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Welcome to the CDVSA FY 2013 Annual Report. Inside you will find information on the forward progress being made to increase safety, hold offenders accountable and work to change social norms - moving another step toward preventing domestic violence and sexual assault from occurring in Alaska.

Thank you to the women and men across our state who day in and day out advocate for people suffering from these crimes. I know the burden grows heavy at times: you hear a scream through the crisis line - the line goes dead and you wonder if she will survive; you see the bruises and strangulation marks; you hear the stories - he beat me and threw me against a wall, fired his gun at me and was so mad when he missed, he raked me back and forth across the shattered wood; you bear witness as the person who has been raped goes through a forensic exam almost as invasive as the assault itself. And when it becomes almost too much, you see a family go free - safe housing, a new job, children playing without always checking to see that their parent is OK; a new beginning with support and hope for the future. With little pay, benefits or recognition, you continue to wage peace. You are our standard bearers and I am privileged to stand with you.

Lauree Morton
Executive Director
**Our Vision:**

Alaska, free from domestic and sexual violence

**Our Mission:**

The Council provides safety for Alaskans impacted or victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault through a system of statewide crisis intervention, perpetrator accountability and prevention services

**Our Purpose:**

There is established in the Department of Public Safety the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The purpose of the council is to provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families and to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs.”

-Alaska Statute § 18.66.010
INRODUCTION

In 1981, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (The Council or CDVSA) was created by legislation and established in the Department of Public Safety. For over 30 years, the Council has funded programs across the state of Alaska to enhance safety and hold offenders accountable. In FY 2013, the Council funded and supported 20 victim service programs and monitored 15 community and prison-based batterer intervention programs, nine (9) of which were funded partially through the Council.

COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS PROVIDE:

- 24-hour emergency support;
- Safe shelter;
- Safety planning;
- Prevention initiatives;
- Children’s services including child care, counseling, and group activities;
- Counseling for victims;
- Accountability for batterers;
- Information and referral for employment, housing, and medical care;
- Legal advocacy and civil legal referral;
- Community coordination focused on systemic change;
- Rural outreach and community education programs;
THE COUNCIL ALSO DIRECTLY FUNDS TRAINING FOR:

- Law enforcement personnel;
- Health providers and counselors;
- Attorneys and court personnel;
- Staff of Native organizations and other community groups;
- School based educators;
- Prevention coordinators and advocates.

“{The Local Shelter Program} has changed my life-- it feels like I can now Exhale… I feel like I have been holding my breath for so many years--it’s the little everyday things that are the biggest change in my life. Not having to ask for permission to talk to my friends and coworkers, not stressing about dinner, planning the kids birthdays without needing {spouse’s} permission … the freedom to just do what I think is best for the kids and myself is so liberating.”
COUNCIL PURPOSE AREAS, GOALS & ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE AREAS:

• Prevention;
• Crisis Management and Intervention;
• Perpetrator Accountability.

GOALS:

• Coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault prevention efforts in Alaska;
• Provide immediate, appropriate crisis response, intervention and shelter;
• Build public awareness and support for crisis management and intervention services;
• Develop crisis management options that allow victims, if they choose to do so, to stay safely in their homes while perpetrators are removed;
• Hold perpetrators accountable for their actions;
• Implement and maintain best practices in the operation of programs providing domestic violence and sexual assault services;
• Define and describe the scope and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault;
• Ensure effective Council administration.

ACTIVITIES:

• Coordinate services with the Departments of Law, Education, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, Corrections and other state and community groups dealing with our identified population;
• Request, receive, and disperse funds from the State of Alaska and the federal government for domestic violence and sexual assault programs;
• Gather data on domestic violence, sexual assault, crisis intervention, and prevention;
• Fund and support 20 victim service programs in 18 Alaska communities, collectively serving 235 towns and villages throughout the state;
• Monitor and provide technical assistance to all approved Batterer Intervention Programs; 15 approved – 9 funded;
• Coordinate and fund training on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault to government agencies, law enforcement, community agencies, and the public;
• Conduct quarterly public meetings and participate in public forums on a regular basis.

Sisters

In a town of peace and quiet there’s some women I know,
They help the battered and the beaten, who have no place to go.
They bring them hope and bring them laughter, and show them a better way.
They give them love and show them kindness, and show them tomorrow is a better day.

They bring life to Women who have been beaten and bruised,
Women who have been trampled on, thrown away and used.

They are our Sisters, these Women, they are here to make us strong.
They teach us to stand together and for all to get along.

God bless you all for being there for us, God sent you from above,
And from our hearts we’d like to tell you that We give you all our love.

- From a woman who stayed in a local shelter
In FY 12 the Council initiated the Alaska Dashboard, which provides a broad overview of population indicators on key issues impacting domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. The Dashboard looks at reported incidents, service utilization, protective factors, offender accountability and victimization survey results to provide a clearer picture of what is happening across the state. (http://dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/dashboard.aspx)

In May and June 2010, 971 randomly selected Alaska women were surveyed over the phone. Questions were asked about specific behaviors, resulting in Alaska’s first comprehensive look at intimate partner violence and sexual assault against women.

Results from the survey are used to guide planning and policy development, effectively evaluate the impact of prevention and intervention services, and provide greater empirical support for preventing and responding to violence against women.

**Out of every 100 adult women who reside in the State of Alaska**

![Graph showing prevalence of intimate partner violence and sexual violence](image-url)
The Council now has both statewide and regional data and plans call for continuation of the Alaska Victimization Survey every five years in order to make sure that changes can be accurately tracked over time.
CDVSA 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Funded 20 victim service programs across the state resulting in:

- 3,027 people volunteering 78,576 hours of service to the cause;
- More than 200 staff members operating programs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure safe refuge and help their communities develop strategies for creating peace;
- 90% of program participants learning more about resources and help available to themselves and their families and how to access those resources;
- 87% of program participants knowing more or different intervention safety strategies than they did prior to the interaction.

BIP Roundtable

Council staff convened the Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) revisions committee. Members represent domestic violence programs, approved BIPs, and relevant State departments. The group is tasked to revise State regulations and draft a ‘best practices’ document for approved programs to follow.

Fund ed public awareness and prevention campaigns throughout the state, including:

- Respect is Always the Right Choice;
- Real Alaskans Choose Respect;
- Stand Up Speak Up Youth Initiative;
- When I am an Elder;
• The Fourth R;
• Green Dot – Bystander Intervention;
• Alaska Men Choose Respect Community-Based Prevention Projects.

**SART Sustainability**

Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) generally include victim advocates, law enforcement officers and health care providers. These team members provide a coordinated, efficient and supportive response to persons who have been sexually assaulted while focusing on a victim’s needs and choices. SARTs are designed to reduce the trauma of interacting with the system for victims.

SART trainings were held in Dillingham and Anchorage during FY 2013. Teams from Anchorage, Bethel, Bristol Bay, Cordova, Juneau, Kake-Sitka, Klawock-Craig, Kodiak and Nome participated in the 40-hour trainings. The weeklong training focuses on team-building while strengthening response skills for advocates, law enforcement officers and health care professionals.

**Enhanced services and prevention programming in Alaska through funds awarded by the Rural Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program (RDVSAP)**

In state fiscal year 2011 CDVSA applied for and was awarded $900,000 through the RDVSAP. Funding through this award supports DV/SA victim service programs direct service efforts and prevention programming in nine rural Alaskan communities.
In FY13, funding through the Governor’s Choose Respect Initiative via the Council supported the expansion of the public awareness, prevention and community engagement projects started in 2010. The Council contracted and worked in partnership with Christianson Communications, the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) and other key state and community stakeholders to coordinate and grow the work of prevention across Alaska.

Christianson Communications worked with CDVSA to write and coordinate the productions of four television Public Service Announcements related to the subjects of prevention, bystander intervention, and/or the effects of domestic and sexual violence. The PSA’s built on the messaging of our previous bystander Intervention Campaign and were targeted to interventions appropriate to specific regions and populations in Alaska.

In addition to developing the scripts, producing PSAs and distributing them to statewide media, Christianson Communications coordinated with all television, radio and print media for media placement as well as preparing the PSAs for placement on the Council’s website. The agency worked closely with CDVSA staff to develop a media buy schedule that maximized the state’s dollars for media placement.
RESPECT IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT CHOICE

The Respect is Always the Right Choice campaign objectives are to show what choosing respect can look like in real situations Alaskans encounter. The series lets Alaskan’s know that help is available for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault; highlights the work the Council is doing to reduce violence and instructs bystanders by providing examples of ways to safely intervene in situations that could potentially lead to violence. Four spots were developed in FY 2013 and build on our previous work in these arenas. The new spots, along with the Respect is Always the Right Choice series, can be viewed on our website at:
http://dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/campaigns.aspx

ALASKA MEN CHOOSE RESPECT

The Alaska Men Choose Respect Campaign (formerly Real Alaska Men Choose Respect) began in 2010. The statewide campaign encourages men to become actively involved in preventing violence, strengthening communities and promoting respect. The campaign includes: PSA’s, a website and opportunities to implement projects at the community level through CDVSA funded mini-grants. In fiscal year 2012, ten communities received mini grant funds to promote projects that encourage male leadership in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence. The AMCR website can be viewed at:
http://www.alaskamenchooserespect.org/
REAL ALASKAN’S CHOOSE RESPECT

The “Real Alaskans Choose Respect” campaign was developed in 2011 and airs on a wide range of stations throughout the state. The campaign focuses on two main themes: getting help if you are a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault and the role Alaskans have to play in changing attitudes towards violence. The PSA series can be viewed at: 
http://www.dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/campaigns.aspx

STAND UP SPEAK UP

The Stand Up Speak Up media campaign focuses on reaching Alaska’s youth ages 13-18. The campaign includes mass media, community partnerships/action, target audience engagement, and youth led/adult supported community projects.

The Stand Up Speak Up Alaska youth initiative was informed by youth from across Alaska and developed by a committee including the CDVSA, ANDVSA, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Intended outcomes from this project include:

- Shift social norms or attitudes about respect and violence in relationships
- Improve youth leaders’ knowledge about violence, healthy relationships, and community leadership
- Increase the number of youth getting involved in these prevention/promotion efforts

“When I Am an Elder” is part of the Stand Up Speak Up prevention campaign. The PSA’s are based on a poem, called “When I’m an Elder”(WIAE) created and written by Bethel Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) in 2002. Three new WIAE PSAs were developed in FY 2013 in partnership with ANDVSA and the city of Minto. WIAE Bethel and Southeast versions were aired on radio.
The Bethel WIAE was spoken in Yup’ik bringing together Elders and youth for this project and the southeastern version of WIAE won a Goldie award at the Alaska Broadcaster’s Association banquet on October 18th. To view the entire Stand Up Speak Up and When I am an Elder series go to: http://www.standupspeakupalaska.org/when-i-am-an-elder/

THE ALASKA FOURTH R EVALUATION PROJECT

The Fourth R is a comprehensive school-based program designed to include students, teachers, parents, and the community in reducing violence and many of today’s risky behaviors. The curriculum has been evaluated in Canadian schools and is listed on the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidenced-based Programs and Practices (www.nrepp.samhsa.gov), this project is the first to evaluate its implementation and effectiveness among diverse Alaskan youth populations.

The Alaska Fourth R Curriculum Evaluation Project is a three-year, multi-site program evaluation initiated in FY 2012. The evaluation is being conducted by Strategic Prevention Solutions, in collaboration with organizational and funding partners CDVSA, ANDVSA, DEED, and DHSS. Additional partners working on establishing Fourth R evaluation structure include the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Centers for Addiction and Mental Health. The project is in its last year and a final evaluation report will be available in August 2014.

GREEN DOT-ALASKA

Green Dot is an evidence based bystander intervention program that engages individual community members and leaders in prevention by providing them with the tools to intervene safely before violence occurs. The goal is to equip community members with skills allowing them to integrate moments of prevention within existing relationships and daily activities. By doing so, new norms are
introduced and those within their sphere of influence will be significantly motivated to move from passive agreement that violence is wrong, to active intervention.

In FY 2012 CDVSA signed a three-year contract with Green Dot Inc. to expand this innovative prevention and bystander intervention strategy throughout Alaska. Green Dot developers are working in partnership with six pilot communities on program implementation and the development of a Train the Trainer curriculum. Trainers from the pilot communities will mentor with the developers in order to build the capacity for Alaska specific Trainers, who will then be available to train in other communities throughout the state. Green Dot communities are: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, Homer, Craig and Bethel.

The project is rolling out in three stages:

**Stage One:** Adapt the core principles and content of Green Dot into a program and strategy that can be implemented in communities throughout AK.

**Stage Two:** Train community educators and professionals from each pilot site to implement Green Dot within their local communities.

**Stage Three:** Train a sub-group of educators and professionals from each of the pilot communities to become Trainers. This sub-group would form a “Trainer’s Bureau” of sorts, that would be available to train other communities from across Alaska to implement Green Dot. FY 2013 focused on adapting the core principles and content of Green Dot into a program and strategy that can be implemented within local pilot communities. Community projects are scheduled to be “launched” in January 2014.

**PATHWAYS COMMUNITY BASED PREVENTION PROJECTS & STATEWIDE COMMITTEE PLANNING GROUP**

The Pathways to Prevention Statewide Steering Committee was convened by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in 2005 as part of their Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Committee serves to build the state’s capacity to prevent domestic violence. The committee has focused on
bringing together all available information on prevalence of DV, risk and protective factors for both victimization and perpetration, and existing prevention efforts. From this, the committee developed a comprehensive plan, Pathways to Preventing Domestic Violence. This plan represents the voices of many Alaskans from diverse professions, regions, cultures and experiences and establishes a framework to organize and coordinate prevention and promotion efforts over the next six years. The Council staff serves as steering committee members and continue to contribute their expertise and resources towards the statewide pathways to prevention plan and project implementation. To view the Pathways to Prevention statewide plan visit: http://www.andvs.org/?s=Pathways+plan

STATE AGENCY PREVENTION WORKGROUP

In March 2013 the Council established the State Agency Workgroup on Prevention to provide a consistent time and forum where state agency staff whose day-to-day work focuses on prevention programming can meet and share information across state agencies. The workgroup allows members to:

- Identify opportunities for joint projects, grants and training;
- Recognize areas of common ground across disciplines;
- Clarify unique areas of prevention work that require concentrated focus.

The interdisciplinary group meets on a monthly basis.

PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK: ALASKAN COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUMMIT

In November 2012, CDVSA sponsored the Putting Prevention to Work: Alaskan Communities Working Together to End Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Summit in Anchorage. The Summit was the first statewide summit on community based primary prevention programming addressing domestic violence and sexual assault prevention. Summit topics included:
• Building blocks for prevention
• Assessing capacity for prevention within agencies, coalitions and communities
• Implementing prevention efforts
• Evaluating efforts to measure the impact of the work
• Prevention programming currently underway in Alaska

Summit workshops were designed to build knowledge in the area of primary prevention work specific to domestic violence and sexual assault. Workshops had beginning and advanced tracks. Time was set aside each day for community teams to either begin building a prevention plan to implement in their home community or to enhance an existing plan. Fourteen community teams attended the Summit.

• Dillingham
• Juneau
• Ketchikan
• Sitka
• Old Harbor
• Bethel
• Fairbanks
• Emmonak
• Glennallen
• Anchorage
• Kenai
• Craig
• Cordova
• Barrow
LEGISLATION related to Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault that passed:

**HB 24 – Self-Defense**

This bill extends the “no duty to retreat” self-defense doctrine allowing use of deadly force from premises a person owns or leases; where the person resides, temporarily or permanently, or as a guest or express or implied agent of the owner, lessor, or resident; or in a building where the person works in the ordinary course of business; or while protecting a child or a member of the person’s household to “in any other place where the person has a right to be.”

**HB 59 – Missing Persons/Vulnerable Adult Response System**

This legislation requires the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to cooperate with the Department of Public Safety to use statewide and local radio and television broadcasters and newspaper publishers to develop a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans for use by law enforcement to locate a vulnerable adult who is missing or has disappeared and coordinate use of those plans.

**SB 22 – Governor's Omnibus Crime Bill**

The Governor’s crime bill contains the following: GPS monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders as part of bail conditions; provision extending the crime of unlawful contact to include persons while in detention; adds probation, parole, juvenile probation and juvenile facility staff to the list of authorities prohibited from engaging in sexual activity with someone who is subject to supervision in the Department of Corrections or in the case of a juvenile, subject to custody or probationary
supervision of the Department of Health and Social Services; expand forfeiture of property in cases of prostitution to include all patrons of prostitutes, exempts the crimes of sex trafficking a person under 20 years of age and distribution of child pornography from the civil and criminal statutes of limitations, amends the rape shield statute to preclude admission of a victim’s sexual history after the incident charged, amends the statute regarding request for credit for time served in a treatment program, expands the prohibition on imposition of suspended sentences to those convicted of sex trafficking, requires some consecutive sentence be imposed for multiple counts of crimes involving child pornography or indecent materials to minors, amends the definition of “sex offense” regarding sex offender registration; amends the definition of victim counseling center to include military victim counselor centers to provide criminal and civil testimonial privilege in state courts; adds sex trafficking, child exploitation and human trafficking to those crimes that can be compensated by the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB), adds athletic coaches employed by public and private schools as mandatory reporters for child abuse, child sexual abuse and neglect; contains a provision to clarify legislative intent in allowing for a convicted sex offender to be referred to a three-judge panel for sentencing; allows for the Attorney General to delegate the authority to issue administrative subpoenas in cases involving Internet Crimes Against Children; amends violating a protective order to require that the defendant appear before a magistrate or judge prior to release; provides authority to the Attorney General to seek a court order to intercept communication in cases involving sex trafficking and human trafficking; amends the definition of sexual felony relating to sentencing and probation to include conviction for sex trafficking and human trafficking; requires the Judicial Council to provide information to the public regarding judicial compliance with certain sentencing laws during judicial retention elections; and amends the Alaska Rules of Evidence regarding copying of evidence in child pornography cases.
**Bills related to Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault that did not pass:**

**HB 45 – Electronic Bullying in the Schools**

This legislation amends the statute prohibiting school bullying to include electronic communications.

**SB 64 – Omnibus Crime/Corrections Bill**

This Act establishes the Alaska Sentencing Commission that relates to jail-time credit for offenders in court-ordered treatment programs; allowing a reduction of penalties for offenders successfully completing court-ordered treatment for DUI offenses or chemical analysis refusal and relating to court termination of a revocation of a person’s driver’s license.

**HB 189/ SB 91 – Prohibiting Hazing**

This Act prohibits hazing considered a crime if the person knowingly engages in an act or caused a situation that subjects a student to the risk of physical injury for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with an organization operating in connection with an elementary, junior high, secondary, or post-secondary school. This act requires each school district to adopt a policy prohibiting hazing in addition to what is already prohibited – harassment, bullying or intimidation at school and adds or at school sponsored or school sanctioned activities.
CDVSA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 28TH ALASKA LEGISLATURE

**Sunset Extended on CDVSA**

AS 18.66.100 establishes the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. In 2008, HB 334 extended CDVSA through June 30, 2014. During FY13 the Legislative Audit Division of the legislator audited CDVSA operations and recommends sunset be extended through June 30, 2022.

**Alaska Single Payer System for Forensic Sexual Assault Exams**

Create a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) statewide single payer system for forensic sexual assault exams.
SAFT

The Safe Alaska Family Team is focused on improving communication and practices to enhance the health and safety of Alaska’s children and the people who love and care for them.

WHAT IS SAFT - SAFT is a statewide collaboration between CDVSA, ANDVSA, the Office of Children’s Services, ANWC, local victim service agencies and local Tribal family services. It is funded through a three year federal grant to the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, for travel, technical assistance, cross training and for evaluation and testing of pilot practices implemented statewide and in pilot community teams. CDVSA is contracted by the Network to coordinate the project.

FOUR PILOT SITES Dillingham, Fairbanks, Kodiak and Juneau are the four pilot sites planning and implementing the SAFT project, chosen for their long history of positive working relationships between Victim Service Programs, OCS, and Tribal programs.

WHAT DOES SAFT DO? The SAFT grant seeks to improve services to Alaska’s families by child protection, domestic violence and Tribal family service delivery systems, through cross education, development of an integrated training curriculum and policy, and creation of community-based multi-disciplinary teams in four Alaskan communities.

SAFT TIME LINE The first year of the SAFT project focused on assessment, planning and development; the second on implementation of new, innovative, and/or collaborative practices; and the third on evaluating the efficacy and impact of those changes and identifying future opportunities and challenges. This project is now complete and outcomes from the evaluation will be available in 2014.
STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
GRANT PROGRAMS

KEY AREAS:

The Council funds a variety of programs through federal STOP (Services * Training * Officers *Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Act grant funds. This grant primarily funds training in four key areas in the work against domestic violence and sexual assault: law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and victim services. FY 2013 funding highlights are:

LAW ENFORCEMENT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ALASKA STATE TROOPERS

- STOP funds support a Program Coordinator position. This position manages all projects under the grant and serves as a statewide subject matter expert on issues pertaining to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- A Statewide Training Needs Assessment was conducted with both state and municipal law enforcement officers to determine specific training priority areas for this and next fiscal year. Topics specific to sexual assault investigations rose to the top of the list, including interviewing, crime scene response, working with the Crime Lab and legal issues at trial. After reviewing the results, a 2.5 day course was designed which addressed these topics in addition to some other identified needs including an introduction to sex trafficking crimes in Alaska. DPS partnered with the Department of Law, the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Alaska Institute for Justice to provide 16 sessions between the end of FY13 and the first half of FY14, to be hosted in various communities throughout Alaska for law enforcement and prosecutors.
- STOP funded two statewide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) trainings, in Dillingham and in Anchorage for community teams of forensic nurse examiners, victim advocates, prosecutors, and law enforcement. The training included the forensic exam kits. The training included information on
special populations such as those experiencing disability, LGBTQI populations, those with limited English proficiency, and special consideration for those in rural Alaska.

**PROSECUTION: Department of Law**

- STOP funds provided comprehensive training to the dedicated prosecutors and paralegals of the criminal division.
- STOP funds maintained the statewide Victim Witness Coordinator position which oversees victim witness services within the 13 district attorney offices, assists with recruiting and hiring of division paralegals, coordinating the annual statewide district attorney and paralegal conference, maintaining a resource library, updating brochures and working on committees to coordinate agency efforts to improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- STOP funds were used for a mandatory, statewide, two-day conference for 125 prosecutors and 33 paralegals, titled “Protecting Our Pioneers,” that focused on prosecution in elder abuse cases.
- Prosecutors and paralegals attended the comprehensive Sexual Assault Response Team trainings in Dillingham and Anchorage. The training courses provided the prosecutors and paralegals with the knowledge to improve the quality of care for the victim, improve the quality of forensic evidence collected, and increase the conviction rates of sexual assault perpetrators.
- STOP funds were used by prosecutors and paralegals to attend prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault training through National District Attorneys Association (NDAA).

**COURTS: Alaska Court System**

- STOP funding allowed for the Alaska Court System to provide interpreter services in civil domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault protective order matters.
- STOP helped fund a pilot Bail Conditions of Release Project in Fairbanks, the
intent of which is to provide immediate online access to police, prosecutors, and the public for active bail orders. The pilot has been tested.

• STOP funds provided out-of-state training in domestic violence issues to judicial officers and on-site training to judges and court clerical staff on domestic violence issues and changes to court domestic violence forms and procedures.

**VICTIM SERVICES: ALASKA NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT (ANDVSA)**

• STOP funding has allowed ANDVSA to serve 296 victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault across the state needing civil legal assistance that otherwise would have gone unrepresented.

• ANDVSA uses STOP funds for training member program legal advocates. ANDVSA hosts monthly teleconference trainings with legal advocates and coordinates one statewide, in-person training annually.

• STOP funds are used for providing programs around the state with legal advocacy resource materials on criminal law, confidentiality, mandated reporting, and other critical legal issues that program workers confront on a daily basis.

• STOP funds were used to coordinate services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking using a joint referral process between ANDVSA and the Alaska Institute for Justice (AIJ) for immigrant women with ANDVSA’s area of expertise of family law and AIJ’s area of expertise of immigration law.

• STOP funds were used to assist in ANDVSA opening an Anchorage office to better serve program participants from all over the state in this major Alaska-hub.

• The Pro Bono Director provides case consultations to advocates 3-4 times per week, which averages to 182 consultations per year. The Legal Advocacy Director provides 4-5 consultations per week, which averages to 234 consultations per year.

• Monthly legal advocacy teleconferences were held from April-December of 2012, with an average attendance of 5-8 advocates.
Program Service Areas

Victim Service Providers:

Since it is not possible to have shelters in every village, programs must provide outreach services to other communities. Program outreach requires a formalized system in place to contact villages on a regular basis. The purpose of outreach is to work with the village community to provide training, resources, and information to address the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. A listing of villages served by each program begins on page 18.

Batterer’s Intervention Programs

During FY11 fifteen batterer intervention programs operated in Alaska: eleven were community based Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP) and four were Prison Batterers Programs (PBP). The Council funds nine of the programs. Many areas of the state still lack ready access to a batterer intervention program. Communities that have BIP or PBP Programs are indicated by a white star.

Alaska Family Services, Inc
Advocates for Victims of Violence
Abused Women’s Aid In Crisis
Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies
Arctic Women in Crisis
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Valdez: DV Intervention Program

*Indicates a program that does not receive CDVER funding
VICTIM SERVICE DATA

UTILIZATION OF SERVICES:
Victim service programs have served a steady level of participants over the past three fiscal years.

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<tr>
<th>Alaska Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Number of Persons Served</th>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>9,895</td>
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<td>2013</td>
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FY 13 Gender of Persons Served

- Women: 79%
- Men: 17%
- Unknown: 4%

FY 13 Age of Persons Served

- Zero to 17: 28%
- 18 and Up: 68%
- Unknown: 4%
### Primary Issues Reported by Primary Victims

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Alaska Fiscal Year</th>
<th>% Reporting Domestic Violence</th>
<th>% Reporting Sexual Assault</th>
<th>% Reporting Stalking</th>
<th>% Reporting all Other Violent Crimes</th>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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*Percentages sum to more than 100 each year because some primary victims report more than one primary issue*

### Shelter Nights Provided by Victim Service Providers

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Shelter Nights</th>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>82,379</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>86,923</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>95,413</td>
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<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>100,535</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>99,524</td>
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BATTERER’S INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

ABOUT BATTERER’S INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Batterer’s Intervention Programs provide a mechanism to heighten both victim safety and batterer accountability. By themselves, they have little chance of rehabilitating perpetrators of domestic violence. They are one part of a coordinated community response to the crime of domestic violence, which includes a strong, integrated criminal justice response.

PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF ALASKA:

The Council reviews batterer intervention programs according to Department of Corrections regulations (22 AAC Chapter 25) for approved status and monitors the approved programs for compliance on an annual basis. The Council provided small grants to nine of the programs in FY13.

During FY13, fifteen approved batterer intervention programs operated in Alaska. Twelve were community based Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP) and three were Prison Batterers Programs (PBP). All of these programs have the primary goal of victim safety. The Council collaborates with the Department of Corrections to provide these programs. In FY13, the majority of participants admitted into batterers’ programs were court ordered.

In FY 13, 84 participants completed the program, 119 were non-compliant and 21 were re-arrested.
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FVPSA)

FVPSA provides federal funding to all states. The Council uses this funding to finance domestic violence programs throughout Alaska. All programs receiving these grant funds provide shelter or related assistance to domestic violence victims and their children. The programs operate shelter facilities that are staffed around the clock and provide a full spectrum of services including basic food and immediate shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)

Administered by the Dept. of Justice Office of Victims of Crime, VOCA funds provide financial support to state and local agencies that offer services to crime victims. This fund is a U.S. Treasury account generated entirely by the fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes. As such, the amount available in this fund can vary greatly from year to year. The Council awards the majority of this funding directly to programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANTS

S.T.O.P. (SERVICES • TRAINING • OFFICERS • PROSECUTORS) GRANT

VAWA STOP grants serve to improve the national response to domestic violence and sexual assault by combining a series of federal sanctions and initiatives as well as national, state, and local resources to improve the response to crimes against women. S.T.O.P. funds are committed to four specific areas: prosecution, law enforcement, victim service, and courts. S.T.O.P. is awarded to all states and territories through a federal formula that uses a base amount plus a consideration for population. Activities funded under this grant are described on pages 11-12.

RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD VICTIMIZATION GRANT (RDVCV)

The primary purpose of the Rural Program is to enhance the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child victimization by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. In FY 2013, this grant funded projects in nine rural areas of the state.

SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM (SVSEP)

The Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program (Supervised Visitation Program) provides an opportunity for communities to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Studies have shown that the risk of violence is often greater for victims of domestic violence and their children after separation from an abusive situation. Visitation and exchange services provided through the Supervised Visitation Program exhibit a clear understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; the impact of domestic violence on children; and the importance of holding offenders accountable for their actions.
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM (SASP)

The purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES PROGRAM (GTEA)

The goal of the Grants to Encourage Arrest project is to increase access to legal information and advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child victimization throughout the state. This award provides training, mentoring and support for Alaska’s network of legal advocates resulting in increased access to legal advocacy for victims in remote areas of the state. Training on working with limited English proficient victims along with linguistically and culturally appropriate services are also provided.

STATE FUNDING SOURCES

ALASKA GENERAL FUND

General funds comprise a majority of the budget; they are used to support victim services, batterers intervention programs and Council administration. General funds also support statewide prevention and research activities.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Department of Corrections (DOC) contributes funds to the Council to administer the Batterer Intervention and the Prison Batterer Programs.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

In FY13, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) provided funds to the Council for Sexual Assault Prevention activities. These funds were from the federal Sexual Assault Prevention (SAP) program and state Behavioral Health. SAP funds educational programming in Anchorage schools and Behavioral Health dollars support programs providing shelter to those who also need substance abuse treatment.
FY 13 CDVSA EXPENDITURES

FY 13 CDVSA Expenditures

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Victim Services</th>
<th>Administration</th>
<th>Prevention</th>
<th>Research</th>
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<th>Dept. of Law</th>
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<td>Percent</td>
<td>77.0%</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
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VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS & SERVICE AREAS

ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY

Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis
100 West 13th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: (907) 279-9581
1-866-746-4080
www.awaic.org

Capacity: 52 beds

Victims for Justice
1057 W Fireweed Lane #101
Anchorage AK 99503-1760
Phone: (907) 278-0986
www.victimsforjustice.org

Non-residential program

Standing Together Against Rape
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 230
Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone: (907) 276-7279
1-800-478-8999
www.star.ak.org

Non-residential program

1-800-478-0267

Capacity: 14 beds
Service Area:
Anatuvuk Pass, Atqas, Barrow, Kaktovik,
Nuiqsut, Pt. Hope, Pt. Lay, and Wainwright

BETHEL

Tundra Women’s Coalition
P.O. Box 2029
Bethel, AK 99559
Phone: (907) 543-3455
1-800-478-7799
www.twcpeace.org

Capacity: 33 regular beds, 1 overflow bed.
Service Area:
Akiachak, Akiak, Alakanuk, Aniak, Atmautuak, Bethel,
Bill Moores, Chefornak, Chevak, Chuathbaluk,
Chuonoquwic, Crooked Creek, Eek, Emmonak,
Georgetown, Goodnews Bay, Hamilton, Hooper Bay,
Kalskag, Kaltag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak,
Kotlik,Kwethluk, Kwillingok, Lime Village, Marshall,
Mountain Village, Napaimute, Napakiaq, Napaskiak,
Newtok, Nightmute, Nunaatchuk, Ohogamuit,
Oscarville, Paimuit, Pilot Station, Pitekus Point,
Platinum, Quinhagak, Red Devil, Russian Mission,
Scammon Bay, Sheldon’s Point, Sleetmute, St.Marys,
Stony River, Toksook Bay, Tuluksak, Tuntutulaq,
Tununak, and Umkumuit

BARROW

Arctic Women in Crisis
P.O. Box 69
Barrow, AK 99723
Phone: (907) 852-0261

CORDOVA

Cordova Family Resource Center
P.O. Box 863
Cordova, AK 99574
Phone: (907) 424-5674
1-866-790-4357
www.cordovaalaska.org

Non-residential program
Service Area:
Chenega, Cordova, Icy Bay, and Tatitlek

DILLINGHAM
Safe and Fear-Free Environment

P.O. Box 94
Dillingham, AK 99576
Phone: (907) 842-2320
1-800-478-2316
www.besafeandfree.org

Capacity: 28 beds
Service Area:
Aleknagik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake,
Chignik, Clarks Point Dillingham, Egegik, Ekuk,
Ekwoi, Goodnews Bay, Iglugaq, Illamna, Ivanof
Bay, King Salmon, Leveeock, Manokotak, Naknek,
New Stuyahok, Newhalen, Nondalton, Pedro
Bay, Pilot Point, Platinum, Port Alsworth, Port
Heiden, South Naknek, Togiak, Twin Hills, and
Ugashik

FAIRBANKS
Interior Alaska Center for
Non-Violent Living

726 26th Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: (907) 452-2293
1-800-478-7273
www.lacnvl.org

Capacity: 75 beds
Service Area:
Alatna, Allakaket, Anvik, Arctic Village, Beaver,
Canyon Village, Dendun Gwich’in, Dot Lake,
Eagle, Evansville, Fairbanks, Fort Yukon, Galena,
Grayling, Healy Lake, Holy Cross, Hughes, Huslia,
Kaltag, Koyukuk, Lake Minchumina, Louden,
Manley, McGrath, Medfra, Minto, Nenana, Nikolai,
Northway, Nulato, Rampart, Ruby, Shageluk,

HOMER
South Peninsula Haven House

3776 Lake Street, Ste. 100
Homer, AK 99603
Phone: (907) 235-7713
1-800-478-7712
www.havenhousealaska.org

Capacity: 10 beds
Service Area:
Anchor Point, Dolina, Homer, Kachemak,
Kachemak, Nanwalek, Nikolaevsk, Ninilchik, Port
Graham, Razdolna, Seldovia, and Voznesenka

JUNEAU
Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies

P.O. Box 20809
Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: (907) 586-6623
1-800-478-1090
www.awareak.org
Capacity: 32 regular beds, 16 overflow beds
Service Area:
Eilfin Cove, Gustavus, Pelican, Haines, Hoonah, Juneau,
Klukwan, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, and Yakutat

KENAI/SOLDOTNA
The LeeShore Center

325 Spruce Street
Kenai, AK 99611
Phone: (907) 283-9479
www.leeshoreak.org

Capacity: 32 beds
Service Area:
Clam Gulch, Cooper Landing, Hope, Kaslof, Kenai,
Moose Pass, Nikiski, Ridgeway, Soldotna, and Sterling
KETCHIKAN

Women in Safe Homes

P.O. Box 6552
Ketchikan, AK 99901
Phone: (907) 225-9474
1-800-478-9474
www.ketchikanwish.org

Capacity: 35 beds
Service Area:
Coffman Cove, Craig, Hollis, Hydaburg, Hyder,
Kassan, Ketchikan, Klawock, Metlakatla, Naukati,
Petersburg, Port Protection, Saxman, Thorne Bay,
and Wrangell

NOME

Bering Sea Women’s Group

P.O. Box 1596
Nome, AK 99762
Phone: (907) 443-5491
1-800-570-5444
www.beringseawomensgroup.org

Capacity: 14 beds
Service Area:
Brevig Mission, Diomede, Elim, Gambell, Golovin,
Koyuk, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, St.
Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, and
White Mountain

KODIAK

Kodiak Women’s Resource & Crisis Center

P.O. Box 2122
Kodiak, AK 99615
Phone: (907) 486-6171
1-888-486-3625
www.kwrcc.org

Capacity: 10 beds
Service Area:
Akhio, Chiniak, Karluk, Kodiak, Larsen Bay, Old
Harbor, Ouzinkie, and Port Lions

PALMER/MAT-SU

Alaska Family Services

1825 South Chugach St.
Palmer, AK 99645
Phone: (907) 746-4080
1-800-746-4080
www.akafs.org

Capacity: 32 beds
Service Area:
Big Lake, Butte, Caswell, Chickaloon, Glacier View,
Houston, Knik, Lake Louise, Lazy Mountain, Meadow
Lakes, Palmer, Sutton, Trapper Creek, Wasilla, and
Willow

KOTZEBUE

Maniilaq Family Crisis Center

P.O. Box 38
Kotzebue, AK 99752
Phone: (907) 442-7879
1-888-478-3969
www.maniilaq.org

Capacity: 7 regular beds, 1 overflow bed

SEWARD

Seaview Community Services

P.O. Box 1045
Seward, AK 99664
Phone: (907) 224-5257
1-888-224-5257
www.seaviewseward.org

Non-residential program
Service Area:
Cooper Landing, Hope, and Moose Pass

SITKA
Sitkans Against Family Violence
P.O. Box 6136
Sitka, AK 99835
Phone: (907) 747-3370
1-800-478-6511
www.safv.org

Capacity: 16 beds
Service Area:
Angoon, Kake, Port Alexander, and Sitka

VALDEZ
Advocates for Victims of Violence
P.O. Box 524
Valdez, AK 99686
Phone: (907) 835-2980
1-800-835-4044
www.avvalaska.org

Capacity: 6 regular beds, 5 overflow beds
Service Area:
Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen,
Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Nelchina, Tazlina, Tolsona, and Valdez

UNALASKA
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence
P.O. Box 36
Unalaska, AK 99685
Phone: (907) 581-1500
1-800-478-7238

Capacity: 8 beds
Service Area:
Adak, Akutan, Atka, Cold Bay, Dutch Harbor, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, Sand Point, St. George, St. Paul, and Unalaska
Community Batterer’s Intervention Programs

ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY

The Recovery Connection (LLC)
500 Muldoon Road, Ste 9
Anchorage, AK 99504
Phone: (907) 332-7660
Fax: (907) 332-7661

Men and Women Center
600 Cordova St, Ste 3
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: (907) 272-4822
Fax: (907) 272-6395

BARROW

North Slope Borough Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Arctic Women in Crisis
P.O. Box 69
Barrow, AK 99723
Phone: (907) 852-0261
Fax: (907) 852-2474

FAIRBANKS

Life Education Action Program
P.O. Box 82842
Fairbanks, AK 99708
Phone: (907) 452-2473
Fax: (907) 452-6903

Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC)
726 26th Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: (907) 452-2293 &
Toll Free: (800) 478-7273
Fax: (907) 452-2613 &
(907) 746-1177

HOMER

Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Haven House
3776 Lake St., Ste 100
Homer, AK 99603
Phone: (907) 235-7712
Fax: (907) 235-2733

JUNEAU

Juneau Batterers Accountability Program, Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies
P.O. Box 20809
Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: (907) 586-6623
Fax: (907) 586-2479
KENAI

The LeeShore Center (LSC)
325 Spruce Street
Kenai, AK 99611
Phone: (907) 283-9479
Fax: (907) 283-5844

KETCHIKAN

Men ENding Violence,
Ketchikan Indian Community
2690 Tongass Ave., Fifth Floor
Ketchikan, AK 99901
Phone: (907) 228-4921
Fax: (907) 247-4061

KODIAK

Violence Intervention Program,
Behavioral Resource Consultants
320 Corner Street
Kodiak, AK 99615
Phone: (907) 486-2632
Fax: (907) 486-2732

PALMER

Family Violence Intervention
Program, Alaska Family Services
1825 S Chugach Street
Palmer, AK 99645-6339
Phone: (907) 746-1177
Fax: (907) 373-0640

VALDEZ

Providence Valdez Counseling
Center, DV Intervention Program
911 Meals Ave.
P.O. Box 1050
Valdez, AK 99686
Phone: (907) 835-2838
Fax: (907) 835-5927
Prison Batterer’s Intervention Programs

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Palmer, AK 99645-6339
Phone: (907) 746-1177
Fax: (907) 373-0640
Physical Address:
State of Alaska Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
450 Whittier Street Suite 105
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
P.O. Box 111200
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1200