

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

**January – December 2015**

- ❑ **5,356 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ **5,620 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ At least **2,215 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **139 women (3% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.
- ❑ **93%** of the victims were **women**.
- ❑ At least **21%** 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, **16% were developmentally delayed, 35% were physically disabled and 49% suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **31%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **30% were referred by law enforcement**.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **10%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **24%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **33%** of the cases involving weapons.
- ❑ **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **58%** of the incidents. In at least **39%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- ❑ At least **78%** of victims served **were physically abused**.
- ❑ **1,382 (26%)** of victims served were abused by a **former spouse or former partner**.
- ❑ **Alcohol use by abuser** only was indicated in **32% of the new cases**. Alcohol use **by both victim and offender** was indicated in **9% of the cases**.
- ❑ The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **42%** of the cases.
- ❑ Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with **934 emergency protection orders**.

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