



# ANNUAL REPORT FY 2016

# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporters,

FY16 has been all about changes and new ways of working. After 20 years' service with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – first as an administrative assistant, then policy specialist, and finally executive director, Peggy Brown left the organization. My family and I arrived in Auke Bay on Feb. 15, 2016 at 5 am, the terminus of a migration that began in Nairobi, Kenya.

It is an honor to serve as the Executive Director of ANDVSA. ANDVSA has a tremendously dedicated staff that supports community-based programs that, in turn, work with victims, survivors and their families every day. In this report, you can learn more about what we are doing to enhance the quality of and access to victim services, our impact in the legal arena, the ways we are involved in statewide prevention activities, and how we are working with you to inform and influence policies and legislation that have direct and at times profound impacts on victims and survivors and their families.

To you who serve citizens across vast Alaskan communities – Thank You. Thank you for listening. Thank you for believing people when they recount their experiences, and for your continued belief that we have the power to change our world. Thank you for being part of our collective movement, and for your contributions to creating a world free of sexual and domestic violence.

*Carmen Lowry*



# TRAINING

“There was so much good information there... I am very glad that I have had the opportunity to take this class. The information was excellent and I will use what I’ve learned in this class in the future with clients.”

Student of “Understanding Domestic Violence” online course

# 16 WEBINARS HOSTED

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ANDVSA hosts webinars on a variety of topics for advocates and volunteer attorneys throughout the year. This year's topics included the neurobiology of trauma, working with interpreters, reproductive coercion and concrete strategies for trauma informed advocacy.

# 1223 PEOPLE TRAINED IN-PERSON

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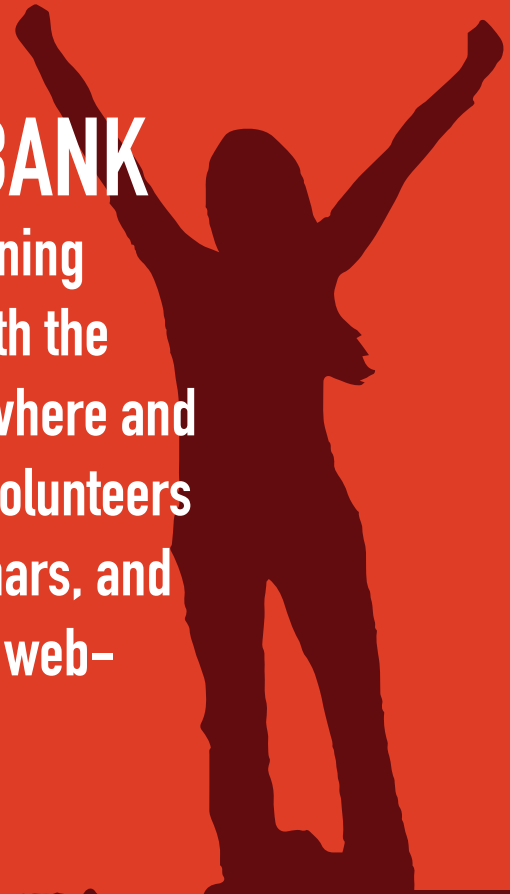
ANDVSA co-taught or hosted 50 trainings that provided information to advocates, tribal leadership, law enforcement, medical providers, and prosecutors throughout rural and urban Alaska.

# 120 STUDENTS TAUGHT ONLINE

ANDVSA hosts a quarterly online course called "Understanding Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" in partnership with UAS. In FY16, 120 students completed the 30-hour course, covering most of the training requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, volunteers, board members and community partners.

## CREATION OF RESOURCE BANK

In FY16, ANDVSA launched an intranet training tool for attorneys to provide volunteers with the resources they need to litigate cases anywhere and anytime. Basecamp for Attorneys allows volunteers to access form pleadings, recorded webinars, and other helpful tools for handling cases in a web-based password-protected format.



# \$858K

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Pro bono attorneys represented victims in 71 cases involving domestic violence and sexual assault in FY16, providing thousands of hours of services and equaling approximately \$858,113 in donated legal assistance.

# 271 CLIENTS SERVED

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The Legal Program provided representation in 271 cases which, on average, take 20-100 hours of attorney time. One-hundred percent of clients who participated in the client evaluations survey indicated that they felt safer due to representation by an attorney.

# 410 APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICES RECEIVED

The Pro Bono Program receives an average of 10-12 referrals from member programs per week. In FY16 ANDVSA received 410 applications for representation! We were able to increase the number of applicants provided services by 18% over the year prior.

# PREVENTION



**Our prevention project focuses on engaging youth, men and parents in the movement to end domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.**

The prevention team at ANDVSA provides ongoing programming, support and technical assistance to communities implementing prevention programs at the community level. All ANDVSA programs share the unified goal of preventing violence before it begins. Every community is different in terms of where they are in their level of understanding of prevention, types of programming and unique challenges. ANDVSA is able to adapt the support given to these communities to best suit their needs.

# 15 MINI-GRANTS

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ANDVSA awarded 15 mini-grants to 13 Alaskan communities to engage youth in violence and sexual assault prevention. A total of 226 youth and adults worked together to plan and implement projects. An additional 3727 were indirectly impacted by attending events and viewing projects.

# 96 YOUTH

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Lead On, our annual youth leadership conference, was a huge success. The conference in FY16 was the biggest yet, with 96 youth and 42 supportive adults from 35 communities across Alaska. Participants take home what they learn. Eighty-one percent of those communities saw youth-led violence prevention projects.

# 36 MALE MENTORS

In FY16, we trained 36 mentors with the “COMPASS: A Guide for Men” curriculum. COMPASS presents mentors with opportunities and activities designed to support young men as they explore and identify their values, goals and unique identities. The mentors worked with 64 boys and young men between the ages of 12 and 18. We also held a special training that combined standard training for mentors with facilitation and skill building for those who want to train in their communities.



# POLICY

ANDVSA has consistently worked to influence and inform state policy and legislation in ways that benefit victims, survivors, their families and their communities and hold perpetrators accountable for their actions.

ANDVSA recently hired a policy specialist to help the Network and our member programs achieve our goals. Network members rallied to have a significant impact on legislation that directly affected victims and survivors.



# SB 91 HB 205

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Omnibus Criminal Law and Procedure: This bill passed into law and works to change the 'tough on crime' approach to one that targets recidivism rates and long-term costs through increased focus on addiction and mental health. The Network was intentional in ensuring that DVSA victims were protected in the new justice reinvestment agenda and that offenders were still held accountable. This included reinforcing prevention funding through the bill's fiscal reform.


# HB 334

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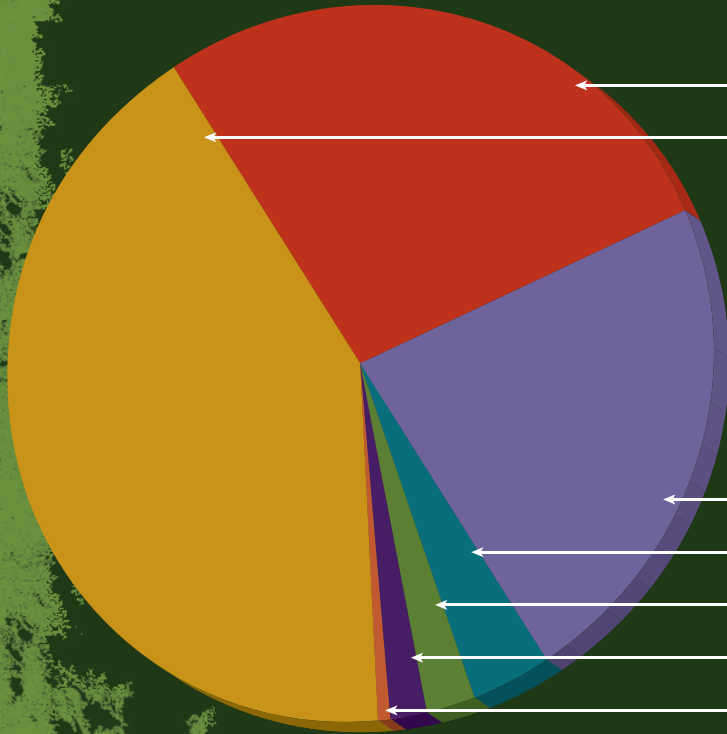
This bill did not pass due to intense opposition, including from the Network. It would have required a conviction of domestic violence in order for custody not to be granted to the perpetrator. The motivation for the bill came from a perceived misuse of existing legislation (HB 385, passed in 2004) in which victims cite domestic violence perpetration for personal custodial advantage.

# SB 162 HB 221

ANDVSA supports and is collaborating with legislators on two bills for reintroduction in 2017: SB 162—Termination of Parental Rights in cases where the child was conceived out of sexual assault and HB 221—Enforcement of Foreign Protective Orders, requiring enforcement of POs from other jurisdictions, in accordance with VAWA.



# FINANCIALS



IN-KIND DONATIONS (\$858,113)  
FEDERAL GRANTS (\$1,322,942)

## FY16

STATE GRANTS (\$710,736)  
MEMBER DUES (\$111,843)  
CONTRACT INC. (\$68,347)  
OTHER GRANTS (\$49,590)  
DONATIONS (\$15,740)

# FY 2016 TOTAL ASSETS & LIABILITIES



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## STATE BUDGET CHANGES

- The Undesignated General Funds for the CDVSA were decreased by \$1.5 million from FY16's \$12.2 million
- The total allocation for DVSA programs decreased from \$16.9 million to \$16.4 million
- \$340K was appropriated for community-based batterer's intervention programs (BIPs) and children's services

# MEMBER PROGRAMS

**AVV**  
Advocates for Victims of  
Violence  
Valdez  
907-835-2980

**AWAIC**  
Abused Women's Aid in  
Crisis, Inc.  
Anchorage  
907-279-9581

**AWARE**  
Aiding Women in Abuse &  
Rape Emergencies  
Juneau and Southeast  
907-586-6623

**AWIC**  
Arctic Women In Crisis  
Utqiagvik  
907-852-0261

**BSWG**  
Bering Sea Women's Group  
Nome  
907-443-5491

**CFRC**  
Cordova Family Resource  
Center  
907-424-5674

**IAC**  
Interior Alaska Center for  
Non-Violent Living  
Fairbanks  
907-452-2293

**KWRCC**  
Kodiak Women's Resource  
and Crisis Center  
907-486-6171

**The LeeShore Center**  
Kenai  
907-283-9479

**MFCC**  
Maniilaq Family Crisis  
Center  
Kotzebue  
907-442-3724

**SAFE**  
Safe and Fear-Free  
Environment  
Dillingham  
907-842-2320

**SeaView Community  
Services**  
Seward  
907-224-5257

**SAFV**  
Sitkans Against Family  
Violence  
907-747-3370

**SPHH**  
South Peninsula Haven  
House  
Homer  
907-235-7712

**STAR**  
Standing Together Against  
Rape  
Anchorage  
907-276-7279

**TWC**  
Tundra Women's Coalition  
Bethel  
907-543-3444

## **USAFV**

**Unalaskans Against Sexual  
Assault & Family Violence  
907-581-1500**

## **WISH**

**Women in Safe Homes  
Ketchikan  
907-225-9474**

# **AFFILIATE PROGRAMS**

## **WAVE**

**Working Against Violence for  
Everyone  
Petersburg  
907-772-9283**

## **HOPE**

**Helping Ourselves Prevent  
Emergencies  
Craig  
907-826-2581**

**Alaska National Guard  
Sexual Assault Prevention and  
Response Program  
Joint Base Elemendorf-  
Richardson  
907-428-6219**

## **Native Village of Eyak**

**Native Village of Eyak Arnat Women's  
Project  
Cordova  
907-424-7738**

## **Becky's Place**

**Haines  
907-303-0076**

## **My House**

**Mat-Su Youth Housing  
Wasilla  
907-373-4357**

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