

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2009

- ❑ **4,569 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This number reflects a 7% increase from the same period in 2008.
- ❑ **4,874 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This reflects a 6% increase from the same reporting period in 2008.
- ❑ At least **5,222 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **166 women (4% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted. This number is consistent from the same period in 2008.
- ❑ **94%** of the victims were **women**.
- ❑ At least **26%** of the victims were **under the age of 30**. At least **2%** were under the **age of 18**.
- ❑ **12%** of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **14% were developmentally delayed, 36% were physically disabled and 50% suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **37%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **22% were referred by law enforcement**.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **12%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **21%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **24%** of the cases involving weapons.
- ❑ **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **47%** of the incidents. In at least **45%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- ❑ At least **75%** of victims served **were physically abused**.
- ❑ **1,686 (37%)** 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**.
- ❑ The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **46%** of the cases.
- ❑ Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with **753 emergency protection orders**, a **16%** increase from the same period in 2008.

20 out of 21 programs reporting

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