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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