FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2015

- 5,356 new victims (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- 5,620 incidents of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota.
- At least 2,215 children were directly impacted by these incidents.
- 139 women (3% of total new victims) were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.
- 93% 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.
- 13% of the new victims were disabled. Of those disabled, 16% were developmentally delayed, 35% were physically disabled and 49% suffered from mental illness.
- 31% of the victims were self-referred to domestic violence programs; 30% were referred by law enforcement.
- Weapons were used in at least 10% of the cases identified. Guns were used in 24% of the cases involving weapons and knives were used in 33% of the cases involving weapons.
- Law enforcement officers were called to respond in 58% of the incidents. In at least 39% of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- At least 78% of victims served were physically abused.
- 1,382 (26%) of victims served were abused by a former spouse or former partner.
- Alcohol use by abuser only was indicated in 32% 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 934 emergency protection orders.

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