

State of Alaska
FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

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

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

Implement a statewide system of services for the protection of individuals and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Core Services

- Administer the state and federal funds to programs that provide services to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.
- Coordinate with the departments of Public Safety, Law, Education and Early Development, Health and Social Services, the Alaska Court System, and community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, crisis intervention, and prevention.

End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p>A: Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes in Alaskan communities have access to a statewide system of victim services programs.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Victim service programs have active outreach programs that result in safety services being provided to rural residents.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percent of rural communities whose residents received victim services from a hub community program.</p>	<p>A1: Provide program review and training to ensure quality services.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Each victim services program receives a biennial onsite review to ensure that basic levels of services are offered.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of onsite program reviews compared to number of programs.</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> Fund statewide training and education on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.</p> <p><u>Measure #2:</u> Number of trainings funded by the council.</p> <p>A2: Support, strengthen, and expand existing infrastructure.</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Increase collaboration with other state and community programs to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of identified work groups in which the council currently participates.</p>

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Conduct state RFP process, allocate funds, support legislative efforts, write federal proposals.
- Conduct onsite reviews, hold telephonic meetings, provide written materials.
- Maintain database, conduct data audits.
- Participate in the planning, coordinating, and implementation of workshops.
- Evaluate effectiveness of projects, analyze data reports.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$11,407,400	Personnel:	
	Full time	8
	Part time	0
	Total	8

Performance Measure Detail

A: Result - Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes in Alaskan communities have access to a statewide system of victim services programs.

Target #1: Victim service programs have active outreach programs that result in safety services being provided to rural residents.

Measure #1: Percent of rural communities whose residents received victim services from a hub community program.

CDVSA Funded Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Outreach (fiscal year)

Fiscal Year	Outreach Communities	Communities of Residence	Percent of Total
FY 2006	240	178	74%
FY 2006	240	198	83%
FY 2007	240	*	

* Not available due to data system conversion; will be available in 2008.

Source: CDVSA

Analysis of results and challenges: Target and measure #1 have been changed in order to more accurately reflect and measure the desired outcome of rural outreach programs, which is that victims from rural communities are served by the programs. The prior measure (see below) was the number of communities receiving outreach, and did not show that people from those communities were actually served.

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (council) provides funding to 19 victim services programs whose service delivery areas provide coverage for all of Alaska. Each provides crisis intervention and referral hotlines. Programs act as hubs for communities in their surrounding areas. These relationships are formalized by mutual agreement and include regular outreach contact by the hub. Outreach activities may include: establishing and outfitting safe houses in villages; coordinating and training village volunteers; funding victims' transport; recruiting board members from villages; providing education programs in village schools; attending village health fairs. A primary outcome of such outreach is that victims from these areas will access program services for safety, information, and protection.

The council's goal is that every community in the state knows about the program serving it and is able to access the services when needed. The council provides funds, encouragement, support, and assistance to programs as they expand their outreach efforts. There are many challenges to outreach and program delivery, including harsh weather and the expanse of geography and remoteness of communities, with the associated costs of travel, and rising facility (fuel, electricity, repairs, etc.), transportation, and other fixed costs. Some programs have been forced to cut their rural outreach back in order to pay basic bills.

Prior target and measure:

Target #1: 100% of Alaskan communities receive outreach services from a hub community victim services program.

Measure #1: Percent of Alaskan communities that receive hub outreach services.

A1: Strategy - Provide program review and training to ensure quality services.

Target #1: Each victim services program receives a biennial onsite review to ensure that basic levels of services are offered.

Measure #1: Number of onsite program reviews compared to number of programs.

Onsite Program Review (fiscal year)

Fiscal Year	# of Programs	# Reviewed
FY 2004	21	14
FY 2005	21	13
FY 2006	21	6
FY 2007	20	10

Source: CDVSA

Analysis of results and challenges: Program reviews provide quality assurance for victim services programs. Council staff looks at financial, facility, personnel, board operations, and service delivery records. Onsite interviews with the program director, staff, board members, clients, and agency personnel who interact with the program provide a comprehensive view of program function, what it is doing well, and where assistance and improvement might be needed. Reviewers provide suggestions for problem solving and work with the program staff to implement solutions.

Target #2: Fund statewide training and education on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Measure #2: Number of trainings funded by the council.

Council-Funded Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Trainings (fiscal year)

Year	Number of Trainings
2007	17

Note: Does not include local trainings provided by funded grantee agencies as part of annual plans of work.

Source: CDVSA

Analysis of results and challenges: In order to more accurately reflect the council's statutory mandate to provide statewide education, a new target and measure regarding training provision has been established effective FY2007.

Education of first responders and community partners is a key ingredient to providing protection and services for individuals whose lives are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Lawmakers recognized this when establishing the council by including education on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault as one of the council's statutory mandates. A coordinated community response that includes law enforcement, corrections personnel, health care providers, educators, social service providers and domestic violence/sexual assault advocates, prosecutors, and other involved community activists is necessary to accomplish this mission, since a critical component of effective response is that all involved are provided with a common understanding of the issues, treatment, and prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault. The council's funding of trainings across the state contributes to meeting this goal.

The previous measure, the number of tribal-state forums (listed below), is now included in the measure of all trainings funded directly by the council. Note that the prior measure was calendar year based and that the new measure is fiscal year based.

Prior target and measure:

Target #2: Provide 5 training forums using Grants to Encourage Arrest (GTEA) funding.

Measure #2: Number of training forums provided.

A2: Strategy - Support, strengthen, and expand existing infrastructure.

Target #1: Increase collaboration with other state and community programs to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

Measure #1: Number of identified work groups in which the council currently participates.

Infrastructure and Service Systems Related to Victim Services Programs in Alaska

Components of Infrastructure	Service Systems
Facilities	Shelters, Batterer Intervention Programs, Hotlines
Funds	Federal; state; local; private
Legal Basis	Federal law; state law; state regulations
Data/Statistics	CDVSA Database; Uniform Crime Registry (FBI); BRFSS
Organizations	Law Enforcement; Emergency Medical/First Responders; Departments of Health and Social Services, Corrections, Law, Education and Early Development; Alaska Court System; Regional Health Corps; Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Alaska Native Justice Center
Committees	Anchorage Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force; Anchorage Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee; Homelessness Ends in Alaska Advisory Team; BRFSS Data Group; Juneau Domestic Violence Task Force; Tribal-State Forum Planning Team; Rape Prevention Education Work Group; DELTA Domestic Violence Prevention Committee; Immigration Safety Project

Source: CDVSA

Work Groups in which CDVSA Participates (fiscal year)

Year	# of Work Groups
2005	6
2006	8
2007	9

Source: CDVSA

Analysis of results and challenges: The domestic violence and sexual assault population is involved with almost every state and many local agencies. The first table above displays components of the infrastructure and service systems associated with victim services programs in Alaska. Numerous programs target prevention, intervention, and treatment of violent crime, its victims, and its perpetrators. However, communication and coordination among child protection, domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual abuse organizations, and government agencies are neither systematic nor comprehensive across the state. Increased partnering and collaboration, including more memoranda of agreement, cross-training, information sharing, data gathering, analysis, and recommendations are necessary for providing a comprehensive victim services system to which all Alaskans have access.

Challenges of effective support and development of infrastructure include identifying and targeting gaps between agencies and the community and prioritizing victim services needs.

Key RDU Challenges

Some of the challenges in addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska are due to the difficulty of getting services to those communities that are isolated by the lack of road system and weather. To address this issue, service programs have to be very creative in providing outreach to assist victims in these areas. Additionally, some programs have been forced to curtail their rural outreach programs in order to pay fixed costs of running their programs (fuel, food, workmen's compensation, postage, and travel for victims).

Securing diverse funding sources in order to maintain a level of funding that will maintain their staff and services is also a major challenge that all programs face.

There is still much to be done in collaborating with allied agencies in order to best address the needs of those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

CDVSA will work with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on two projects. One will be to complete a community and program needs assessment that will provide data for council funding decisions. The other project also includes the Public Health Division of the Department of Health and Social Services. Its purpose is to intensify prevention efforts through pooling resources and engaging other state and community stakeholders in a campaign to prevent interpersonal violence in Alaska.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2007

CDVSA, in partnership with the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Department of Law, Alaska Court System, and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault provided 17 training sessions for individuals across the state who are essential to the coordinated community response to domestic violence and sexual assault. Individuals trained include state and local law enforcement, prosecutors and paralegals, health care providers, emergency medical personnel, tribal organization representatives, advocates, social services providers, disability advocates, and community members.

A change in federal law addressing client confidentiality mandates required the discontinuance of the CDVSA victim service program database on June 30, 2006. A new system was activated October 1, 2007. In FY2007, programs reported 7,500 incidences of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other violent crimes. They provided 60,981 nights of safe shelter across the state.

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

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals				FY2008 Management Plan				FY2009 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	2,445.8	3,211.0	4,430.9	10,087.7	2,694.0	8,467.9	4,614.3	15,776.2	1,345.3	3,468.3	6,393.8	11,207.4
Batterers Intervention Program	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0
Totals	2,645.8	3,211.0	4,430.9	10,287.7	2,894.0	8,467.9	4,614.3	15,976.2	1,545.3	3,468.3	6,393.8	11,407.4

**Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	2,894.0	8,467.9	4,614.3	15,976.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	-1,348.7	-4,999.6	1,342.8	-5,005.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	0.0	0.0	436.7	436.7
FY2009 Governor	1,545.3	3,468.3	6,393.8	11,407.4