FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2014

- **4,816 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.

- **5,181 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.

- At least **4,228 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.

- **121 women** (3% of total new victims) were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.

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

- At least **21%** of the victims were **under the age of 25**. At least **1%** were **under the age of 18**.

- 15% of the new victims were **disabled**. Of those disabled, 16% were developmentally delayed, 33% were physically disabled and 50% suffered from mental illness.

- 32% of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **28%** were **referred** by **law enforcement**.

- **Weapons** were used in at least 13% of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in 22% of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in 37% of the cases involving weapons.

- **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in 55% of the incidents. In at least 42% of those incidents, an arrest was made.

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

- **1,353 (28%)** 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 9% of the cases.

- The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least 42% of the cases.

- Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 729 **emergency protection orders**.

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