

State of Alaska
FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

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Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide funding and support to emergency shelters and support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes. To assist in the effort to reduce the causes and incidence and to alleviate the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Core Services

See individual components for services provided.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p>A: Ensure safety and support services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 10% increase in shelter/support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes served.</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> 5% increase in coordinated training/educational workshops.</p> <p><u>Measure #2:</u> Number of training/educational workshops.</p>	<p>A1: Fund intervention and prevention programs.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Provide technical assistance.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of incidents as reported statewide by Uniform Crime Reporting and for trooper jurisdiction by the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN).</p>
End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p>B: Work toward longer-term solutions to the root causes of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 5% reduction in domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of incidents reported to law enforcement.</p>	<p>B1: Fund programs.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Provide technical assistance to sub-grantees to improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Collect data to determine the extent and type of services needed to ensure safety and necessary support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.</p>

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Conduct state RFP process, allocate funds, support legislative efforts, write federal RFP
- Conduct onsite audits, hold telephonic meetings, provide written materials
- Maintain database, conduct data audits, provide query reports
- Participate in the planning, coordinating, and implementation of workshops
- Conduct needs assessments, evaluate effectiveness of projects
- Analyze data reports

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$9,606,800	Personnel:	
	Full time	8
	Part time	0
	Total	8

Performance Measure Detail

A: Result - Ensure safety and support services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes.

Target #1: 10% increase in shelter/support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes.

Measure #1: Number of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes served.

Total Count of Incidents (fiscal year)

Fiscal Year	YTD
FY2001	9997
FY2002	7535
FY2003	7653
FY2004	7372

Analysis of results and challenges: Data provided by shelters.

Target #2: 5% increase in coordinated training/educational workshops.

Measure #2: Number of training/educational workshops.

Statewide Training Functions (fiscal year)

Fiscal Year	YTD
FY2001	2390
FY2002	1883
FY2003	1559
FY2004	1723

Analysis of results and challenges: All training functions provided to communities by CDVSA grantees.

Source: CDVSA

A1: Strategy - Fund intervention and prevention programs.

Target #1: Provide technical assistance.

Measure #1: Number of incidents as reported statewide by Uniform Crime Reporting and for trooper jurisdiction by the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN).

Analysis of results and challenges: In FY2003, 3,165 domestic violence cases were reported; 350 sexual assault cases; and 645 sexual assault of a minor cases. In FY2004, 3,047 domestic violence cases were reported; 350 sexual assault cases; and 439 sexual assault of a minor cases.

Source: Alaska UCR Data.

B: Result - Work toward longer-term solutions to the root causes of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes.

Target #1: 5% reduction in domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

Measure #1: Number of incidents reported to law enforcement.

Number of Incidents Reported to Law Enforcement (fiscal year)

Fiscal Year	YTD
FY2000	25787
FY2001	25309
FY2002	26167
FY2003	27540

Analysis of results and challenges: Source: Alaska UCR Data

B1: Strategy - Fund programs.

Target #1: Provide technical assistance to sub-grantees to improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

Measure #1: Collect data to determine the extent and type of services needed to ensure safety and necessary support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

Analysis of results and challenges: New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

Key RDU Challenges

Alaska has been recognized for the breadth and depth of its Omnibus Domestic Violence Bill, passed in 1996. The bill improved access, relief, and enforcement of protection orders; addressed accountability for batterers in the form of enhanced penalties, firearms restrictions, mandatory jail time, and development of batterers programs; protected child custody rights for abused women; required training for police and court personnel; and increased victim safety by requiring notification of any change of status for an inmate.

The Alaska State Troopers, local police departments, and the Department of Law have strong intervention-based protocols for responding to crimes against women. The legislature has passed legislation that emphasizes the criminal nature of these offenses. Alaska has many positive responses and systems in place to address these crimes. Domestic violence and sexual assault community-based programs exist throughout Alaska.

Crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault are unacceptable, yet the crime rate against women in the United States continues to be significantly higher than in other countries. In the United States a woman is beaten every 15 seconds, and every 2 minutes a rape occurs. Nationwide, more than one million abused women each year seek medical assistance for injuries caused by abuse. Medical expenses from domestic violence total at least \$5 to \$10 billion annually.

Crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault are even greater in Alaska. In 2001, sixteen Alaskans died as a result of violence in the family. Domestic violence affects Alaskans of every ethnic, economic, religious, cultural, and geographical group. According to the Institute of Social and Economic Research, women in Alaska face a much higher risk of homicide than women nationwide. Non-Native Alaskan women are killed 1.5 times more often than the average for women in the United States. Native women are killed 4.5 times more often.

Alaska's rate of forcible rape increased for 2003 to 2.7 times the national average with 92.5 rapes per 100,000 inhabitants. FBI *Uniform Crime Report* 2003. This is 1.7 times higher than Michigan, the state with the second highest rate. *Id.* This marks the 20th year that Alaska has ranked first in the nation for reported rapes. Anchorage, the state's most populated city, ranked second in the nation for rate of reported rape in 2003. The rate of forcible rape for Alaska's Native population is 3.5 times higher than the national average. Bureau of Justice Statistics 2000. The Rape Prevention Education Council estimates that only one third of all sexual assaults are reported to authorities. In FY2003, there were

574 cases of child and adult sexual assaults reported to Alaska State Troopers. Using these estimates, it means that the actual number of sexual assaults in Alaska was more than 1,722.

Finally, the violence against women includes violence against their children. Domestic violence is one of the primary indicators of child abuse. Experts estimate that between 3.3 and 10 million children nationwide witness domestic violence each year. Recent studies indicate that one in three children in Alaska will experience sexual abuse in some form by the age of 18. During FY2004, 593 minors joined their mothers in receiving services from the domestic violence and sexual assault intervention agencies in Alaska. The Office of Children's Services reported more than 11,000 cases of child abuse, neglect, and mental injury and 957 reports of suspected child sexual abuse for FY2004. The most effective way to impact the crimes of violence against women is to have a strong societal and criminal justice response that holds offenders accountable for their actions.

Problems still remain in effect impacting the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault. Much more needs to be done. Alaska needs to:

- Provide more resources for shelters, transitional housing, and victim services, including services to children;
- Coordinate community responses to domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Pay much greater attention to the effects of domestic violence on children; and
- Hold offenders accountable for their violence.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No changes in results delivered.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2004

- Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) – Anchorage

AWAIC completed construction on a new transitional housing facility called Harmony House. This ten-bed facility was created to assist women without dependent children transition into independence after surviving their abusive relationships. This home is expected to provide the support for women to focus on their dreams, help them gain life skills, and pursue the opportunity to achieve lives free of support and full of freedom and hope.

- Alaska Family Resource Center (AFRC) – Palmer

AFRC developed a new program in cooperation with substance abuse treatment centers, Office of Children's Services (OCS), Division of Public Assistance, and mental health providers that will provide safe, sober housing to battered and abused women who are presently engaged in treatment and are attempting to reunify with their children who are in state's custody. These wrap-around services will be case managed, thereby increasing the chances for success--a safe and sober environment and lifestyle for families. The program is called WRRAP, which stands for Women's Residential Reunification and Action Program.

- Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV) – Valdez

AVV opened an office in Glennallen with money from a Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization (RDVCV) grant. Valdez is a very isolated town on the road system, with 4,000 year-round residents, and another 8,000 during the summer months. While the community has a good hospital and a court system, rural clients seldom use them. Glennallen, which has a population of only about 600, also has a hospital and a courthouse. Residents in 17 of the region's 18 villages use these facilities. Glennallen is central to 6,900 people in AW's service area, unlike Valdez, which is 100 miles from the nearest village.

- Arctic Women in Crisis (AWIC) – Barrow

AWIC and the North Slope Borough (NSB) Counseling Services has been providing a 27-week program for the Intervention of Domestic Violence. An AWIC counselor has been conducting the assessment interviews, and two counselors from NSB Counseling Services have been facilitating the non-violence classes. The program is currently accepting only court ordered individuals. AWIC is working to create a separate class for women perpetrators, as well as a class to address village offenders.

- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC) – Fairbanks

IAC has successfully begun a woman's art group through the training of Window Between Worlds. This group has proven to attract women who have resisted traditional support groups and allowed them a chance to continue working through issues in a group setting.

The Children's Program continues to provide three hours of respite childcare a day in addition to providing four groups a week for children exposed to domestic violence. AIC's recent teens' group is very successful at addressing issues particular to teens, but can only meet when there are enough teenagers in the local population to warrant it. With the recent budget cuts, the IAC is seeing more and more referrals from OCS for providing intervention, parenting skills, and advocating for children's safety.

The Youth Outreach and Education program has been busy as well with presenting positive conflict resolution skills to children at the Kid's Fair, and at the Mush for Kids. The Youth Outreach and Education Coordinator has continued to go into the schools and talk about personal safety, gender roles, dating violence, and sexual harassment. She also continues to do outreach to the Teen Moms program, to juveniles in substance abuse treatment, and to parents attending parenting programs recommended by OCS.

- Safe and Fear-Free Environment (SAFE) - Dillingham

In early March, SAFE initiated the EVOLVE (Ending Violence in Our Lives through Validation and Empowerment) program for women who have resorted to violence. There are currently eight women in the program, four ordered through OCS and/or the court system and four who are participating in the 12-week program on a volunteer basis. Women who are agency referred pay for assessment and regular weekly fees. Women in the program voluntarily also pay weekly fees but are not required to have an assessment. OCS, the court system, and the women and families SAFE serves are very enthusiastic about this new resource.

- South Peninsula Women's Service (SPWS) – Homer

The hiring of a Russian Advocate for translation or support services has enhanced communication and increased accessibility for victims of this underserved population. The Alaska State Troopers (AST) and Office of Children Services have increased contact with South Peninsula Services (SPWS) for translation assistance during forensic examinations, investigations, and case plan development of Russian victims and families.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES – FY2004

The council continued funding for 21 domestic violence and sexual assault agencies that provided:

41,737	Nights of safety in shelters and safe homes
8,999	Emergency and other transports of victims
9,497	Crisis intervention services to victims and their children
8,669	Crisis calls to 24-hour toll-free lines in 16 Alaskan communities
8,690	Safety checks and follow-up services
6,973	Protective order and court accompaniments
144,444	Individual and group counseling services
50,469	Advocacy services to medical, law enforcement, courts, other agencies
4,188	Legal advocacy services
11,154	Childcare services

PREVENTION EDUCATION

Council-funded programs continued domestic violence and sexual assault prevention activities aimed at youth aged 11 to 19 years old, including peer group counseling programs, youth-generated community education programs, and youth retreats to learn about domestic violence and sexual assault.

VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VINE)

In fulfilling its obligation under the Domestic Violence Act, the Department of Corrections continues to maintain the VINE system, a computer program, which provides victims of crime continuous access to vital inmate information over the phone. By calling the VINE telephone number, crime victims can determine the current custody status of the person who victimized them. Victims can also register with the VINE program to be automatically notified of the release, transfer, or escape of the inmate. The service is available to victims of all violent crimes.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS

To improve victim safety by tracking protective orders, the Department of Public Safety continues to maintain a central registry of protective orders issued by or filed with the court, including out of state protective orders. The registry was implemented in the existing Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) which provides 24-hour, seven day-a-week availability.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

As the lead agency for the Violence Against Women Act STOP Project, the council achieved the following:

Victim Services: Continued the Legal Advocacy Project that provided training and legal consultation to victim advocates, provided legal representation to immigrant battered women, provided a pro bono attorney program, increased access to translators in the court system, and developed a legal information and referral hotline for victims.

Prosecution: Conducted a statewide conference for prosecutors and victim-witness paralegals on “Working to End Terror in Our Alaska Homes” that included topics on appellate decisions, issues in the investigation, preparation, and prosecution of domestic violence cases, and working with immigrant victims of crimes. STOP funds provided a victim-witness paralegal coordinator to mentor and train victim-witness paralegals in assisting domestic violence and sexual assault clients and reprinted victims’ rights brochures with updated information.

Law Enforcement: Continued statewide training of law enforcement officers on the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; expanded training to dispatchers on responding to domestic violence calls; provided funding for sexual assault response trainings; and reprinted information booklets for victims of domestic violence.

Judicial: Trained judges, magistrates, and other court personnel on domestic violence dynamics, continued providing telephonic interpreter services, and improved security at courts. Other federal grants have allowed the court system to increase coordination and collaboration among judges on domestic violence cases and to design and implement enhancements to the court system case management system.

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**Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals				FY2005 Management Plan				FY2006 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<u>Formula Expenditures</u>												
None.												
<u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u>												
Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	0.0	4,453.1	4,672.3	9,125.4	654.0	4,316.3	4,429.1	9,399.4	2,065.0	3,447.7	3,894.1	9,406.8
Batterers Intervention Program	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0
Totals	0.0	4,453.1	4,872.3	9,325.4	854.0	4,316.3	4,429.1	9,599.4	2,265.0	3,447.7	3,894.1	9,606.8

**Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	854.0	4,316.3	4,429.1	9,599.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	1,411.0	-868.6	-535.0	7.4
FY2006 Governor	2,265.0	3,447.7	3,894.1	9,606.8