

## FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

### January – December 2010

- ❑ **4,671 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This number reflects a 3% increase from the same period in 2009.
- ❑ **5,016 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This reflects a 3% increase from the same reporting period in 2009.
- ❑ At least **4,739 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **135 women (3% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted. This number is a 1% decrease of new victims from the same period in 2009.
- ❑ **94%** of the victims were **women**.
- ❑ At least **26%** of the victims were **under the age of 25**. At least **2%** were under the **age of 18**.
- ❑ **12%** of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **15% were developmentally delayed, 32% were physically disabled and 53% suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **34%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **26% were referred by law enforcement**. Law enforcement referrals increased 4% from 2009.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **11%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **26%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **27%** of the cases involving weapons. This is an 8% increase in the use of more lethal weapons from 2009.
- ❑ **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **50%** of the incidents. In at least **43%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- ❑ At least **72%** of victims served **were physically abused**.
- ❑ **1,677 (36%)** of victims served were abused by a **former spouse or former partner**.
- ❑ **Alcohol use by abuser** only was indicated in **35% of the new cases**. Alcohol use **by both victim and offender** was indicated in **10% of the cases**. This reflects no change from 2009.
- ❑ The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **47%** of the cases.
- ❑ Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 632 **emergency protection orders**, a **16%** decrease from the same period in 2009.

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