



## **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.*

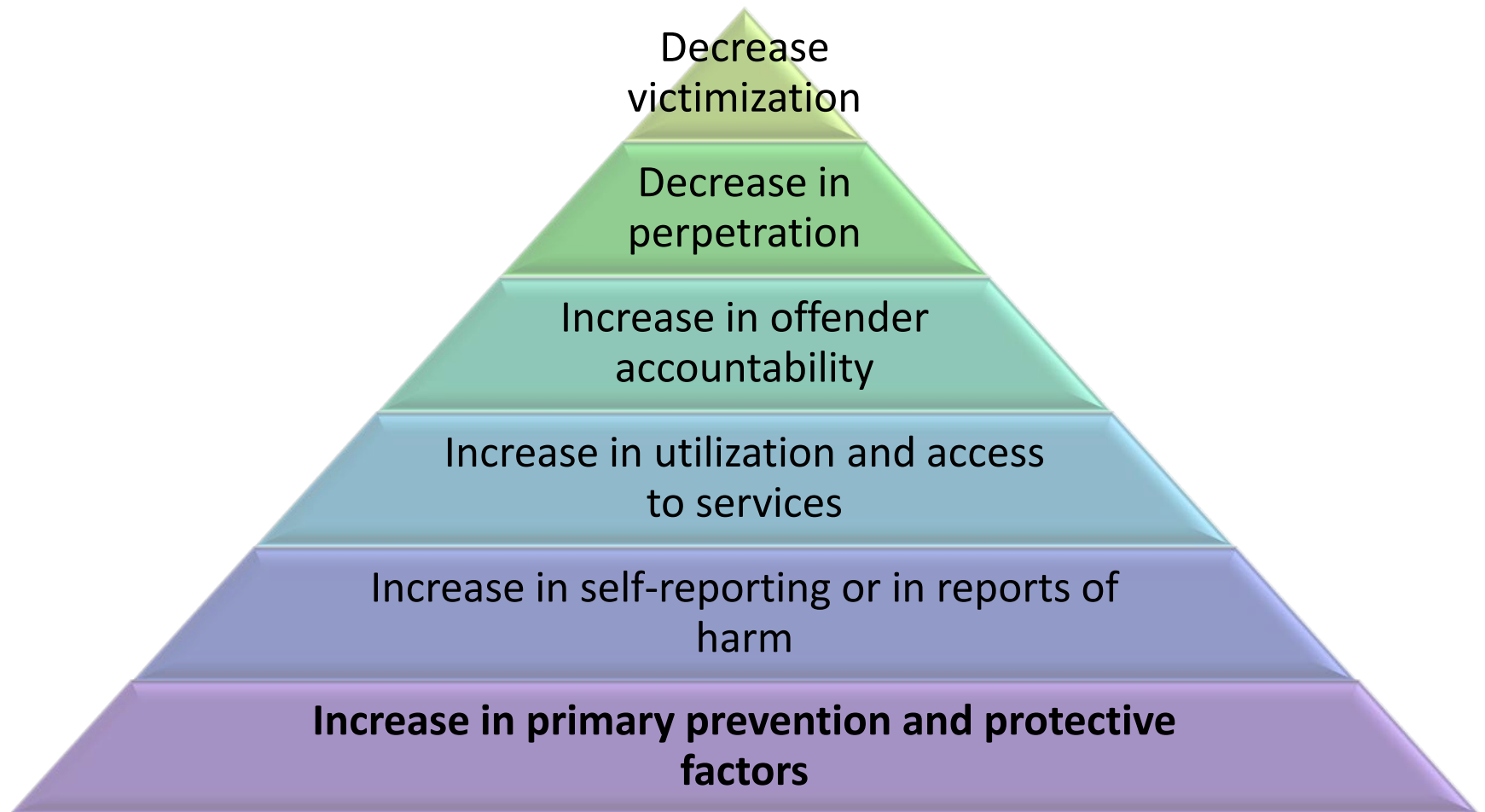
*We will not rest until every Alaskan lives safe from abuse.”*

Governor Sean Parnell



*Launch of the initiative ~ Bartlett High School in Anchorage  
December 3, 2009*

# Goals and Measures of Success



# Comprehensive Approach

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- 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

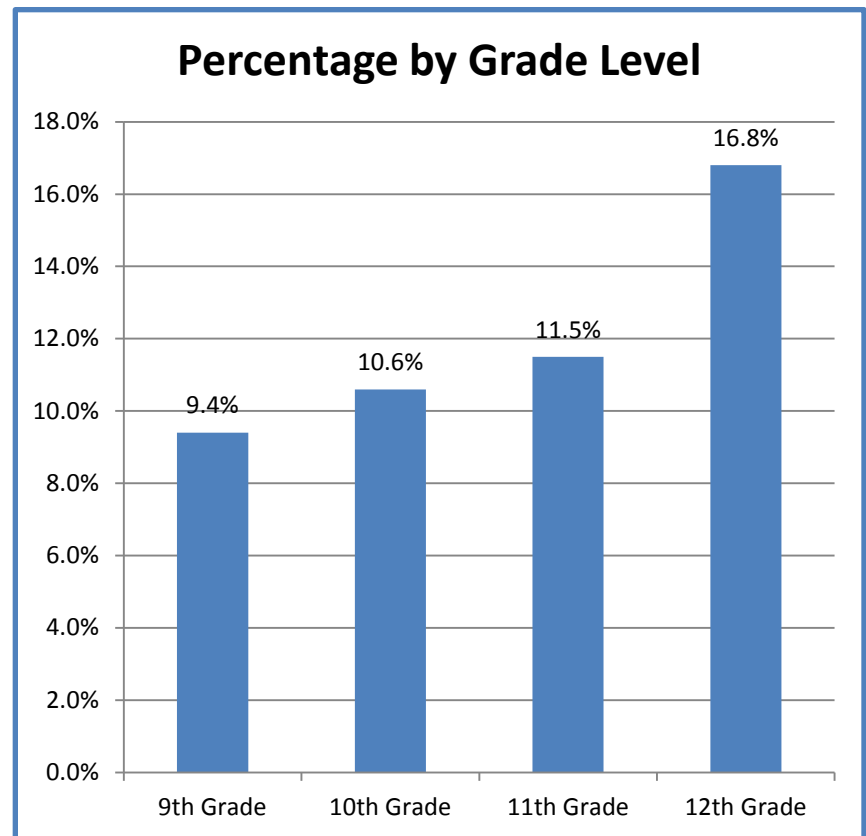
Sexual Violence	Lifetime	Past Year
Alaska	37.1%	4.3%
Fairbanks	31.4%	2.7%
Anchorage	29.6%	1.4%
Juneau	35.3%	1.0%
Bristol Bay	31.2%	4.4%
Sitka	24.7%	2.4%
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta	25.4%	5.1%
Kodiak	22.9%	1.1%



# 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

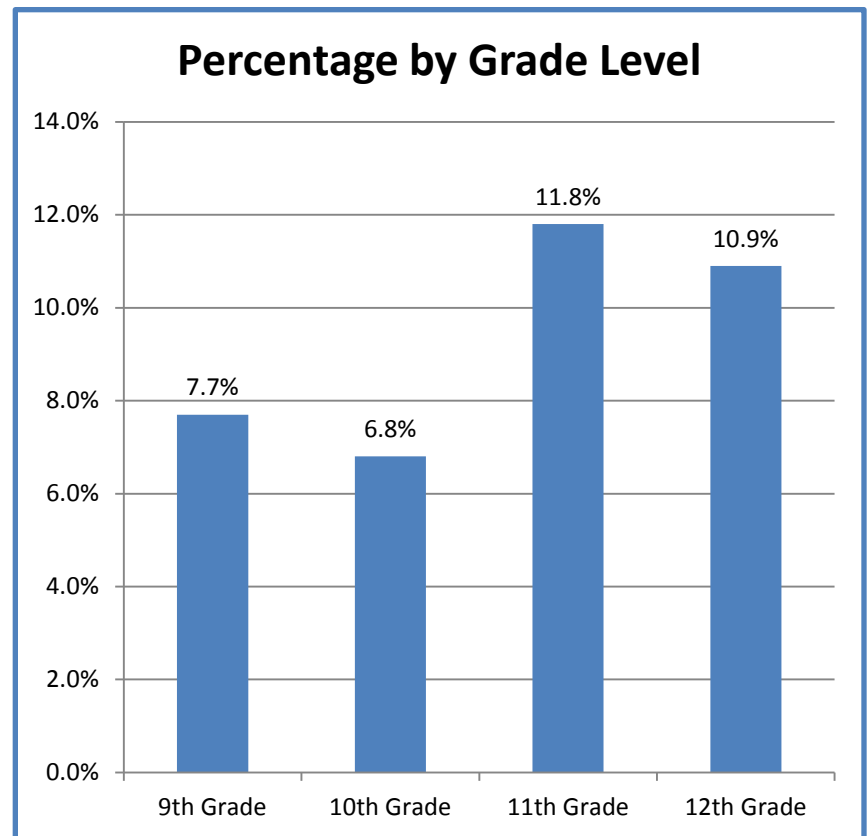




# Scope of the Problem

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

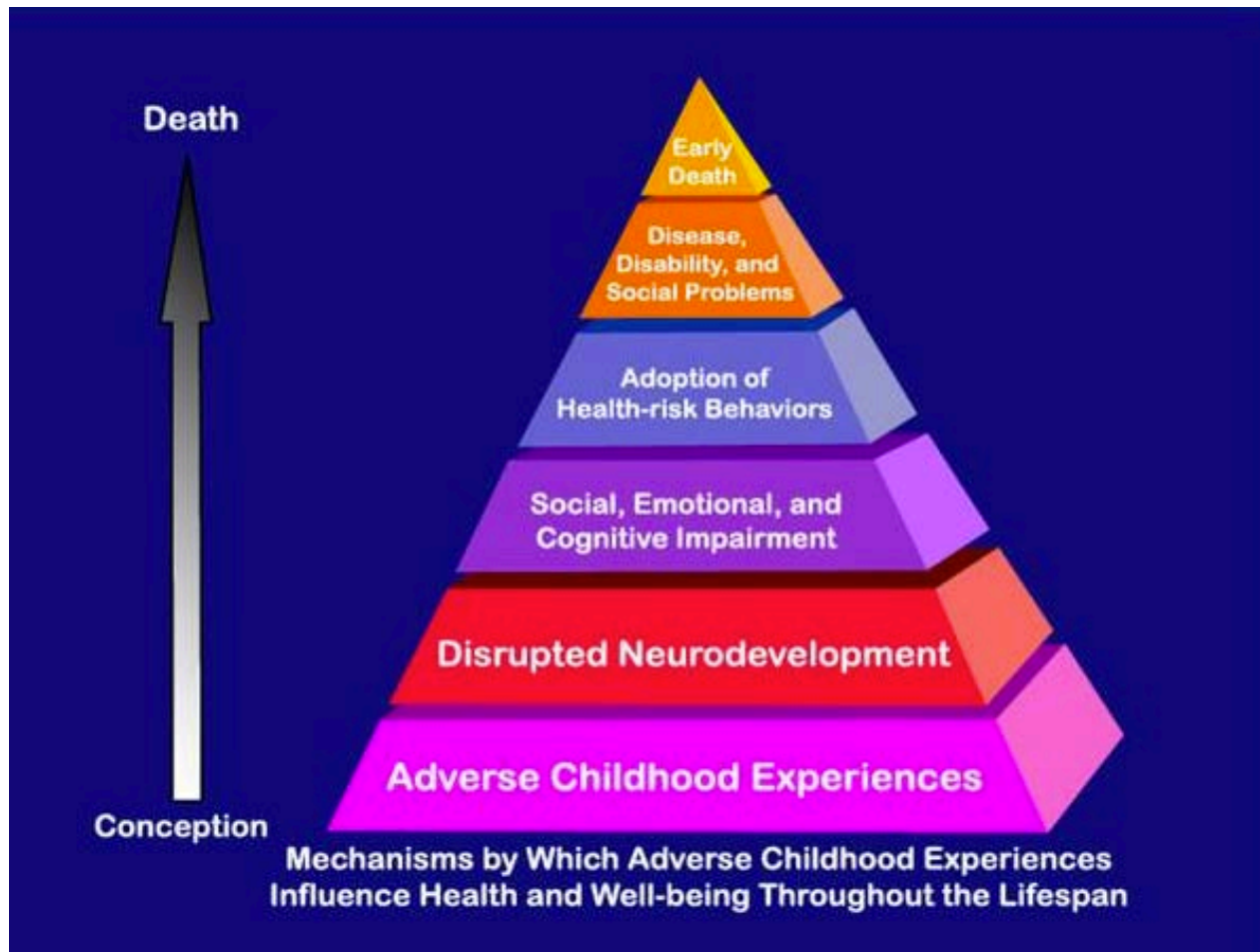


# Adverse Childhood Experiences

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- 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

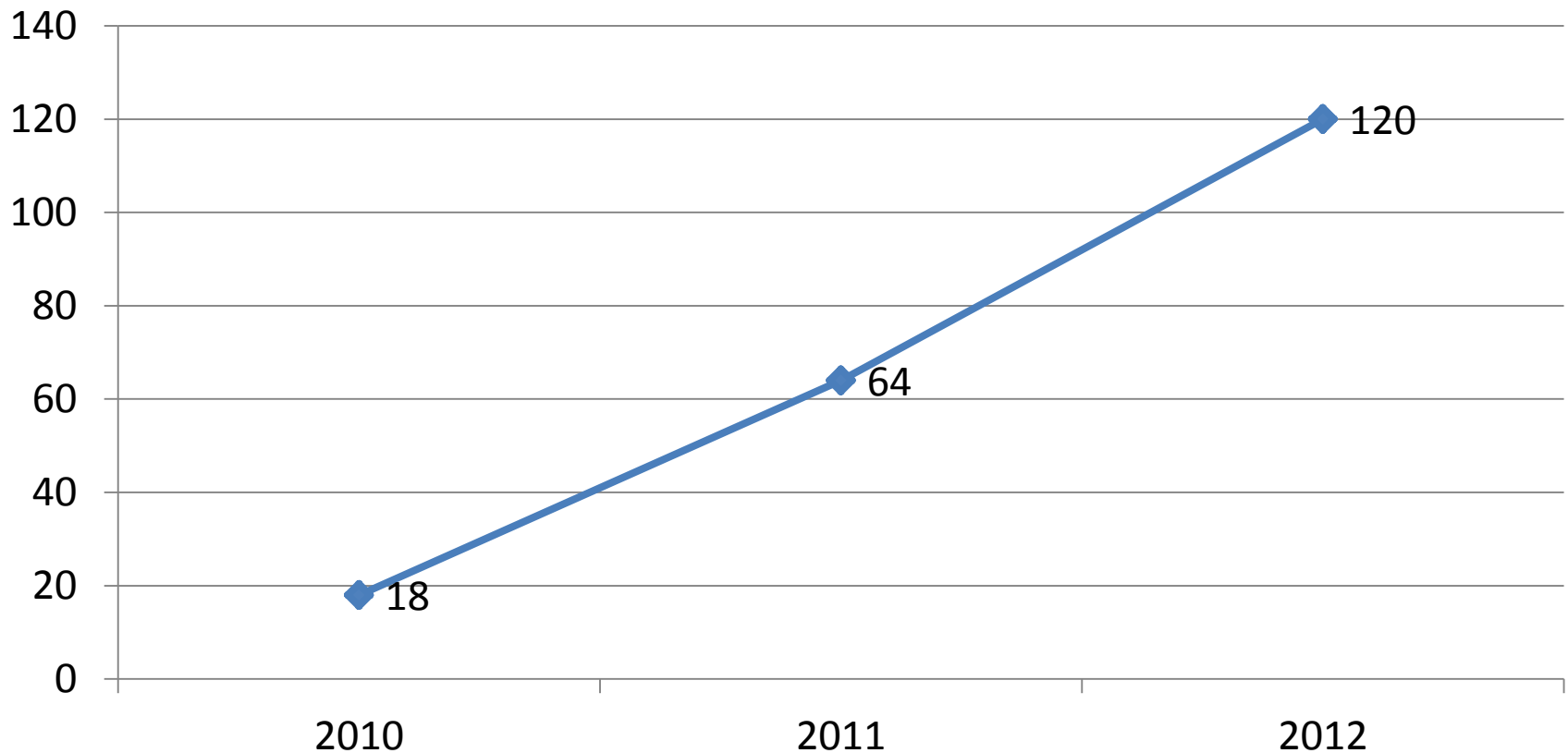
# Short Term Measures of Success

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

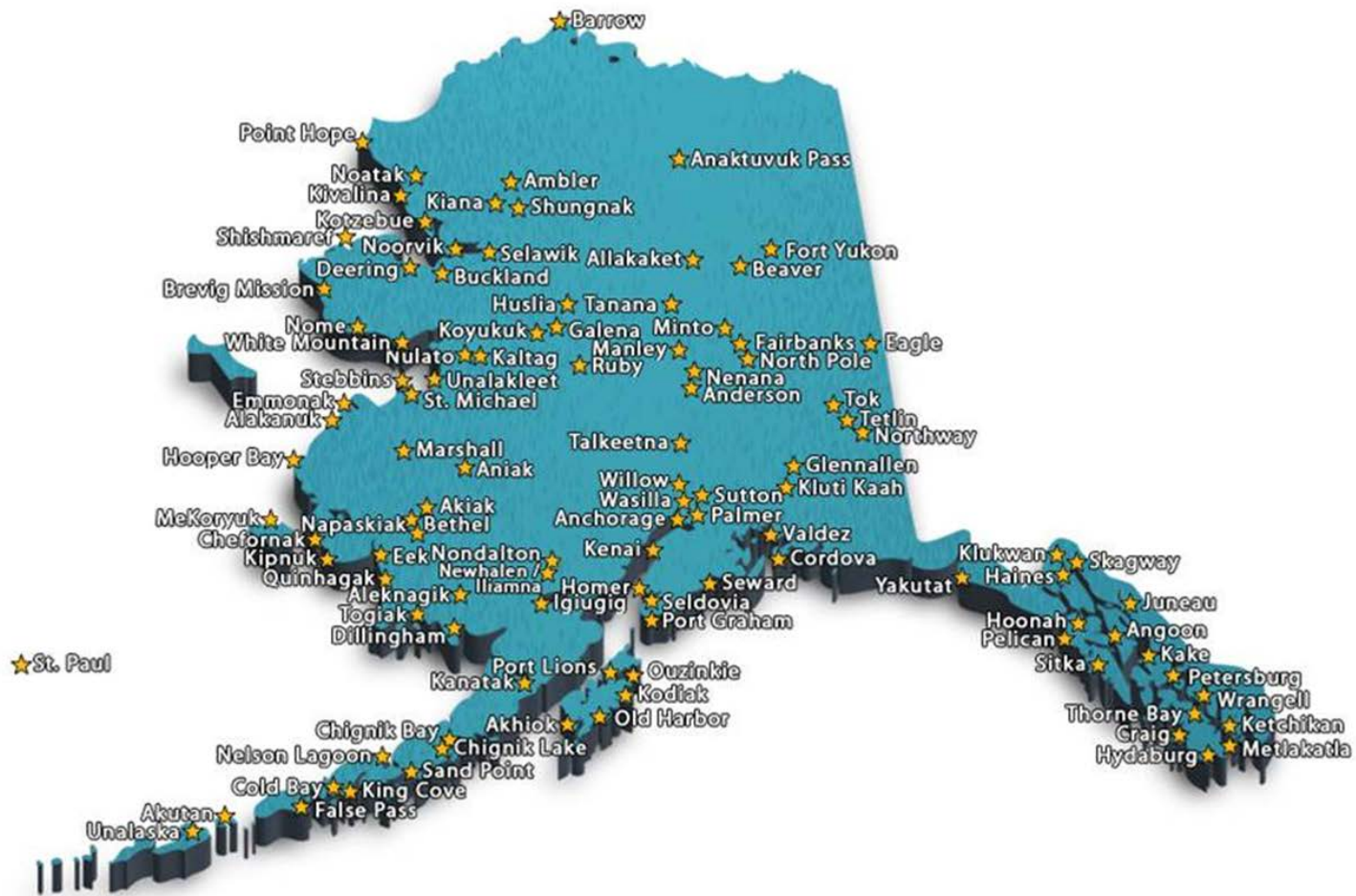
# Community Involvement and Awareness

Number of Choose Respect Marches



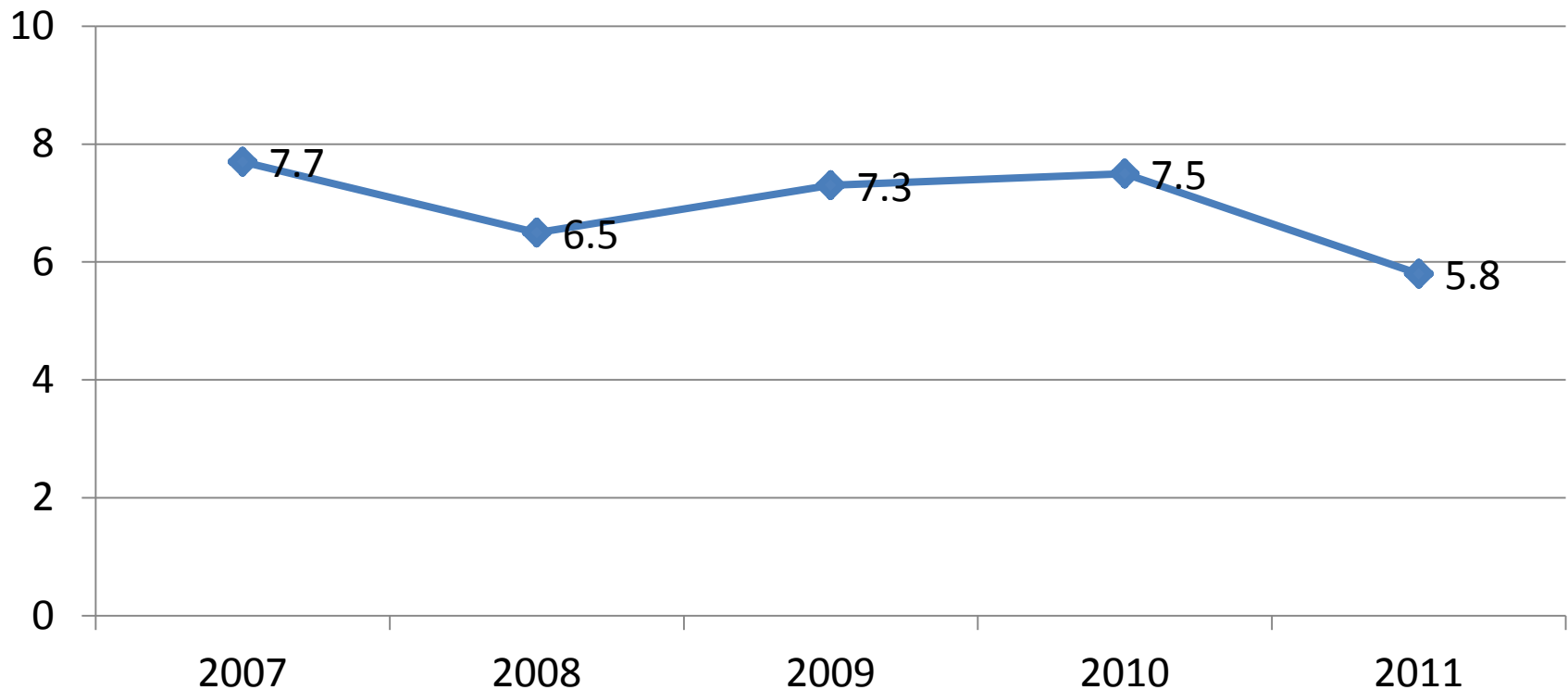


# 120 Alaska Communities Engaged in 2012



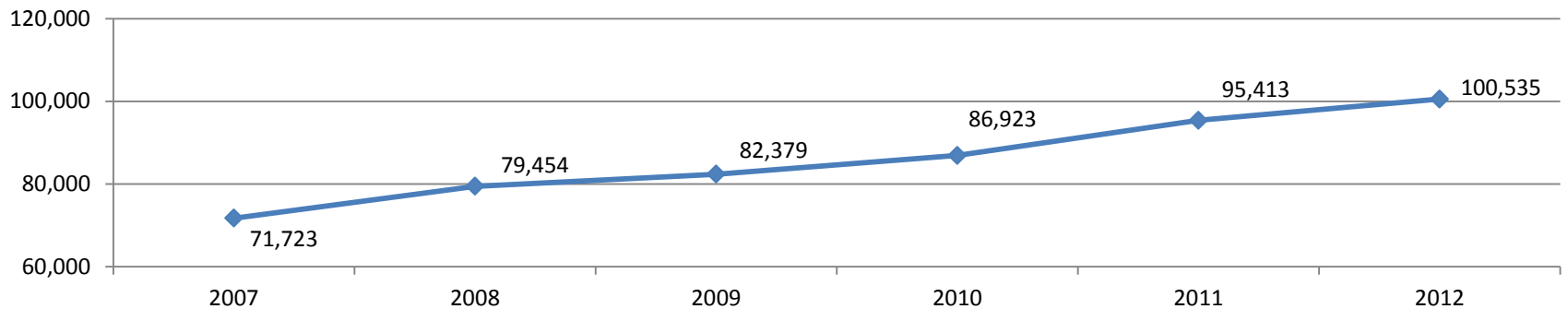
# Alaska Uniform Crime Reports

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

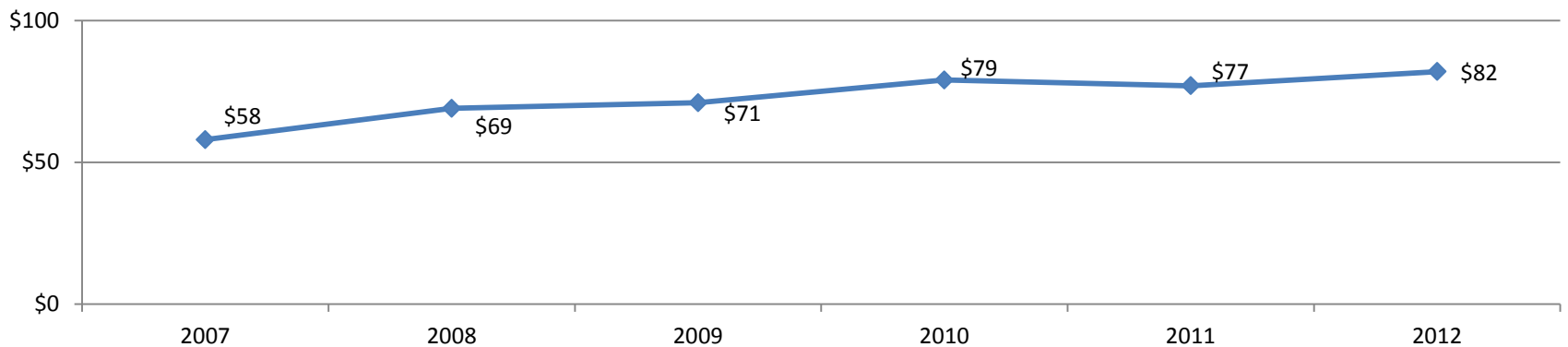


# Utilization of Victim Services

## Shelter Nights Provided by Funded Victim Service Providers



## Victim Service Programs Utilization Cost per Shelter Night



# 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year of publication
- Updated annually

# Long Term Measure of Success

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- 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>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,583.3</b>	<b>\$9,838.4</b>	<b>\$12,123.3</b>	<b>\$14,827.7</b>

**\*FY2014 Governor's Budget**



# Highlights: Prevention and Intervention

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- Prevention Summit
- Fourth R
- Family Violence Prevention Project

# Highlights: Support for Survivors

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

# Highlights: Law Enforcement

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- 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

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- 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***