FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2011

- 4,808 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 2010.

- 5,159 incidents of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This reflects a 3% increase from the same reporting period in 2010.

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

- 167 women (3% of total new victims) were pregnant at the time they were assaulted. This number is consistent with the number of new victims from the same period in 2010.

- 94% of the victims were women.

- At least 26% of the victims were under the age of 25. At least 1% were under the age of 18.

- 13% of the new victims were disabled. Of those disabled, 18% were developmentally delayed, 34% were physically disabled and 47% suffered from mental illness.

- 34% of the victims were self-referred to domestic violence programs; 27% were referred by law enforcement. Law enforcement referrals increased 4% from 2010.

- Weapons were used in at least 11% of the cases identified. Guns were used in 22% of the cases involving weapons and knives were used in 29% of the cases involving weapons. This is a 2% decrease in the use of more lethal weapons from 2010.

- Law enforcement officers were called to respond in 50% of the incidents. In at least 42% of those incidents, an arrest was made.

- At least 75% of victims served were physically abused. This is a 3% increase from 2010.

- 1,608 (33%) of victims served were abused by a former spouse or former partner.

- Alcohol use by abuser only was indicated in 34% of the new cases. Alcohol use by both victim and offender was indicated in 10% of the cases. This reflects no change from 2010.

- 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 661 emergency protection orders, a 4% increase from the same period in 2010.