

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

January – December 2011

- ❑ **4,808 new victims** (new = unduplicated for calendar year) received services from crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This number reflects a 3% increase from the same period in 2010.
- ❑ **5,159 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota. This reflects a 3% increase from the same reporting period in 2010.
- ❑ At least **4,739 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- ❑ **167 women (3% of total new victims)** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted. This number is consistent with the number of new victims from the same period in 2010.
- ❑ **94%** of the victims were **women**.
- ❑ At least **26%** 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, **18% were developmentally delayed, 34% were physically disabled and 47% suffered from mental illness**.
- ❑ **34%** of the victims were **self-referred** to domestic violence programs; **27% were referred by law enforcement**. Law enforcement referrals increased 4% from 2010.
- ❑ **Weapons** were used in at least **11%** of the cases identified. **Guns** were used in **22%** of the cases involving weapons and **knives** were used in **29%** of the cases involving weapons. This is a 2% decrease in the use of more lethal weapons from 2010.
- ❑ **Law enforcement officers** were called to respond in **50%** of the incidents. In at least **42%** of those incidents, an arrest was made.
- ❑ At least **75%** of victims served **were physically abused**. This is a 3% increase from 2010.
- ❑ **1,608 (33%)** of victims served were abused by a **former spouse or former partner**.
- ❑ **Alcohol use by abuser** only was indicated in **34% of the new cases**. Alcohol use **by both victim and offender** was indicated in **10% of the cases**. This reflects no change from 2010.
- ❑ The abuser had a history of **abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners**, in at least **47%** of the cases.
- ❑ Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 661 **emergency protection orders**, a 4% increase from the same period in 2010.

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