FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2013

- **4,801 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.

- **5,177 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.

- At least **4,250 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.

- **161 women (3% 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.

- **14%** of the new victims were disabled. Of those disabled, **14% were developmentally delayed, 34% were physically disabled** and **52% suffered from mental illness**.

- **33%** of the victims were self-referred to domestic violence programs; **28% were referred by law enforcement**.

- **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 **34%** of the cases involving weapons.

- **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **53%** of the incidents. In at least **42%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.

- At least **77%** of victims served were physically abused.

- **1,338 (28%)** 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 **11% of the cases**.

- The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **45%** of the cases.

- Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with **618 emergency protection orders**.

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