

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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