



House Finance Committee

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Initiative Update

February 26, 2013

Overview

History and development of the initiative



Mission: To End the Epidemic

“Alaska can’t reach its full potential until we tackle the epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault.

We will shine the light of justice and a ray of hope into places where domestic violence and sexual assault have ruled.

We will not rest until every Alaskan lives safe from abuse.”

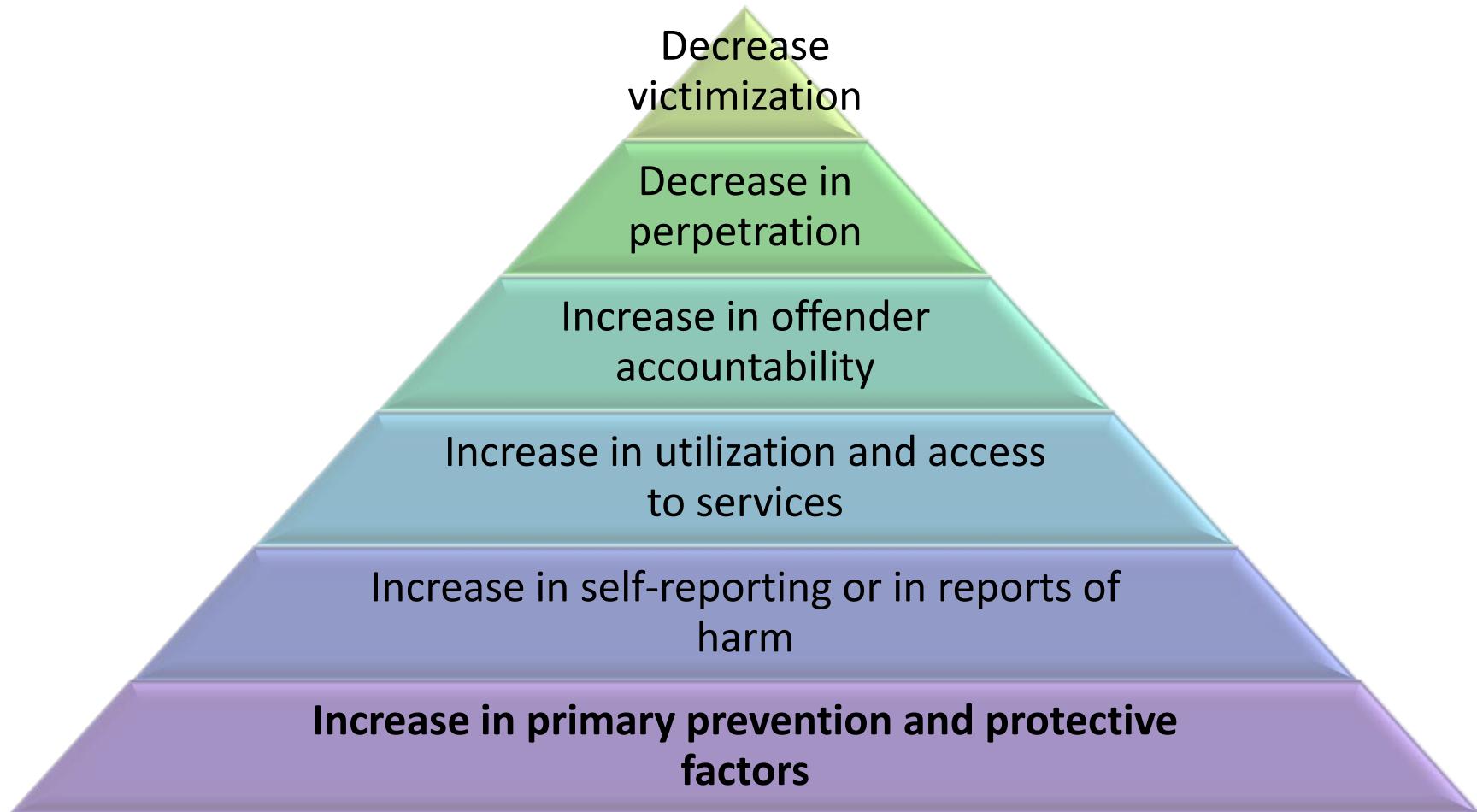
Governor Sean Parnell



Launch of the initiative ~ Bartlett High School in Anchorage

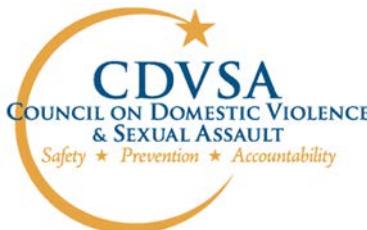
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Goals and Measures of Success



Comprehensive Approach

- Support for Survivors
- Prevention and Intervention
- Law Enforcement
- Coordination
- Data

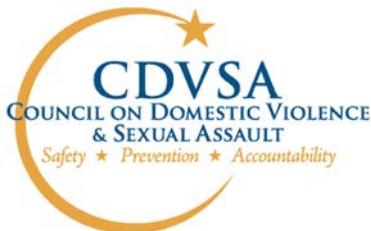


Intimate Partner Violence



Percent of adult women who experienced intimate partner violence

Intimate Partner Violence	Lifetime	Past Year
Alaska	47.6%	9.4%
Fairbanks	49.5%	10.8%
Anchorage	42.2%	8.2%
Juneau	47.1%	12.1%
Bristol Bay	44.2%	12.3%
Sitka	40.4%	5.1%
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta	44.6%	13.6%
Kodiak	38.4%	5.7%



Sexual Violence



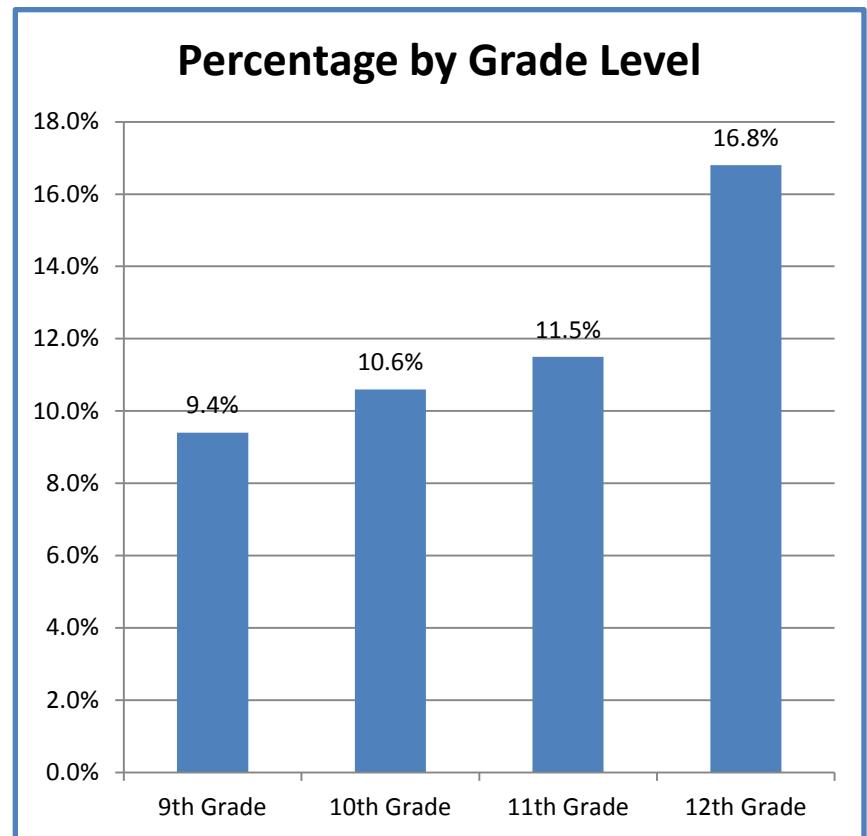
Percent of adult women who experienced sexual violence

Sexual Violence	Lifetime	Past Year
Alaska	37.1%	4.3%
Fairbanks	31.4%	2.7%
Anchorage	29.6%	1.4%
Juneau	35.3%	1.0%
Bristol Bay	31.2%	4.4%
Sitka	24.7%	2.4%
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta	25.4%	5.1%
Kodiak	22.9%	1.1%

Scope of the Problem

Percentage of high school students who were ever hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months

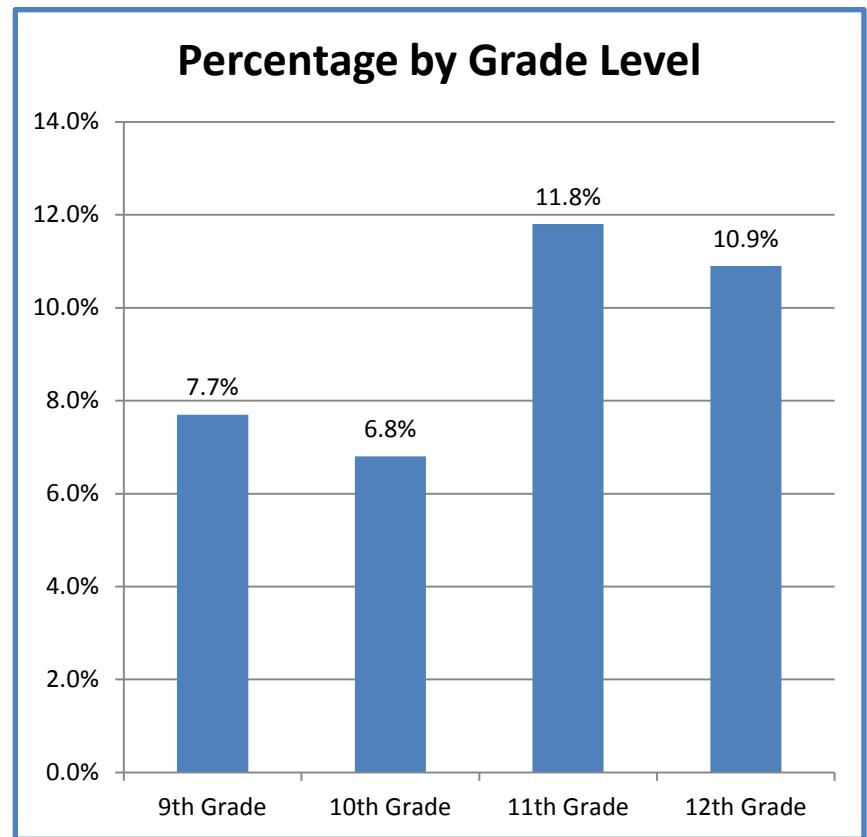
- Grades 9 -12
 - 12.0% of all students
 - 13.4% of all male students
 - 10.5% of all female students



Scope of the Problem

Percentage of high school students who had ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to

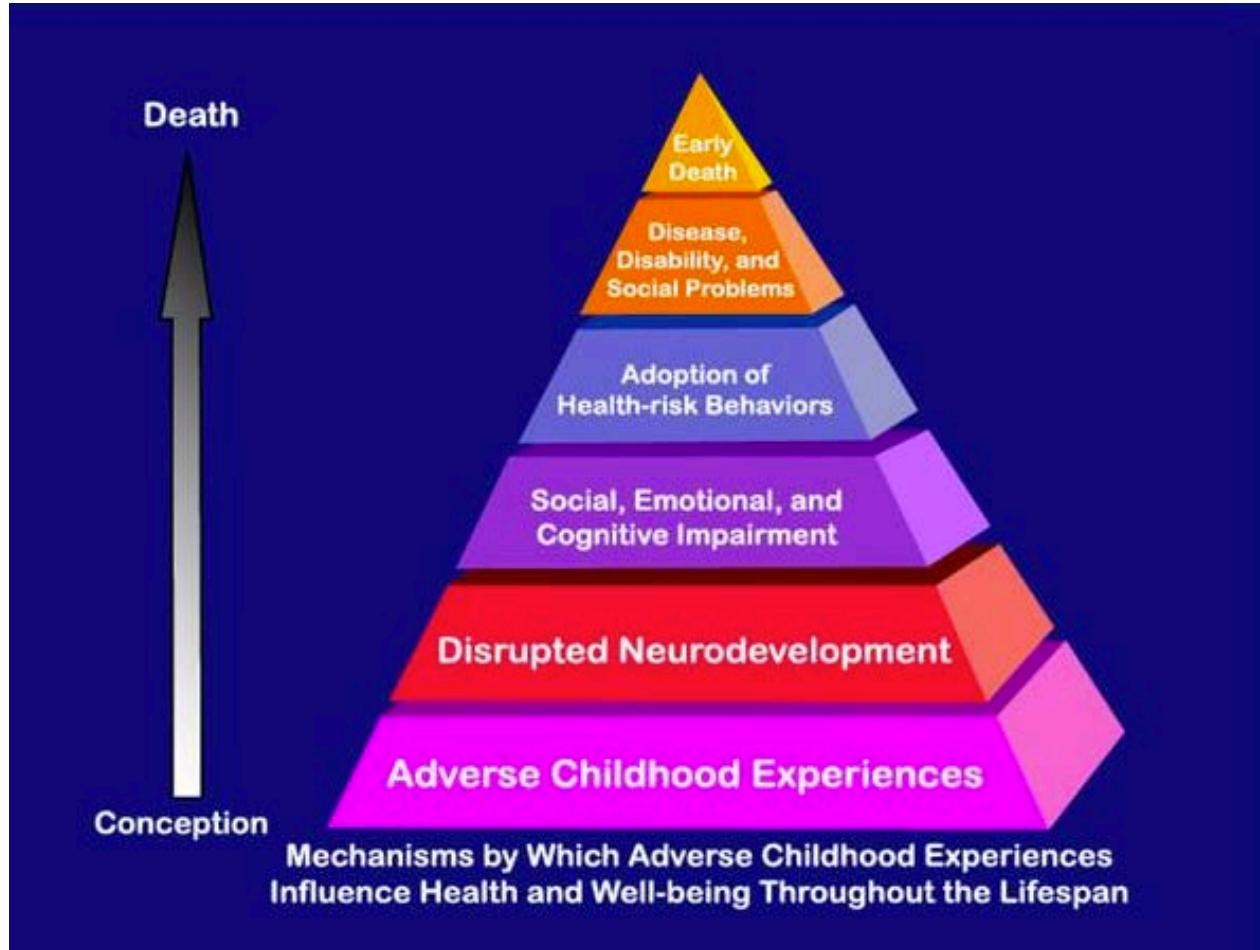
- Grades 9 -12
 - 9.2% of all students
 - 7.2% of all male students
 - 11.3% of all female students
- Females are more likely than males to have been forced to have intercourse



Adverse Childhood Experiences

- Abuse (emotional, physical, and sexual abuse)
- Neglect
- Household dysfunction
 - Mother treated violently (exposure to violence)
 - Household substance abuse
 - Household mental illness
 - Incarcerated household member

Adverse Childhood Experiences



Health Consequences

Adverse childhood experiences in Alaska contribute to costly public health issues including:

- Alcoholism and alcohol abuse
- Depression
- Illicit drug use
- Risk for intimate partner violence
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Smoking
- Suicide attempts
- Early initiation of sexual activity
- Adolescent pregnancy
- Heart disease
- Chronic lung disease

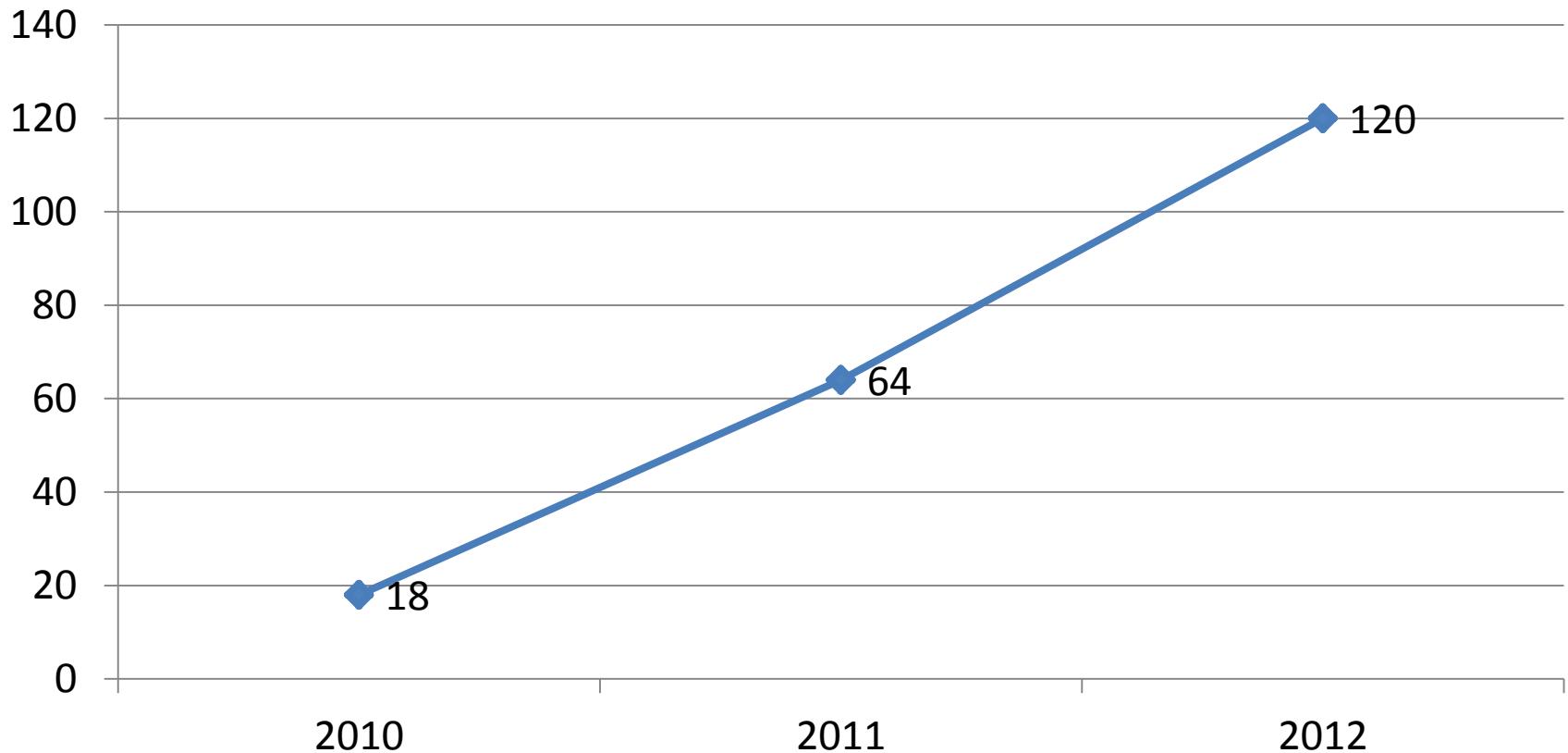
Short Term Measures of Success

- Increased community awareness and involvement
- Increased reports to law enforcement
- Increased utilization of victim services

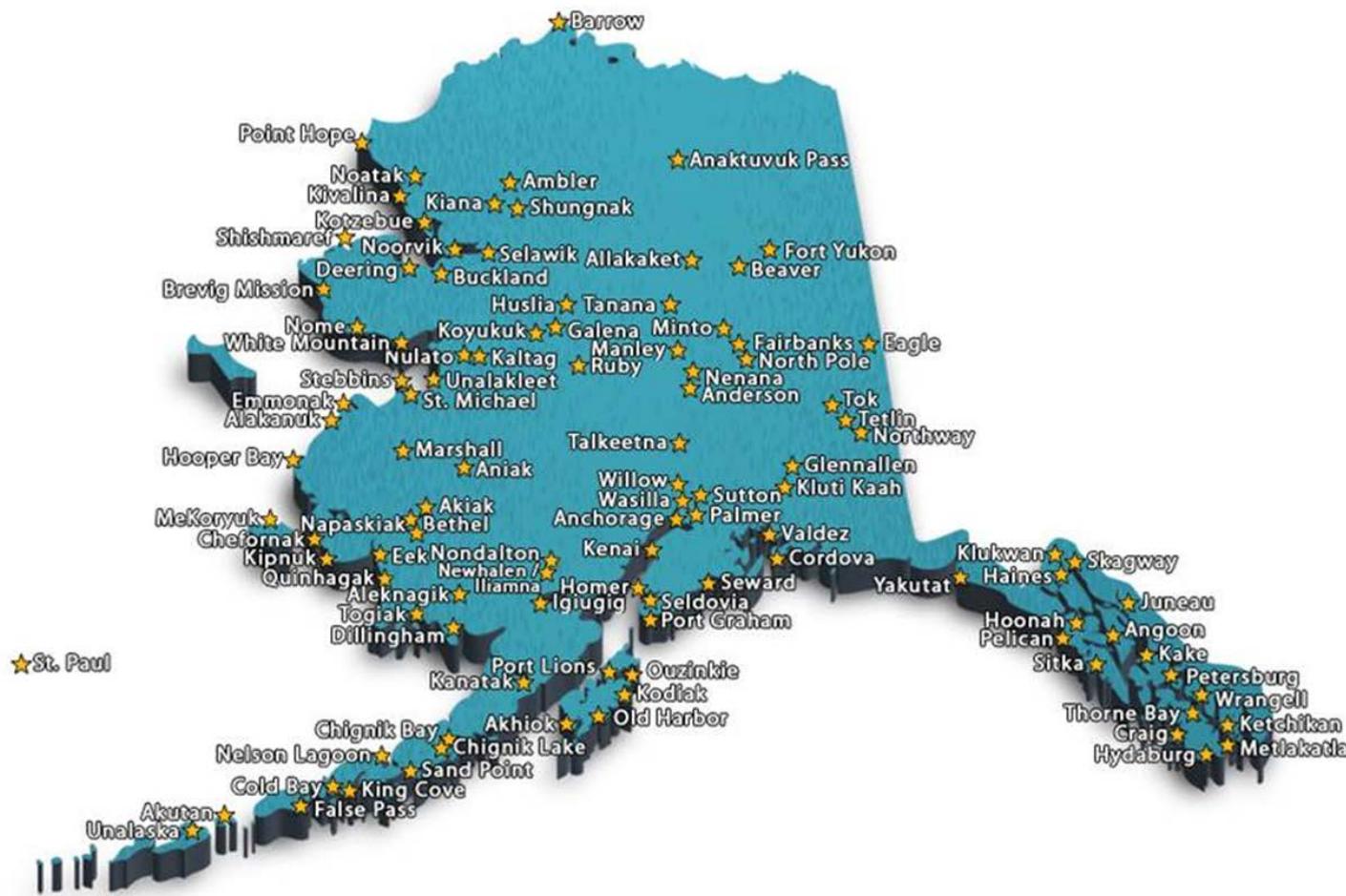


Community Involvement and Awareness

Number of Choose Respect Marches

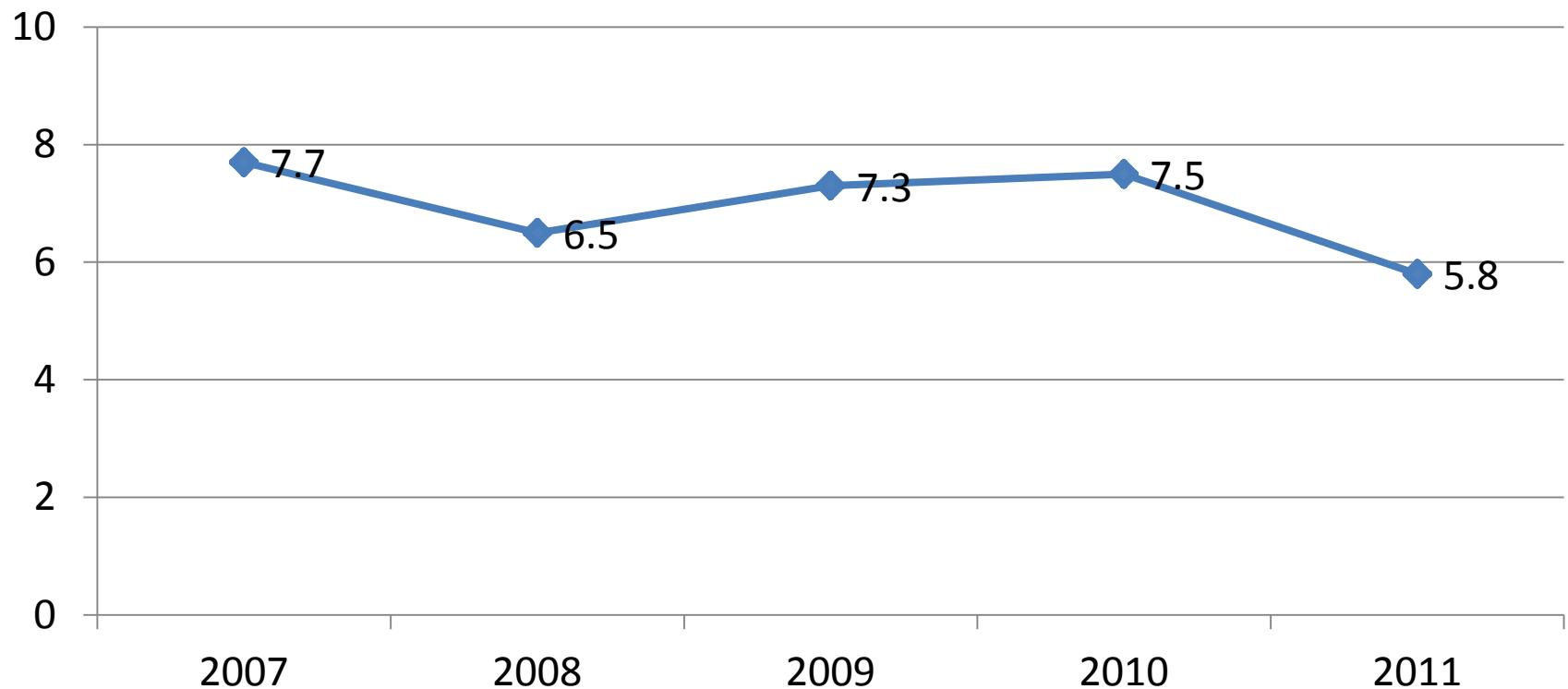


120 Alaska Communities Engaged in 2012

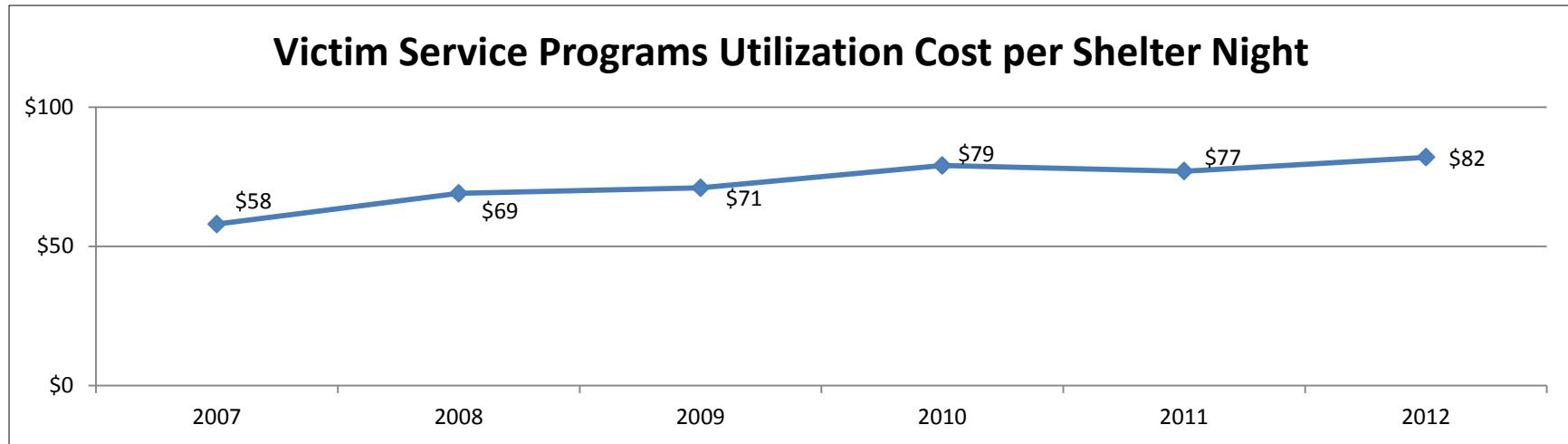
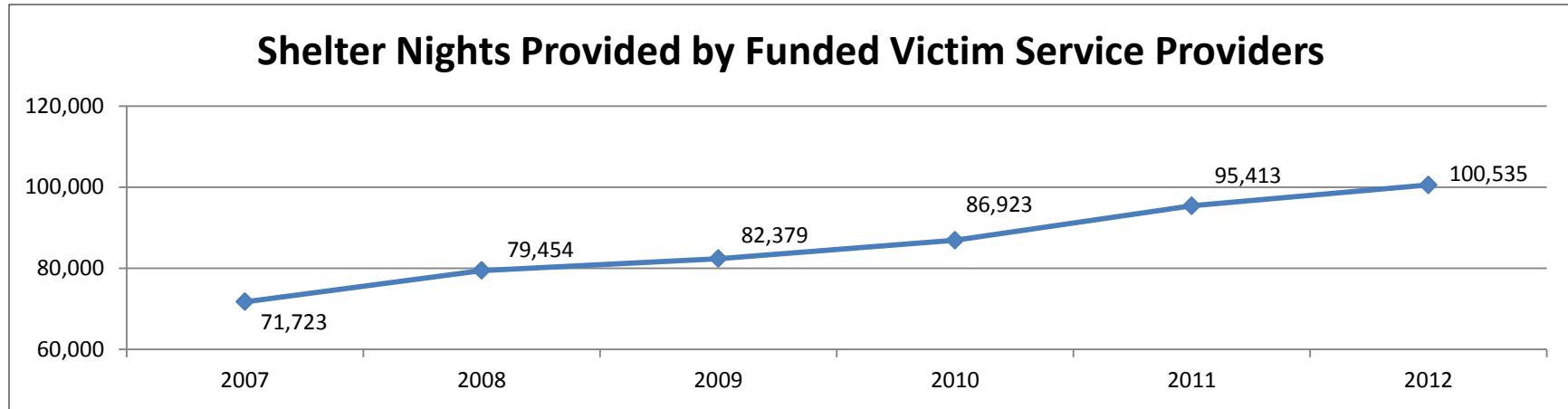


Alaska Uniform Crime Reports

Rate of Forcible Rape Reported to Law Enforcement
per 10,000



Utilization of Victim Services



2013 Alaska Dashboard

- 33 population indicators:
 - Childhood exposure to violence
 - Child and youth victimization
 - Adult and elder victimization
 - Reports of harm
 - Utilization of services
 - Reports to law enforcement
 - Offender accountability
 - Primary prevention and protective factors
- Used to assess trends and progress over the life of the initiative
- Progress:
 - Satisfactory
 - Uncertain
 - Needs improvement
- 2nd year of publication
- Updated annually

Long Term Measure of Success

- The Alaska Victimization Survey is the baseline data for victimization rates
- Decrease in past year estimates of intimate partner and sexual violence
- Will be replicated in 2015

Funding by Key Priority Area

	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014*
1. Prevention and Intervention	\$3,200.0	\$3,622.5	\$3,715.0	\$5,250.0
2. Support for Survivors	\$706.9	\$878.2	\$2,803.9	\$2,637.5
3. Law Enforcement	<u>\$3,676.4</u>	<u>\$5,337.7</u>	<u>\$5,604.4</u>	<u>\$6,940.2</u>
TOTAL	\$7,583.3	\$9,838.4	\$12,123.3	\$14,827.7

***FY2014 Governor's Budget**

Highlights: Prevention and Intervention

- Prevention Summit
- Fourth R
- Family Violence Prevention Project

Highlights: Support for Survivors

- Empowering Choice Housing Voucher Program
- Adult Protective Services
- Trauma Informed Care
- Family Wellness Warriors

Highlights: Law Enforcement

- Child in Need of Aid Attorneys
- Sex Offender Management
- Fairbanks misdemeanor Probationer Accountability Certain Enforcement project
- More meaningful law enforcement presence

Highlights: FY2014 Governor's Budget

- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act - \$1.4M
- Strengthening Families - \$250.0
- Child Advocacy Centers - \$400.0
- Community Based Prevention Efforts - \$300.0
- New and Emerging Programs - \$250.0
- 3 Prosecutors and 1 Victim Witness Paralegal for child abuse cases - \$815.0
- Victim Information and Notification Everyday - \$80.0
- 3 Trooper Investigators for child sexual abuse and sex trafficking - \$827.2
- Village Public Safety Officer Program - \$2,972.6
- Low interest loans for Village Public Safety Officer Housing - \$1.0M
- Empowering Choices Program - \$1.5M

Increased Coordination

- Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault statutory responsibility
 - Memorandum of understanding between state departments
 - Initiative workgroups
 - Interdepartmental prevention coordination
 - Community level involvement

Prevention Success

- Stand Up Speak Up
- Girls on the Run
- When I Am an Elder
- Lead On!
- Fourth R
- Green Dot
- Alaska Men Choose Respect/Real Alaska Men
- Coaching Boys Into Men



Concluding Remarks

Unaddressed violence in families leaves Alaska's young people vulnerable to experiencing of recreating violent patterns within their own relationships. Fortunately, domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault are preventable.





Thank You