Domestic Violence Offender Treatment (DVOT) Funding made it possible to:

- Expand services to three new regions in North Dakota
- Increase the number of affordable groups offered statewide to men and women
- Ensure all programs funded are compliant with the ND Battering Intervention Standards and implementing evidence-based programming

The funding provided for Battering Intervention Services is vital

- $638,335 Invested July 2019–June 2020
- North Dakota Department of Health: $127,978 ($300,000 Special Fund/Biennium)
- Other Sources: $506,357
- 24%* of 222 offenders reached in 2016 vs. 426 offenders in 2020
- 92% increase in offenders reached

The Community Violence Intervention Center’s Coordinated Community Response Project (Grand Forks, ND) conducted a study that tracked 387 male offenders who completed the New Choices program from 2004-2017. Offenders experienced:

- 74% decrease in law enforcement involvement
- 89% decrease in criminal charges
- 86% decrease in protection orders filed

The initial investment of evidence-based intervention leads to tax dollar savings in the criminal justice system along with a new generation of children that are positively impacted.

Battering Intervention Services have been expanded to three regions in ND

- Programs In Compliance & NDDoH Funds
- New Programs

Comments from participants:

“I am working to be more patient and looking at the whole picture instead of just seeing what is in front of me at the time.”

“I entered this program in hopes to be a better man/partner and most importantly the best father.”

All programs funded are compliant with the North Dakota Battering Intervention Standards which requires: collaboration with criminal justice agencies; attention to lethality; policies incorporating accountability and safety planning with victims.

All programs use an evidence-based model that has been proven to reduce violent offenses (more information available on crimesolutions.gov).

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