

## **FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA**

**January – December 2012**

- ❑ **4,624 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ **5,020 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ At least **4,513 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **169 women (4% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.
- ❑ **94%** of the victims were **women**.
- ❑ At least **23%** of the victims were **under the age of 25**. At least **1%** were under the **age of 18**.
- ❑ **13%** of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **17% were developmentally delayed, 34% were physically disabled and 50% suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **34%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **27% were referred by law enforcement**.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **11%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **25%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **30%** of the cases involving weapons.
- ❑ **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **52%** of the incidents. In at least **43%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- ❑ At least **78%** of victims served **were physically abused**.
- ❑ **1,344 (29%)** of victims served were abused by a **former spouse or former partner**.
- ❑ **Alcohol use by abuser** only was indicated in **38% of the new cases**. Alcohol use **by both victim and offender** was indicated in **11% of the cases**.
- ❑ The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **48%** of the cases.
- ❑ Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with **675 emergency protection orders**.

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