is working closely with one man who had spent half of his life in prison. He expressed deep fear and concern for being released in to the community and trying to forge a new life that he never knew previously. JCAP is working to keep him feeling supported, accountable, and linked to resources and options.

JCAP participated in the Success Inside and out programming and event throughout Q3, under the leadership of Judge Levy. JCAP attended the event in March and discussed healthy relationships, supportive options, hope, and the effects of their crimes and time in jail on their loved ones. JCAP spoke with over 20 inmates, men and women, during the seven hours at Lemon Creek. In addition, JCAP is now reaching out to the successful inmates to gauge interest in them speaking to community JCAP participants. In the latest JCAP feedback questionnaires, a couple of men requested facilitators who had “walked [their] walk” JCAP hopes that albeit not precisely what they asked for, these men and women still share common threads and may be able to provide a sense of hope or clarity for our participants to connect with more personally.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Prosecutors – N/A
- Court System – N/A
- Probation/Parole – Staff continues to meet weekly with institutional probation officers at Lemon Creek Correctional Center to provide updates and receive feedback on participants. Staff communicates with field probation officers on a case-by-case basis, providing them with participant updates as needed.
- Medical –N/A
- OCS (Office of Children’s Services) – N/A
- DV Task Force – JCAP is represented at DVTF/community meetings by AWARE’s Deputy Director (responsible for oversight and supervision of JCAP)
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs –N/A

IAC/LEAP–Life Education Action Program-FAIRBANKS

OVERVIEW

LEAP continues to receive regular requests from inmates to come into program. LEAP has also continued to get referrals from in-house probation officers. LEAP continues to teach group in the Education Center and have room for a maximum of 12 inmates at a time.

LEAP staff maintains a positive relationship with the probation staff in FCC and has weekly contact with them.

In the PBP there has been a high number of inmates applying to the program that have been self-referred or referred by other inmates in the facility. More inmates regularly come to do intakes than LEAP has the staff to accommodate. Those LEAP cannot meet with in the allotted time are referred to return the next week but many do not.

SUCSESSES

LEAP has received positive feedback from the inmates about the ways they see the program helping them to improve their lives, and many report having more control over their impulsive and abusive behaviors. LEAP is happy to have a new M.Ed. (Counseling) intern from University of Alaska Fairbanks who is observing groups at FCC.

INTERACTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Law Enforcement – None for the Prison Batterer Program.
- Prosecutors – None for the Prison Batterer Program..
- Court System – None for the Prison Batterer Program.
- Medical –None for the Prison Batterer Program.
- OCS – None for the Prison Batterer Program.
- DV Task Force – LEAP attends the DVTF meetings as both Community BIP and PBP.
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) – No Interaction.
- Other victim services or Batterer Intervention Programs – LEAP works in conjunction with their parent organization Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and their partner group LEAP Community Batterer Program.
- Probation/Parole – LEAP staff is in regular communication with probation officers in the jail regarding interactions with clients, referrals, and ongoing curriculum planning. LEAP reports that it would be beneficial if internal PO's would assist the participants in transitioning to the Community Program and ensuring that a handoff to an external PO would happen, as this would encourage participants in the Prison Batterer Program to attend Community Program.

BIP - Prison Based FY16 3rd Quarter Statistics January 1- March 31, 2016	AFS Palmer	AWARE Juneau	IAC Fairbanks	TOTAL
How many new participants were court-ordered into the program?	2	2	1	5
How many written intake assessments were completed?	6	4	12	22
How many participants were accepted into the program?	6	4	9	19
How many new victim safety checks were completed? (spoke directly with the victim)	0	0	0	0
How many safety checks were completed? (includes new and continuing victims)	3	1	11	15
How many participants completed the program during this quarter?	4	1	0	5
How many participants were non-compliant during this quarter?	0	1	7	8
How many participants were re-arrested for domestic violence during this quarter (defined as police arrest and charge of domestic violence)?	0	0	1	1
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)?	1	0	1	2
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)	1	2	0	3
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	0	3	3

Department of Public Safety
FY2016 Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
All Funding Sources Status
Report Period Ending: April 29, 2016

Component Expenditures	Total Authorization	Total Expenditures	Balance
Personal Services	998,300.00	712,100.81	286,199.19
Travel	243,900.00	93,726.90	150,173.10
Services	1,598,100.00	235,391.11	1,362,708.89
Commodities	21,000.00	6,204.82	14,795.18
Capital Outlays	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants and Benefits	12,992,700.00	12,378,469.50	614,230.50
Totals:	15,854,000.00		

Funding Sources	
General Fund	11,352,900.00
Inter-Agency Receipts	790,000.00
Federal Grants	3,711,100.00
Totals:	15,854,000.00

CDVSA Current Federal Grants

Report Period Ending: April 29, 2016

PROGRAM	AWARD #	START	END	AMOUNT	EXPENDED	BALANCE
FFY13 STOP VAWA	FFY13 VAWA 2013-WF-AX-0044	7/1/2013	6/30/2016	185,848.67	14,462.29	171,386.38
FFY14 STOP VAWA	FFY14 VAWA 2014-WF-AX-0055	7/1/2014	6/30/2016	848,842.00	459,297.19	389,544.81
FFY15 STOP VAWA	FFY15 VAWA 2015-WF-AX-0007	7/1/2015	6/30/2017	800,075.00	15,361.54	784,713.46
FFY13 SASP	FFY13 SASP 2013-KF-AX-0032	8/1/2013	7/31/2016	174,934.48	171,532.48	3,402.00
FFY14 SASP	FFY14 SASP 2014-KF-AX-0003	8/1/2014	7/31/2016	270,588.00	94,366.15	176,221.85
FFY15 SASP	FFY15 SASP 2015-KF-AX-0027	8/1/2015	7/31/2017	299,269.00	195.94	299,073.06
FFY10 GTEA	FFY12 GTEA 2010-WE-AX-0002	3/1/2010	8/31/2015	31,670.00	0.00	31,670.00
FFY14 GTEA	FFY14 GTEA 2014-WE-AX-0021	10/1/2014	9/30/2017	528,127.90	256,554.91	271,572.99
FFY13 VOCA	FFY13 VOCA 2013-VA-GX-0043	10/1/2012	9/30/2016	5,209.77	5,209.77	-
FFY14 VOCA	FFY14 VOCA 2014-VA-GX-0050	10/1/2013	9/30/2017	1,484,376.00	1,415,918.76	68,457.24
FFY15 VOCA	FFY15 VOCA 2015-VA-GX-0060	10/1/2014	9/30/2018	4,909,151.00	168,892.00	4,740,259.00
FFY15 VOCA	FFY15 VOCA DISCRETIONARY 2015-VF-GX-0057	10/1/2014	9/30/2018	101,183.00	11,539.77	89,643.23
FFY14 FVPSA	FFY14 FVPSA G-1401AKFVPSA	10/1/2013	9/30/2015	209,252.44	209,252.44	-
FFY15 FVPSA	FFY15 FVPSA G-1501AKFVPSA	10/1/2014	9/30/2016	744,293.00	193,674.25	550,618.75
FFY12 SVSEP	FFY12 SVSEP 2012-CW-AX-K028	10/1/2012	9/30/2016	71,581.69	63,413.68	8,168.01
FFY15 JFF	FFY15 JFF 2015-FJ-AX-0006	10/1/2015	9/30/2018	501,015.00	79,710.17	421,304.83
Totals:				11,165,416.95	3,159,381.34	8,006,035.61

VAWA = Violence Against Women Act

STOP = Services-Training-Officers-Prosecution

SASP = Sexual Assault Services Program

GTEA = Grants to Encourage Arrest

VOCA = Victims of Crime Act

FVPSA = Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

SVSEP = Safe Visitation and Safe Exchange Program

JFF = Justice for Families

Program	Awarded in FY16	Reduction	Awarded in FY17
AFS	\$ 641,677.00	\$ -	\$ 641,677.00
AVV	\$ 350,444.00	\$ -	\$ 350,444.00
AWAIC	\$ 1,505,208.00	\$ -	\$ 1,505,208.00
AWARE	\$ 906,255.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 886,255.00
AWIC	\$ 433,978.00	\$ -	\$ 433,978.00
BSWG	\$ 561,475.00	\$ -	\$ 561,475.00
CFRC	\$ 164,752.00	\$ -	\$ 164,752.00
IAC	\$ 1,092,695.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 1,077,695.00
KWRCC	\$ 416,214.00	\$ -	\$ 416,214.00
LSC	\$ 817,670.00	\$ -	\$ 817,670.00
MFCC	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
SAFE	\$ 684,252.00	\$ -	\$ 684,252.00
SAFV	\$ 493,006.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 478,006.00
SCS	\$ 100,834.00	\$ -	\$ 100,834.00
SPHH	\$ 413,239.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 398,239.00
STAR	\$ 844,969.00	\$ -	\$ 844,969.00
TWC	\$ 1,136,067.00	\$ -	\$ 1,136,067.00
USAFV	\$ 196,862.00	\$ -	\$ 196,862.00
VFJ	\$ 80,136.00	\$ -	\$ 80,136.00
WISH	\$ 831,484.00	\$ -	\$ 831,484.00
TOTAL:	\$ 11,821,217.00	\$ (65,000.00)	\$ 11,756,217.00
Program	FY16 Batterers Intervention Program	Reduction	FY17 Batterers Intervention Program
AFS	\$ 41,812.00	\$ (41,812.00)	\$ -
AWARE	\$ 4,979.00	\$ (4,979.00)	\$ -
IAC	\$ 69,292.00	\$ (69,292.00)	\$ -
KIC	\$ 38,354.00	\$ (38,354.00)	\$ -
LSC	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ -
SPHH	\$ 25,563.00	\$ (25,563.00)	\$ -
TOTAL:	\$ 200,000.00	\$ (200,000.00)	\$ -
Program	FY16 Emerging Programs	Reduction	FY17 Emerging Programs
WAVE	\$ 62,005.00	\$ (62,005.00)	\$ -
HOPE	\$ 140,990.00	\$ (140,990.00)	\$ -
UTWC	\$ 40,000.00	\$ (40,000.00)	\$ -
TOTAL:	\$ 242,995.00	\$ (242,995.00)	\$ -