FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2008

- **4,258 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This number reflects a 2% increase from the same period in 2007.

- **4,563 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This reflects a 1.5% increase from the same reporting period in 2007.

- At least **4,769 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.

- **153 women (3.5% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted. This number is consistent from the same period in 2007.

- **94%** of the victims were **women**.

- At least **41%** of the victims were **under the age of 30**. At least **2%** were under the **age of 18**.

- **13%** of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **10% were developmentally delayed**, **31% were physically disabled** and **59% suffered from mental illness**.

- **30%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **23% were referred** by **law enforcement**.

- **Weapons** were used in at least **12%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **22%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **25%** of the cases involving weapons.

- **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **47%** of the incidents. In at least **46%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.

- At least **72%** of victims served were **physically abused**.

- **1,291 (30%)** of victims served were abused by a **former spouse or former partner**.

- **Alcohol use by abuser** only was indicated in **36% 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 **43%** of the cases.

- Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with **631 emergency protection orders**, a **6%** decrease from the same period in 2007.

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