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Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

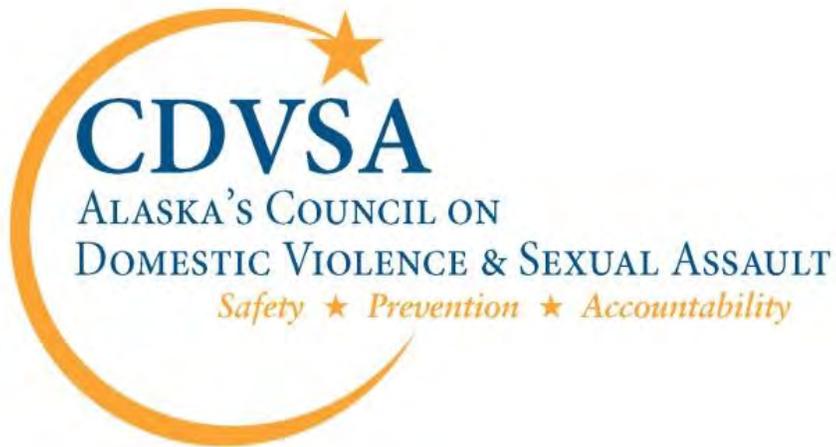
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FY2018 Budget Prep Work Session
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Draft Agenda

Wednesday, July 20th

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| 9:00am | Roll Call, Agenda Review, Conflict Inquiry,
Chair Comments | Patty Owen |
| 9:15 | FY2018 Guidance from Office of Management and
Budget
Necessary Information to produce by end of
August meeting
Funding Process Flow Chart | |
| 9:30 | FY17 Increments that were not accepted
FY17 Cuts | |
| 9:40 | Potential Available Funding Sources
Review Current State and Federal Funds
Explore Potential of New Revenue | |
| 10:00 | Victim Services Overview
Unmet Grant Requests
Staff Retention
Loss from other Funders | |
| 10:15 | Outcome Measures
Budget: Prevention, Crisis Intervention, Accountability
Programs: Victim Service and Batterer Intervention
Pro Bono and Research | |
| 10:30 | Comments from ANDVSA | |
| 10:40 | Council Comments | |
| 10:50 | BREAK | |
| 11:00 | Office Budget
Personal Services
Travel
Contractual
Commodities
Equipment | |

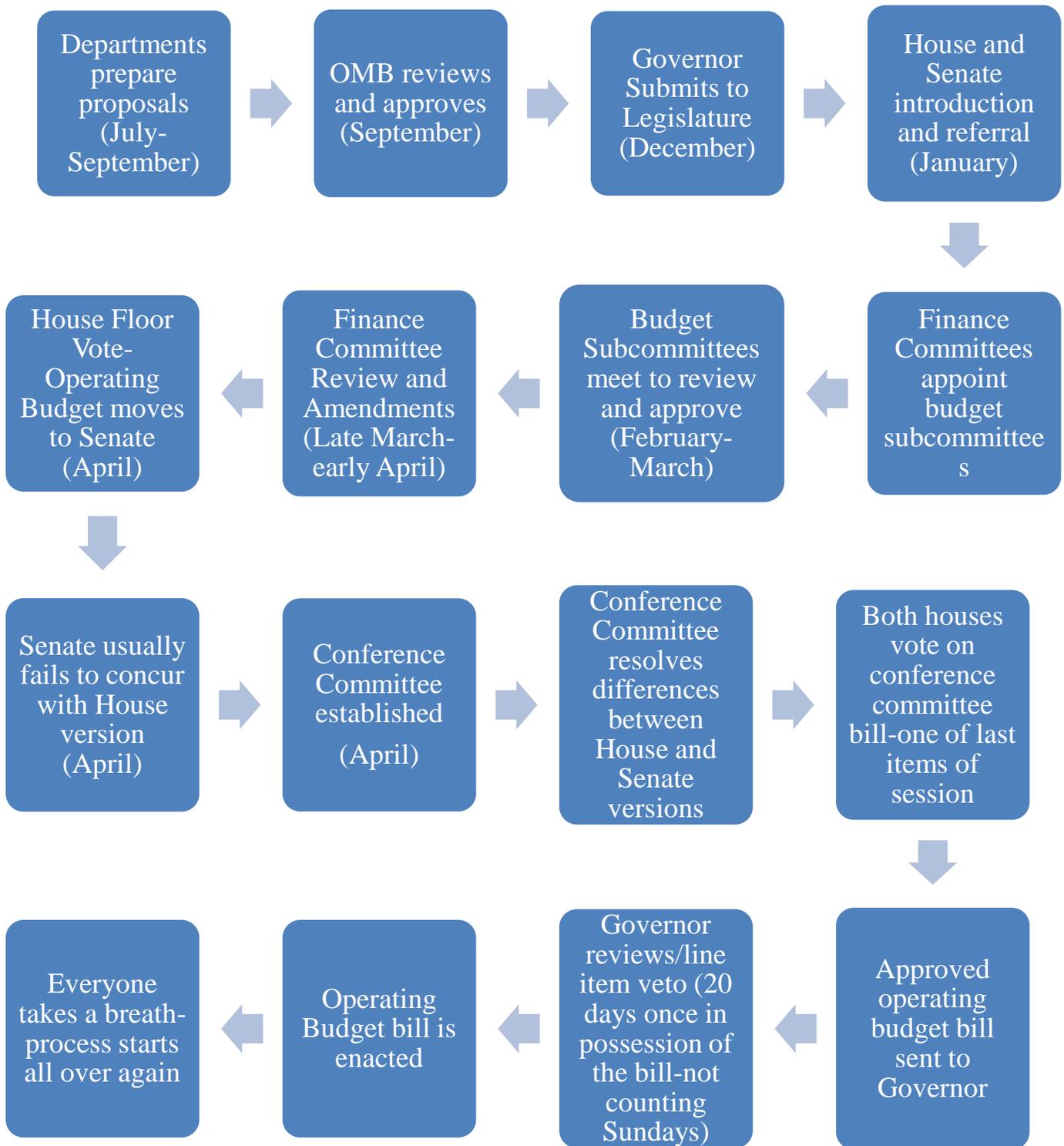


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 July 20, 2016
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Draft Agenda

Wednesday, July 20th

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| 11:15am | Federal Projects
Formula
STOP-includes SART
SASP
Competitive
GTEA
JFF |
| 11:30 | Research/Evaluation
Regional AVS
BRFSS
YRBS
Prevention Projects |
| 11:45 | Public Comment |
| Noon | Adjourn |



Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
FY2017 Authorization

Expenditure Line Item	Authorization
Personal Services	741,100.00
Travel	293,900.00
Services	1,828,700.00
Commodities	50,800.00
Capital Outlay	-
Grants and Benefits	13,352,700.00
	\$ 16,267,200.00

Funding Component	Authorization
General Fund	10,766,600.00
Designated GF	1,000,000.00
Interagency Receipts	789,700.00
Federal Receipts	3,710,900.00
	\$ 16,267,200.00



FY17 Increments and Cuts

The Council forwarded one increment request for FY17. The request in the amount of \$265.0 would have gone toward research/evaluation projects. The request did not make it into the Governor's 2017 budget.

A reduction to the FY17 budget ended up being taken from the office budget in terms of positions. The Council office lost three position control numbers totaling approximately \$221.0. The three positions include an Office Assistant II, and Administrative Officer I and a Program Coordinator I.

The good news:

An increment to the 2017 budget was built in to SB91 in the amount of \$1,000.0. The funds are to go toward prevention, research/evaluation, and services in rural/remote areas. These are the designated general fund dollars written into the budget documents. The designated funds are anticipated marijuana tax dollars. These funds are to be built into the Council's base budget and increase to \$2,000.0 in FY18 and out years.

Here is the fiscal note from SB91:

Section 163 of this bill implements reforms identified and recommended by the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) in its Justice Reinvestment Report by adding uncodified language instructing the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to create or expand community-based violence prevention programming and services for victims of a crime involving domestic violence or sexual assault. This section was added in direct response to the concerns and concepts expressed during the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Victim Service Roundtables and interviews with victims. Victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, Alaska Native elders, victim service providers, systems advocates, and representatives from the criminal and civil justice systems came together and agreed on ten recommendations to address violence prevention, services, and victims' rights. The recommendations were rolled up into the ACJC report as priorities for violence prevention and victim services in rural/remote areas of Alaska.

Funds will still be used for previously listed projects but at a reduced pace than what would be possible at a higher level of funding. Changing societal norms to make violence unacceptable in communities is ultimately what will lead to reduction in crimes costs across all systems. Investing now while citizens believe change is possible is critical.

Funds to strengthen efforts in communities currently implementing prevention strategies such as Green Dot, Coaching Boys into Men, COMPASS, Girls on the Run/Boys Run, Fourth R, Teens Acting Against Violence, LeadOn! for Peace and Equality, and/or Talk Now Talk Often will be granted. These grants will serve to enhance existing community based, coalition driven work that address the primary prevention of sexual assault, intimate partner violence and/or teen dating violence. Grantees are building the foundation on which reductions in violence will occur. Outcomes for these projects are organized into four categories of programming: capacity building, policy, youth protective factors and bystander engagement.

Funds will be used for continued implementation of Green Dot AK across the state. A comprehensive prevention strategy is one that is coordinated across multiple settings and populations within each community. Comprehensive strategies are more likely to change the behaviors, beliefs and norms that impact the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Funds will be used to support local communities in expanding readiness to implement prevention services most applicable to their own community. Peer to peer support and ownership of problem-identification and resolution are integral steps to successful prevention campaigns. CDVSA will provide technical assistance and opportunities for skills building within and between communities to organically grow social norms change.

To address the victim service priorities, funds will be used to provide outreach to increase awareness of available victim services in FY2017; resources to village elders engaging in these efforts and to support safe home expansion in FY2018; and to increase services for child victims and witnesses in each year where possible.

Another priority of the victim service roundtables was to provide sexual assault forensic exams to victims through community health aides and/or public health nurses. CDVSA will bring together a workgroup of stakeholders including victim service providers, health aides, tribal health consortiums, public health, law enforcement and law to address this issue and prepare a plan for implementation by FY18.

Funds will be used for evaluation. The ability to build research/evaluation steps into each of these projects is necessary to gauge effectiveness, to provide opportunities to course correct early in processes when required, and to responsibly continue to support programs that work and/or move focus to other strategies if one proves ineffective. FY 2020 sees an increase in the services line to conduct the third statewide Alaska Victimization Survey.

Potential Available Funding Sources

Current Sources:

State General Funds:	10,766,600
Designated GF:	1,000,000

Interagency Receipts :	789,700
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Federal Funds:	3,710,900
Victims of Crime Act	
Family Violence Prevention and Services Act	
Sexual Assault Services Program	
Justice for Families	
Grants to Encourage Arrest	
Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors	

TOTAL	16,267,200
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Potential Sources:

Federal Funds- Competitive Grants
 Office on Violence Against Women
 Health and Human Services
 National Institute of Justice

Corporate Sponsorship

Local Community Partnerships



<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Award Number</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
FVPSA	FFY14 FVPSA G-1401AKFVPSA	10/1/13	9/30/15	209,252.44	209,252.44	209,252.44	-
FVPSA	FFY15 FVPSA G-1501AKFVPSA	10/1/14	9/30/16	744,293.00	339,711.25	331,657.48	404,581.75
GTEA	FFY10 GTEA 2010-WE-AX-0002	3/1/10	8/31/15	31,670.00	-	-	31,670.00
GTEA	FFY14 GTEA 2014-WE-AX-0021	10/1/14	9/30/17	528,127.90	256,554.91	256,554.91	271,572.99
SASP	FFY13 SASP 2013-KF-AX-0032	8/1/13	7/31/16	174,934.48	174,934.48	174,934.48	-
SASP	FFY14 SASP 2014-KF-AX-0003	8/1/14	7/31/16	270,588.00	113,554.65	111,108.37	157,033.35
SASP	FFY15 SASP 2015-KF-AX-0027	8/1/15	7/31/17	299,269.00	195.94	195.94	299,073.06
SVSEP	FFY12 SVSEP 2012-CW-AX-K028	10/1/12	9/30/16	71,581.69	67,946.69	64,914.05	3,635.00
VAWA	FFY13 VAWA 2013-WF-AX-0044	7/1/13	6/30/16	185,848.67	182,556.88	17,150.51	3,291.79
VAWA	FFY14 VAWA 2014-WF-AX-0055	7/1/14	6/30/16	848,842.00	652,925.69	600,918.89	195,916.31
VAWA	FFY15 VAWA 2015-WF-AX-0007	7/1/15	6/30/17	800,075.00	24,169.03	24,169.03	775,905.97
VOCA	FFY13 VOCA 2013-VA-GX-0043	10/1/12	9/30/16	5,209.77	5,209.77	5,209.77	-
VOCA	FFY14 VOCA 2014-VA-GX-0050	10/1/13	9/30/17	1,484,376.00	1,449,291.35	1,430,017.00	35,084.65
VOCA	FFY15 VOCA 2015-VA-GX-0060	10/1/14	9/30/18	4,909,151.00	192,258.76	168,892.00	4,716,892.24
VOCA	FFY15 VOCA DISC. 2015-VF-GX-0057	10/1/14	9/30/18	101,183.00	21,637.66	21,637.66	72,997.34
JSRF	FFY15 JFF 2015-FJ-AX-0006	10/1/15	9/30/18	501,015.00	80,353.98	80,353.98	420,661.02
TOTALS				11,165,416.95	3,770,553.48	3,496,966.51	7,388,315.47

STOP Services-Training-Officers-Prosecution
 VAWA Violence Against Women Act
 SASP Sexual Assault Services Program
 GTEA Grants to Encourage Arrest
 FVPSA Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
 SVSEP Safe Visitation and Safe Exchange Program
 VOCA Victims of Crime
 JSRF Justice Systems Response to Families



Outcome Measures

1. Budget: Measures accompany the budget as it winds its way through the legislative process and for FY 2017 aligned under our three mission areas: Prevention, Crisis Intervention and Accountability. The 2 prevention measures dividing our strategies into community engagement and youth engagement will need to be adjusted for FY2016 due to lack of funding. There are 4 crisis intervention measures including FVPSA required measures and an efficiency measure (utilization of services-cost per shelter night). There is 1 accountability measure to ensure batterer intervention services are available.

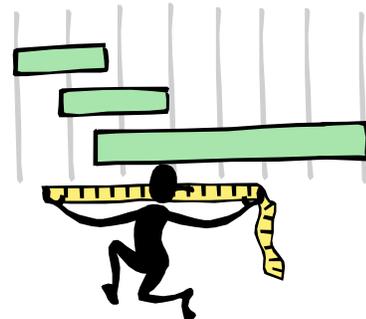
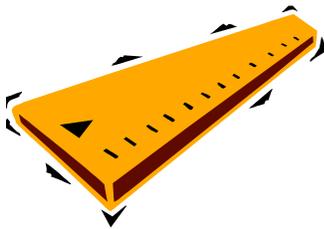
2. Programs: Victim Service and Batterer Intervention

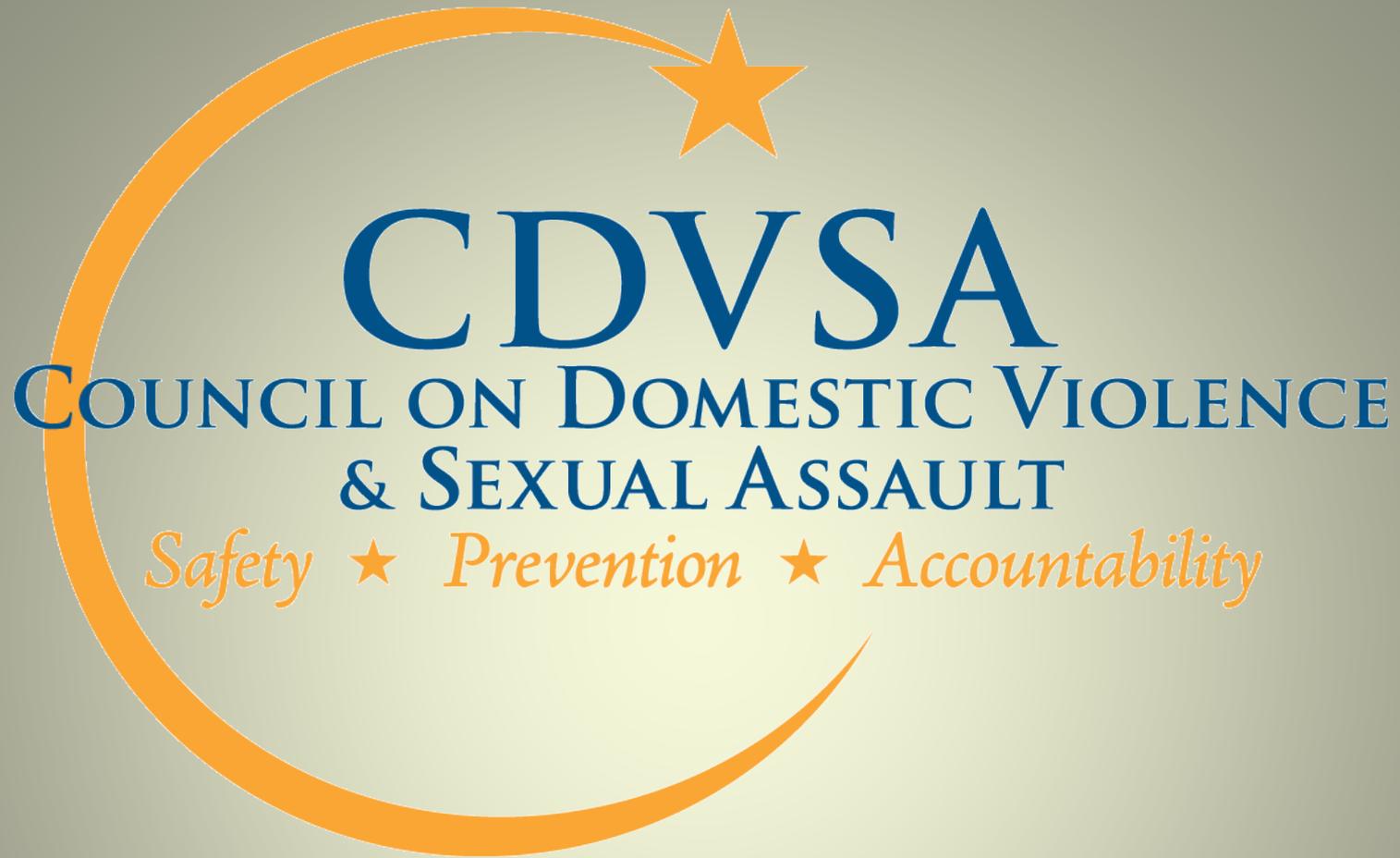
There are 7 short term outcome measures victim service programs are using for this grant cycle. Our goal is to work on outcome measures concurrently with the victim services regulations revisions during FY17.

3. Outcome measures for the pro bono project and AVS

The pro bono project measures are being tracked through the Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors grant. The statewide AVS was conducted in 2015 and the measures were tracked through the Justice Center.

These measures will be available for review during the August meeting.





House Finance Subcommittee

Presentation by

Lauree Morton, Executive Director

February 4, 2016

Introduction

- Established in 1981-recognizing 35 years of state service this year
- 5 state members: Public Safety, Law, Corrections, Health and Social Services, Education and Early Development
- 4 public members: 1 public member seat designated for rural representation
- 14 statutory responsibilities

Why Public Safety?

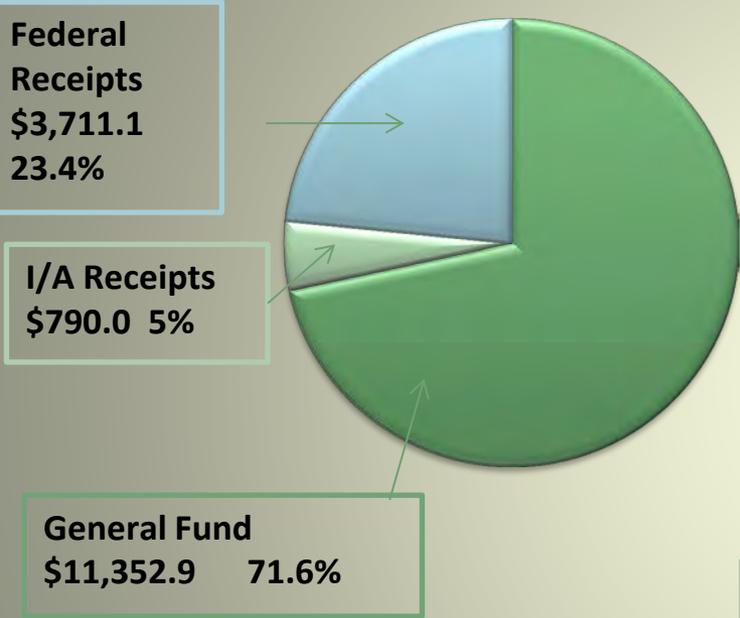
- Rapere
- Well, you know, the rule of thumb is...
- 1985
- 1996
- These are crimes and the Council coordinates the state's responses to these crimes

Presentation Outline

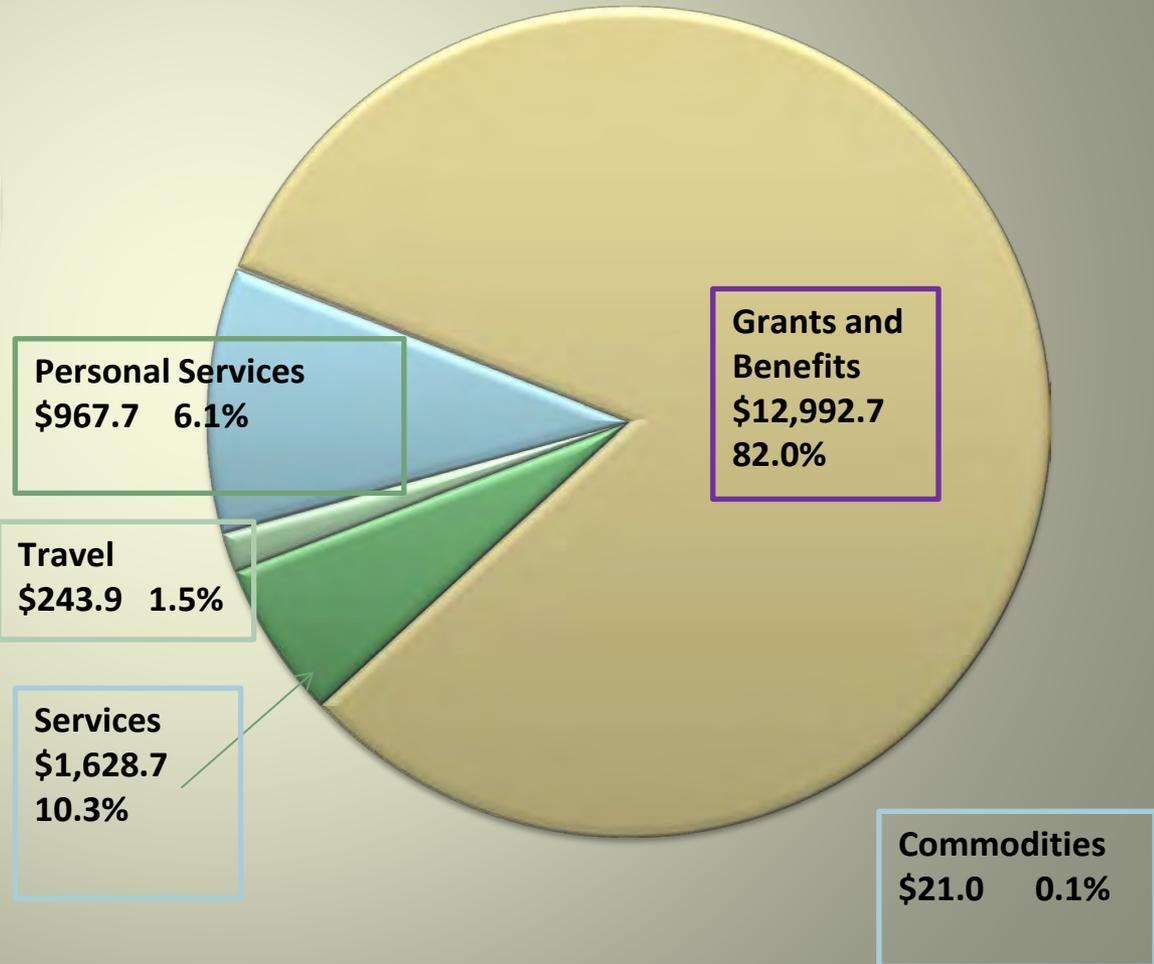
- FY2016 Budget Overview
 - Budget by line item
- FY2017 Budget Overview
 - Reduced by \$340.0 from FY2016
- Funding Sources
 - State General Funds and Federal Funds

FY2016 BUDGET: \$15,854.0

Funding Source

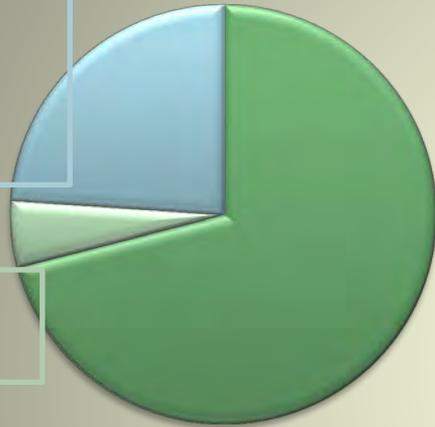


Budget by Line Item

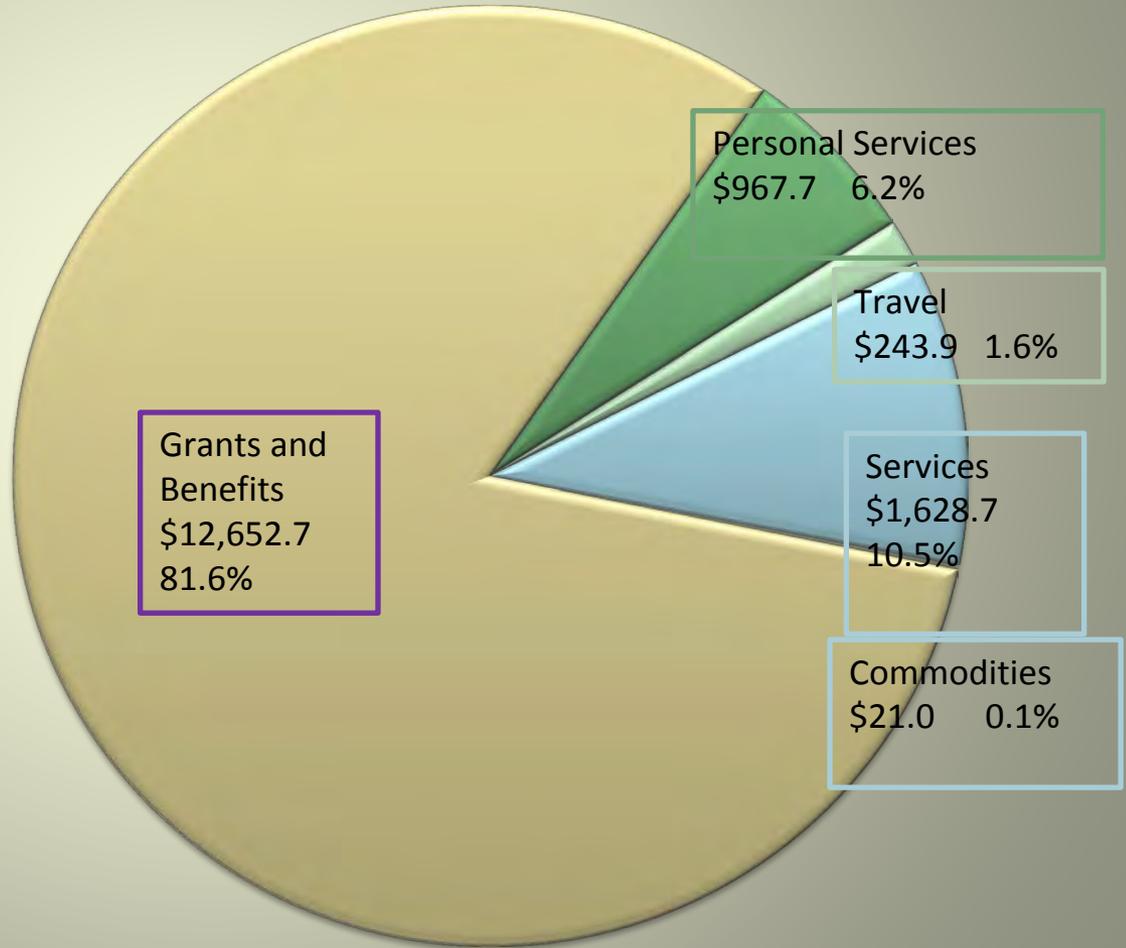


FY2017 BUDGET: \$15,514.0

Funding Source



Budget by Line Item



State General Funds

What can we receive?

- Undesignated General Funds
- Interagency Receipts
- PFD Criminal Funds

Federal Funds-Formula

- Victims of Crime Act
 - Population Formula awarded to all states
 - Base amount of \$600.0
 - 4-year award period
 - Approximately \$1.4 million until FFY15 increased to approximately \$5 million (Council is spreading the funds over the entire 4-year period)
 - Minimum percentage allocations to certain crime areas: domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and “other” violent crimes

Federal Funds

- Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
 - Population Formula awarded to all states
 - Base amount of \$600.0
 - 2-year award period
 - Approximately \$760.0 annually
 - Minimum percentage allocations not less than 25% prevention/education 70% basic shelter services
- Resource outcome: Do you know more about what resources and help are available to you and your family and how to access those resources?
- Safety outcome: Do you know more or different intervention strategies for safety than you did before?

Federal Funds

- Sexual Assault Services Program
- SASP is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault (2009)
- SASP supports services through the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other sexual assault programs and projects
- SASP supports efforts to help survivors heal from sexual assault trauma through:
 - direct intervention and related assistance
 - 24-hour sexual assault hotlines,
 - crisis intervention, and
 - medical and criminal justice accompaniment.

Federal Funds

- Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (STOP)
 - Population Formula awarded to all states
 - Base amount of \$600.0 AK usually receives between \$750-800.0 for 2-years
- Formula distribution through VAWA
 - 30% victim services
 - 25% law enforcement
 - 25% prosecutors
 - 5% judiciary
 - 15% discretionary use in above 4 areas

In Alaska:

- 30% victim services to ANDVSA for the Legal Advocacy Project
- 25% law enforcement to Alaska State Troopers
- 25% prosecutors to Department of Law
- 5% judiciary to Alaska Court System
- 15% discretionary remains with Council-Sexual Assault Response Team training

Legal Advocacy

- Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault provided representation in 222 cases (43% of survivors who completed an application)
- 81 cases were handled by volunteer attorneys alone
- Volunteers provided legal assistance equaling approximately \$861,000

Federal Funds-Competitive

- Grants To Encourage Arrest
 - Partners with Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Alaska Institute for Justice-3 years (\$575.0)
 - Technical assistance/resource development for legal advocates, tribal/state judges and clerks, military personnel; statewide legal advocacy services; interpreter services for victim service agency program participants
- Justice For Families
 - Fairbanks-Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living -3 years (\$501.0)
 - Supervised Visitation Center

Victim Services

Project	Amount	FY16	FY17	Project	Amount
Regular Victim Services				Regular Victim Services	
UGF	\$9,807,400			UGF	\$9,667,400
VOCA	\$1,379,095			VOCA	\$1,480,518
FVPSA	\$775,722			FVPSA	\$760,295
Federal Projects				Federal Projects	
SASP	\$278,925			SASP	\$278,925
GTEA	\$249,300			GTEA	\$249,300
SVSEP	\$52,691			Justice for Families	\$52,691
STOP	\$85,996			STOP	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$12,629,129		<\$140,000>	TOTAL	\$12,489,129

Victim Service Data

- 8,325 persons served
- 95,194 shelter nights (\$91 per shelter night)
- 80% female, 17% male, 3% unknown
- 72% adults, 26% children, 2% unknown
- 73% domestic violence, 25% sexual assault, 3% stalking, 13% other violent crimes
- Volunteers: 3,693 donated 63,368 hours of service

Batterer Intervention Programs

Project	Amount	FY16	FY17	Project	Amount
Community-based	\$200,000			Community-based	\$0
Prison-based	\$184,700			Prison-based	\$184,700

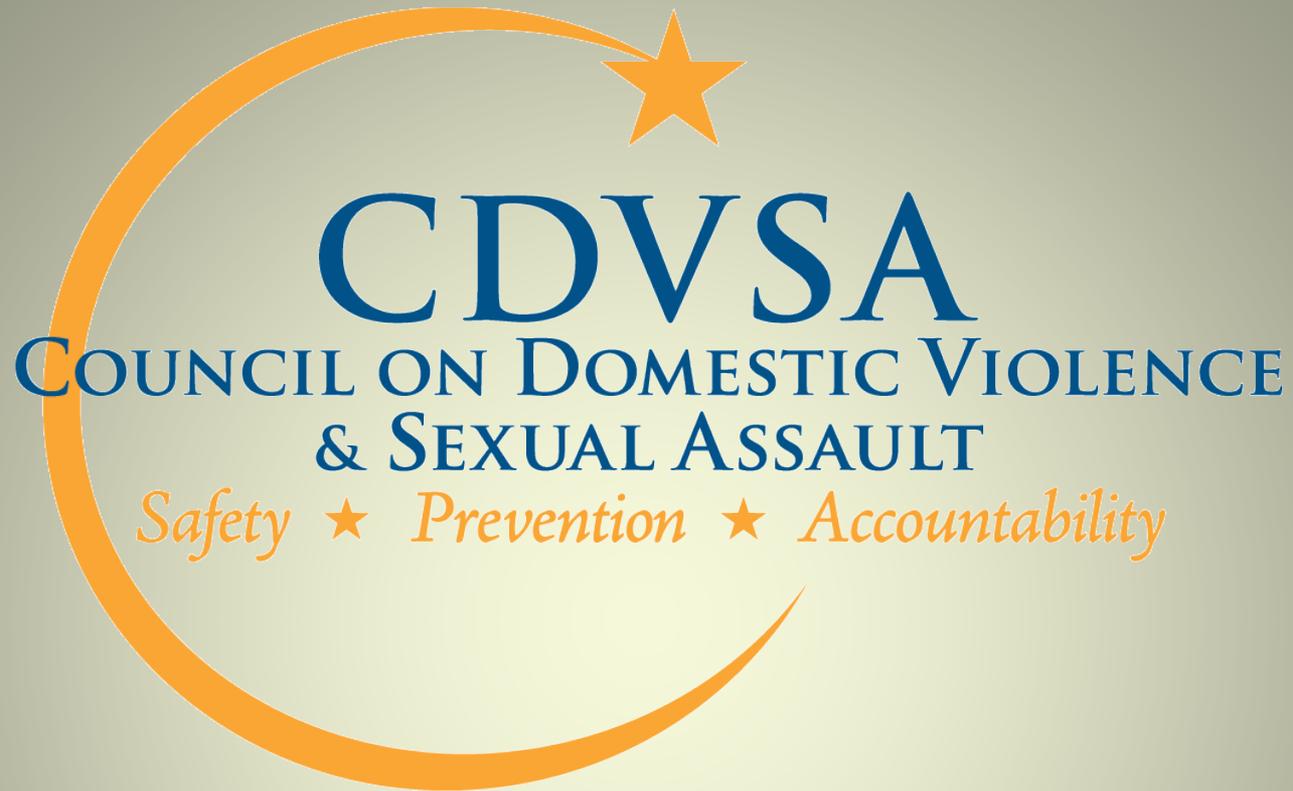
	BIP	PBP	Total
Intake assessments	111	128	239
New victim safety check	91	15	106
Participants completing the program	48	34	82
Non-compliant participants	78	12	90
Re-arrested participants	19	14	33

Prevention

Projects	Amount	FY16	FY17	Projects	Amount
Male Engagement	\$30,000			Male Engagement	\$0
Youth Leadership	\$60,000			Youth Leadership	\$0
Parent Engagement	\$10,000			Parent Engagement	\$0
Statewide Training and Technical Assistance for Prevention Staff	\$20,000			Statewide Training and Technical Assistance for Prevention Staff	\$0
Green Dot	\$30,000			Green Dot	\$0

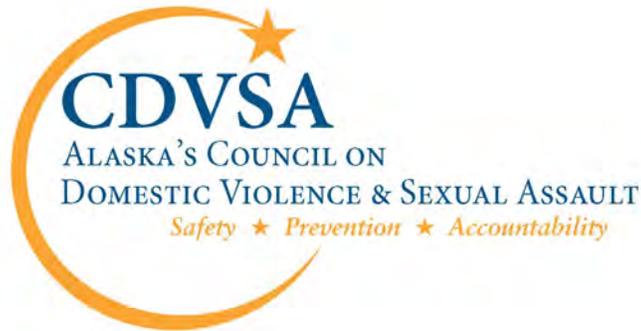
Prevention

Projects	Amount	FY16	FY17	Projects	Amount
Coaching Boys Into Men	\$25,000			Coaching Boys Into Men	\$0
Girls On The Run	\$15,000			Girls On The Run	\$0
Statewide Training and Skill Building for Education Specialists and Outreach Advocates	\$25,000			Statewide Training and Skill Building for Education Specialists and Outreach Advocates	\$0
Community Base Primary Prevention Program	\$285,000			Community Base Primary Prevention Program	\$0
TOTAL	\$500,000			TOTAL	\$0



QUESTIONS

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



**FY2009-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN-
Revised FY2015**



This photo is a healthy community mural created by Dillingham youth courtesy of Safe and Fear Free Environment.

**Gary Folger Commissioner
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Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**



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Dear Alaskan:

The Council took the opportunity during state fiscal year 2015 to revise our Strategic Plan. Sections of the plan were reviewed at quarterly meetings and revisions were incorporated into this final version adopted during our June 2015 meeting.

Our Vision remains one in which Alaskans do not suffer from domestic violence and sexual assault. We decided to make a critical change to our vision statement however, which now uses the term “freed” instead of “free” — an adverb instead of an adjective. Freed calls each one of us to take action to ensure the end of these crimes in our state.

The Mission statement now emphasizes the work necessary to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault by listing prevention as the first order of business.

Prevention is defined with an active voice and continues to be the first and second goals of the strategic plan. Crisis management and intervention are better defined to acknowledge short and long-term consequences of domestic violence and sexual assault.

While laudable, after analyzing the conditions and factors required to develop options allowing victims to stay in their homes and removing perpetrators of domestic violence this goal was deleted from the plan; both legal and financial considerations makes this goal unattainable for the foreseeable future.

Great strides have been made over the last six years. The conversations about ending these crimes and preventing new generations of Alaskans from ever experiencing them have shifted from just advocates and first responders to whole communities. As a snapshot for this point in time, nineteen communities have developed primary prevention plans, six communities are implementing Green Dot Alaska bystander intervention strategies, men from eleven communities are working with over 130 12-18 year-old boys through COMPASS, and 72 women mentored 213 girls participating in Girls on the Run across the state this past year. Alaska Native Villages have more access to federal funding streams through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Clergy are being supported through Shepherds’ Care Forums and first responders to victims of sexual assault are coordinating efforts to support victims through sexual assault response teams (SART).

We challenge each citizen to take up the Green Dot call: No one has to do everything, but everyone can do something. What’s your Green Dot? Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,
FY2015 Council Members

Richard Irwin, Rachel Gernat, Donna Erickson, Susan Cushing-public members
Gary Folger, Public Safety; Ron Taylor, Corrections; Patty Owen, DEED; Rick Svobodny, LAW; and Ree Sailors/
Chris Ashenbrenner, Health and Social Services



**State of Alaska
Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault**

Sarah Palin, Governor
Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner

February 5, 2009

Dear Alaskan:

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is in its twenty-seventh year of providing domestic violence and sexual assault safety, prevention and accountability services to Alaska. In order to strengthen our capacity to achieve the Council's vision of a Violence Free Alaska, we have crafted a 10-year Strategic Plan. It is our intention that these goals and objectives chart a course for statewide action aimed at eliminating domestic and sexual violence.

Alaska has significant challenges with exceedingly high rates of interpersonal violence. We have the shameful distinction of the highest rates of reported sexual assault in the country. Our rates are 2.5 times the national average with Native women victimized at much higher rates. These are just the reported assaults. National data suggests only 1 in 10 is ever reported. In a 2006 survey, 75% of Alaskans said they have experienced or know someone who has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault. Clearly, we have much work to do to reduce the rates and attain our vision.

In 2008, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) Legislative Task Force acknowledged the extent of the problem and the threat it poses to so many Alaskans. Their overarching recommendation to the Council was to develop and implement a strategic plan. The Council wholeheartedly agreed and began the process of developing this plan.

Guided by our vision of an Alaska free from domestic and sexual violence and our mission to provide safety through a system of statewide crisis intervention, perpetrator accountability and prevention services, the plan is built around three program areas: Prevention, Crisis Management and Intervention, and Perpetrator Accountability. A fourth strategic area, Council Effectiveness, is added to ensure solid agency operations. The Council has goals and objectives for each area. We also have a separate action plan to guide Council staff and our partners in accomplishing these objectives. The action plan gives us the tools to keep us on target by monitoring our progress and measuring our performance.

Domestic and sexual violence impacts all of us – victims, children, families, employers, neighbors, abusers, clergy, teachers, and friends. It is going to take a coordinated community response across Alaska to stop it. This plan aims to incorporate best practices for addressing domestic violence and sexual assault and brings our partners to the table in the effort.

We look forward to working with legislators, community and tribal organizations, law enforcement, prosecutors, court personnel, community leaders and Alaskans from all walks of life to focus on prevention of these crimes so that Alaskans will no longer suffer these senseless acts of violence.

Sincerely,

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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VISION

Alaska, freed from domestic and sexual violence

MISSION STATEMENT

The Council promotes the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault and provides safety for Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault through a statewide system of crisis intervention and support, and by demanding perpetrator accountability.

PURPOSE

There is established in the Department of Public Safety the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The purpose of the council is to provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families, and to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to provide for crisis Intervention and prevention programs.”
Alaska Statute 18.66.010.



INTRODUCTION - CDVSA 2009-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN

In January 2009 the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault adopted this ten year Strategic Plan.

This Strategic Plan values and respects the ongoing work and accomplishments of the Council's many partners and recognizes the need for continued collaboration. Our hope is that the Strategic Plan will be a tool that all who are engaged in addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska use to align missions, point to common goals, and reinforce one another's work.

The Council acknowledges and highly values the work of its partners that is already underway to accomplish some of this plan's goals and objectives. The Council's statutory mandates cannot be accomplished without the collaboration of many partners, including faith communities, Native organizations and tribes, and health care providers. Neither the Council nor any other single organization "leads" this work or is the single "inspiration" for this hard work. Rather, we must work together and depend on each other to achieve a violence free Alaska.

The Council depends on good coordination and communication. To be effective this must be a statewide effort that reaches all communities and people. The State representatives on the Council* must continue to be two-way conduits of information between the Council and their agencies. Likewise, each public member on the Council must communicate the Council's plans, goals and actions to their communities and organizations. We hope that establishing the 2009-2019 Strategic Plan and corresponding two-year Action Plans strengthens all communication and relationships.

To address the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska, this Strategic Plan establishes three program areas for the Council to achieve our vision of a violence free Alaska:

- Prevention
- Crisis Management and Intervention
- Perpetrator Accountability.

The Council, in collaboration with its partners, has identified six goals in these program areas. A fourth strategic area, Council Effectiveness, has three additional goals.

Objectives are also established for each goal. The objectives are more concrete statements that describe how the goals will be achieved. Over the ten year course of this Plan, it is expected that some objectives will be accomplished or will no longer be relevant. New objectives will emerge as the Council and staff stay current with domestic violence and sexual assault research, practices and needs and adjust to the changing needs of new realities.



PREVENTION

* State agencies represented on the Council include the Departments of Law, Education, Health and Social Services, Corrections, and Public Safety.

What is Prevention?

Prevention works to proactively modify or entirely eliminate events, conditions or exposure to risk factors that can result in or cause violence to reoccur. Prevention of interpersonal violence is a systematic process that promotes healthy environments and behaviors. Short-term needs are acute and literally affect life and safety, however successful prevention is cost effective in the long-term.

Goal 1. Coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault prevention efforts in Alaska.

Objective 1A - Promote education and programs to prevent future incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Objective 1B – Identify and adopt evidence-based measures to ensure effective prevention programming.

Objective 1C - Increase community awareness of the need for prevention services.

Objective 1D – Work to shape public policy and attitudes to reduce tolerance for interpersonal violence.



Bethel residents march for peace at home.

Goal 2. Obtain funding dedicated to prevention programs.

Objective 2A - Develop a plan for prevention programming.

Objective 2B - Determine scope and cost of viable, measurable projects.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND INTERVENTION

What is Crisis Management?

Crisis management is the immediate and short-term response to domestic violence and sexual assault. Crisis management addresses the immediate issues of safety and support services.

What is Intervention?

Intervention is the long-term response after domestic violence and sexual assault has occurred, following the immediate crisis management response. Intervention addresses the long-term consequences of such violence.

Goal 3. Provide immediate, appropriate crisis response, intervention and shelter.

Objective 3A - Determine the operational costs to provide comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault victim services including shelter.

Objective 3B - Seek adequate funding for victim service programs to ensure safety and services are available for all in need.

Objective 3C - Increase the knowledge and skills of Alaska's first responders (law enforcement, medical providers, child welfare, etc.)

Objective 3D - Initiate immediate law enforcement response.

Objective 3E - Improve the ability of the justice system to enhance victim safety through appropriate sanctions, orders and judgments.

Objective 3F - Ensure funded programs' compliance with CDVSA regulations and grant conditions.

Objective 3G - Increase access to legal resources for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are involved in the civil and criminal justice systems.

“Though I may say it often, this is one official “thank you” for being a very amazing group of people I could not formerly imagine existed in such a setting as this especially. Thank You for restoring much of the hope & faith I often times now have. Thank You for helping me imagine strength & safety could be built by these tattered hands of mine.”

- thank you letter written to staff of an Alaska shelter

Goal 4. Enhance the understanding of the prevalence and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault in the State of Alaska.

Objective 4A - Build public awareness and support for crisis management and intervention services.



Crisis management and intervention services in Alaska are provided locally by community-based shelter and non-residential domestic violence and sexual assault programs with the support of grants provided by the Council.

The shelter pictured above is the Tundra Women's Coalition located in Bethel.

PERPETRATOR ACCOUNTABILITY

What is Perpetrator Accountability? Within the context of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault programs, accountability is defined as holding perpetrators accountable for their actions through corrective and rehabilitative programs. Accountability includes all components of the criminal justice system holding perpetrators of domestic or sexual violence responsible.

Goal 5. Perpetrators will be held accountable for their actions.

Objective 5A - Determine effectiveness of batterer intervention programs.

Objective 5B - Ensure perpetrator accountability programs are available.



Men fly messages of love, support, and respect about their partners, daughters, mothers. This project is supported by Alaska Family Services (Palmer) and the Sunshine Clinic (Talkeetna)..

COUNCIL EFFECTIVENESS

Why review Council effectiveness? All agencies and organizations must periodically review internal needs, resources, capacity and processes to ensure operations are efficient, equitable and effective.

Goal 6. Implement and maintain best practices in the operation of programs providing domestic violence and sexual assault services.

Objective 6A - Identify core services of and standards for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Objective 6B - Assess the effectiveness of domestic violence and sexual assault services.

Goal 7. Define and describe the scope and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

Objective 7A - Obtain consistent and complete data on domestic violence and sexual assault incidents in Alaska.

Objective 7B – Coordinate with others to compile all relevant existing data on domestic violence and sexual assault

Objective 7C - Support and encourage independent academic research on domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

COUNCIL EFFECTIVENESS - continued

Goal 8. Ensure effective Council administration.

Objective 8A - Council members and staff are knowledgeable and understand current domestic violence and sexual assault issues.

Objective 8B - Distribute funds and grants in an efficient and equitable manner.

Objective 8C - Ensure Council has staff resources and capacity to work effectively.

Objective 8D - Maintain compliance with federal grant requirements.

Objective 8E - Develop Memoranda of Understanding to improve coordination of services between state agencies.



Picture created by program participants at Arctic Women in Crisis, Barrow.