

# Investing in Prevention: Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence in Alaska

**Approximately 58% of Alaskan women experience DV/SA in their lifetime.  
This translates to economic costs of over \$7 billion.**

Alaska has the highest rates of domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) in the country. These crimes have long-term impacts for survivors, their families, and our communities. This is particularly true when children are exposed to these forms of violence. Research shows that when youth experience or witness violence, it increases the likelihood of perpetrating or experiencing it in adulthood.

**Can we reduce rates of violence? Yes!  
Safety is a long-term investment in local communities.**

The State of Alaska's Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) provides state and federal funding to violence prevention and response, in coordination with other state agencies, organizations, and local tribes.



In FY24, the State of Alaska spent \$2 million on DV/SA prevention efforts for the entire state.

We ask grantees to make lasting change in their region with 1-3 staff members and an average grant award of \$117,000 per year.

In FY22, Alaska spent \$92,933 per inmate on incarceration. With 2,120 employees, the FY24 budget for Dept. of Corrections was \$380 million.

Sources: National Institute of Corrections; Alaska Office of Management & Budget



## *Join US!* The Alaska Prevention Summit!

Join us March 5-7, 2025, for CDVSA's biannual event! Connect with preventionists statewide in workshops, panels, and powerful conversations on building safety and wellness for all Alaskans. Co-hosted with the Division of Behavioral Health.

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# Efficient Use of Funds

Risk factors for DV/SA overlap with those for substance use, suicide, and mental health challenges. Protective factors can also help to prevent multiple bad outcomes.

**Every dollar spent on prevention reduces costs to health, justice, and social systems.**

CDVSA maximizes resources by working with partners like the Division of Behavioral Health.

As Frederick Douglas said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."



## CDVSA PREVENTION GRANTEES

All 13 grantees implemented programs that address shared risk and protective factors for DV, reaching nearly 9,000 youth participants.

### KEY PRIORITIES

- ★ Building partnerships and sharing resources
- ★ Engaging and educating community members
- ★ Improving school climates and safety
- ★ Teaching safe & healthy relationships skills
- ★ Bystander empowerment and education
- ★ Improving developmental pathways through parenting and family relationships programs

### STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

Grantees address local priorities with youth-focused **strategies** like peer education and healthy relationships curricula. This year, 64 initiatives spanned bystander training, youth programs, and caregiver engagement.

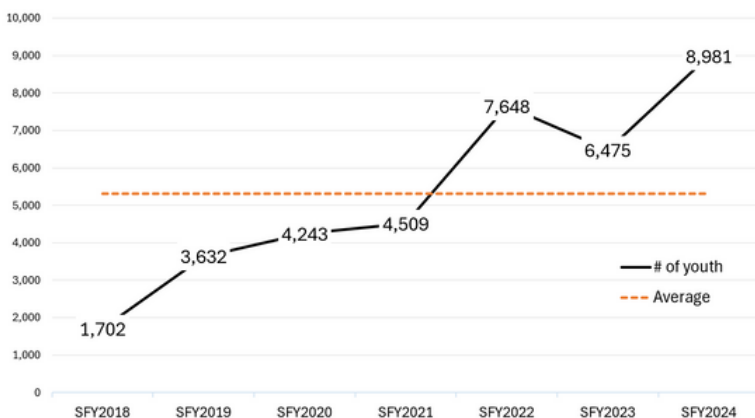
*Green Dot LeadOn!*

*Girls on the Run Let Me Run*

*Sources of Strength*

*Alaska Safe Children's Act & School Presentations*

**Youth participating in youth leadership and prevention programming is increasing.**  
Indicator: The number of Alaska youth participating in prevention events and efforts.



Source: CDVSA Prevention Grantee Reports

## In FY2024, we strengthened...

### ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

- 9 grantees hired new prevention staff
- 177 volunteers supported programming

### COALITION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 56 new prevention partnerships
- 92 full coalition meetings
- 869 meetings, workshop events, data meetings to support programming
- 69 youth coalition members
- 9,683 community members received info about DV/SA prevention

### PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVENESS

- 69 prevention strategies implemented
- 99 youth peer mentors or co-facilitators
- 830 bystander program participants
- 8,981 participated in a prevention strategy