FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2012

- 4,624 new victims (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- 5,020 incidents of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- At least 4,513 children were directly impacted by these incidents.
- 169 women (4% of total new victims) were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.

- 94% of the victims were women.
- At least 23% 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, 17% were developmentally delayed, 34% were physically disabled and 50% suffered from mental illness.

- 34% of the victims were self-referred to domestic violence programs; 27% were referred by law enforcement.

- Weapons were used in at least 11% of the cases identified. Guns were used in 25% of the cases involving weapons and knives were used in 30% of the cases involving weapons.

- Law enforcement officers were called to respond in 52% of the incidents. In at least 43% of those incidents, an arrest was made.

- At least 78% of victims served were physically abused.

- 1,344 (29%) of victims served were abused by a former spouse or former partner.

- Alcohol use by abuser only was indicated in 38% of the new cases. Alcohol use by both victim and offender was indicated in 11% of the cases.

- The abuser had a history of abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners, in at least 48% of the cases.

- Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 675 emergency protection orders.

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