FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2010

- **4,671 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This number reflects a 3% increase from the same period in 2009.

- **5,016 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This reflects a 3% increase from the same reporting period in 2009.

- At least **4,739 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.

- **135 women (3% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted. This number is a 1% decrease of new victims from the same period in 2009.

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

- At least **26% of the victims were under the age of 25.** At least 2% were under the age of 18.

- 12% of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, **15% were developmentally delayed, 32% were physically disabled** and 53% suffered from mental illness.

- 34% of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **26% were referred** by law enforcement. Law enforcement referrals increased 4% from 2009.

- **Weapons** were used in at least 11% of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in 26% of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in 27% of the cases involving weapons. This is an 8% increase in the use of more lethal weapons from 2009.

- **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **50%** of the incidents. In at least 43% of those incidents, an arrest was made.

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

- **1,677 (36%)** 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.** This reflects no change from 2009.

- The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners,** in at least 47% of the cases.

- Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 632 **emergency protection orders**, a 16% decrease from the same period in 2009.

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