

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2014

- ❑ **4,816 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ **5,181 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- ❑ At least **4,228 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **121 women (3% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.
- ❑ **94%** 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**.
- ❑ **15%** of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **16% were developmentally delayed, 33% were physically disabled and 50% suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **32%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **28% were referred by law enforcement**.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **13%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **22%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **37%** of the cases involving weapons.
- ❑ **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **55%** of the incidents. In at least **42%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- ❑ At least **78%** of victims served **were physically abused**.
- ❑ **1,353 (28%)** 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 **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 **729 emergency protection orders**.

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