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From: Arllen Fazzini <arllen_fazzini@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 3:58 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Cut Funding for Victim Services

Dear DPS Finance Subcommittee,

We would like your office to know that we do not agree with the actions taken by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's direct grants to victim services programs and to legal services by 50%.

We don't support denying the fund source change for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. State funds must be available to distribute to victims of violent crimes now so that federal funds will continue to be available to them.

Reject these actions and restore funding for CDVSA and VCCB to the House funding amounts when the DPS finance subcommittee report comes before the full Finance committee.

If they cut the funding, our community and victims of DV will face difficulties if the full amount of the funding is not restored.

The safety and lives of women, men, and children experiencing domestic violence are what will be most deeply affected.

Multiple years of flat funding are fundamentally unjust to survivors of violence.

We respectfully request your full support for the complete funding of DV services.

Sincerely yours,

Arllen Fazzini

Tundra Women's Coalition

Bethel, Alaska

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From: Keeley Olson <kolson@staralaska.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 4:44 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: CDVSA and VCCB funding

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STAR's mission is to prevent sexual trauma and provide comprehensive, collaborative crisis intervention, advocacy and support to victims/survivors, their families and our communities.

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From: Yvonne Aloralrea <yvonne_aloralrea@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 3:38 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Reducing funds

We do not agree with the actions taken by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's direct grants to victim services programs and to legal services by 50%.

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Many survivors utilize services funded by CDVSA and cutting that funding will affect many survivors who seek our assistance when they feel they have nowhere else to go.

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From: Elizabeth Roll <Elizabeth_Roll@ykhc.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Eileen Arnold
Subject: Unhappy with actions taken by Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault grants by 50%

Dear Senate Finance Subcommittee,

My name is Elizabeth Roll MD and I have been over a 20 year member on the Tundra Women's Coalition Board. I have seen dozens of Alaskans affected by family violence over my 26 years of working as a physician in the Yukon Kuskokwim Health corporation.

I am writing this letter as a TWC Board representative and a private citizen.

We (Tundra Women's Coalition) do not agree with the actions taken by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's direct grants to victim services programs and to legal services by 50%.

We (Tundra Women's Coalition) don't support denying the fund source change for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. State funds must be available to distribute to victims of violent crimes now so that federal funds will continue to be available to them.

Please Reject these actions and restore funding for CDVSA and VCCB to the House funding amounts when the DPS finance subcommittee report comes before the full Finance committee.

If the proposed cuts happen we will have to greatly decrease our services to the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and the 50 villages it serves - things like not being able to afford to pay for the plane fare of folks trying to leave a village to escape violence/ not having enough food and or beds to house citizens fleeing from violence/ decreasing the amount of time someone can stay in a shelter or not being able to fund supporting programs that teach kids and families how to grow up in healthy ways to help stop family violence from recurring.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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From: sart@kwrcc.org
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 11:06 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: sart@kwrcc.org
Subject: CDVSA - VCCB Cuts

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I do not agree with the actions taken by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's direct grants to victim services programs and to legal services by 50%.

I don't support denying the fund source change for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. State funds must be available to distribute to victims of violent crimes so that federal funds will continue to be available to them.

Please reject these actions and restore funding for CDVSA and VCCB to the House funding amounts when the DPS finance subcommittee report comes before the full Finance committee.

It is hard enough to have women and children on the streets of Alaska because they will have no safe place to go while trying to move forward with support. If our funding is cut anymore we will not be able to provide the services needed to assist and support the people that need it. We have already taken a huge cut and to cut more would be very detrimental to our community. Please reconsider making more cuts and reinstate the monies that were allocated to our programs.

Thank you for your time!

Penny Lampl

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From: Deanna Pavil <deannapavil@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:28 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Victim services funding

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent decision to reduce funding for victim services.

In recent years, funding for these critical services has largely plateaued, failing to keep pace with rising operational costs, population needs, and the increasing complexity of care required. At the same time, the demand for victim services has grown significantly. Organizations serving survivors of violence, abuse, and trauma are facing higher caseloads, longer wait times, and greater barriers to providing comprehensive, timely support.

Reducing funding in this context risks further straining already limited resources and may result in fewer services available to those who need them most. Victim service providers play an essential role in ensuring safety, stability, and recovery for individuals and families across our state. These services are not optional, they are foundational to the health and well being of our communities.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and to prioritize sustainable, increased investment in victim services. Doing so is not only a matter of fiscal responsibility but also a commitment to protecting and supporting Alaskans during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Deanna Pavil

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From: CJ Aloralrea <cj_aloralrea@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 8:53 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Department of Public Safety Finance Subcommittee

Good morning,

I want to voice my concern over the actions taken by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's direct grants to victim service programs and to legal services by 50%.

It's hard for me to understand the reasoning to cut these services in a state whose population is already at risk for becoming missing and/or murdered. Please do not cut funding for the people of Alaska.

I also don't support denying the funding for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. State funds must be available to distribute to victims of violent crimes now so that federal funds will continue to be available to them.

Make us to be proud Alaskans-

CJ

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CJ Aloralrea
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Important Update: Name Change

My e-mail has changed to cj_aloralrea@twcpeace.org, however my old e-mail will be forwarded to this one. Other contact info will remain the same.

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From: Cheri Smith <csmith@leeshoreak.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 3:15 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Reduction to CDVSA grants line

As the victim service agency in Kenai, I wanted to address the decision last night by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee. We do not agree with the actions taken to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault direct grant's to victim services programs and to legal services by 50%. We also don't support denying the fund source change for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. State funds must be available to distribute to victims of violent crimes now so that federal funds will continue to be available to them.

I ask that these actions be rejected and funding restored for CDVSA and VCCB to the House funding amounts when the DPS finance subcommittee report comes before the full Finance committee. Any reductions in grant funding to victim services, legal services, or VCCB will negatively impact services to victims throughout the state.

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From: Adrienne Gaines <adrienne.g@wishak.org>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: CDVSA

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Reject these actions and restore funding for CDVSA and VCCB to the House funding amounts when the DPS finance subcommittee report comes before the full Finance committee.

Thank you,

Adrienne Gaines, LPC

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From: Eileen Arnold <eileen_arnold@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 6:47 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: DPS Budget

We do not agree with the actions taken by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee to reduce the House adds to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's direct grants to victim services programs and to legal services by 50%.

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TWC is an agency full of people that hustles to help people. We do a lot with a little. If we continue to receive funds not adequate to the work that survivors, our community, and our partners ask us to do, we will have to start making cuts to programs. We will have to reduce the number of people we can have in shelter, even though we're the second busiest shelter in the state (after AWAIC), we will have to reject requests from our law enforcement, medical, OCS, and other state partners to intercede when a family has to start over again because of violence.

We are a program that is imbedded in the community and staffed by community members. We want to help our community. But it's unjust to ask so much of low barrier programs like ours when other agencies have so many other resources and remain so compartmentalized.

Eileen Arnold
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April 16, 2026

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature - Senate Finance Committee,

We are grateful for the Legislature's sustained investments in early childhood programs in recent years. Those commitments made a real difference for children, families and employers who depend on an available workforce. In fact, in addition to ensuring our youngest residents are safe and cared for, you've helped stabilize a sector that supports Alaska's workforce. But continued investment is needed.

As leaders in Alaska's early childhood sector, we understand better than anyone that the strongest returns - for children, families, and our broader economy - come from investing early in children's lives and investing upstream (primary prevention). We write in unified support of a complete package of early childhood investments in the FY27 state budget. The evidence is clear: the decisions made in a child's earliest years shape everything that follows.

To adequately fund early childhood in Alaska, we urge the Senate Finance Committee to support the full early childhood package in the first committee substitute of the FY27 Operating Budget as outlined below.

1. **\$7.5 million for Early Educator Retention** — Funding for early educators to keep classrooms open, prevent further program closures, and retain the workforce that makes child care possible.
2. **\$5.72 million for the Infant Learning Program** — Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities, plus support for families navigating those early years.
3. **\$3.756 million for Head Start** — Provides the full non-federal match required, allowing programs in our state to halt the negative trend of decreasing services, which is a loss that Alaska's children, families, and communities cannot afford.
4. **\$500,000 for Parents as Teachers** — Home visiting that strengthens parenting skills, supports child development, and helps families thrive early.
5. **\$320,000 for Best Beginnings Imagination Library** — Free books mailed to young children across Alaska to boost early literacy and school readiness.

Early childhood funding is an investment in our families and in Alaska's economic future. When Alaska's youngest children have access to quality care, early intervention, and stable and supported families, the returns flow directly into our schools, our workforce, and our communities. Plus, these returns create cost savings to our overall state budget rather than increased, high-expense costs. When these systems are underfunded, Alaska's families and businesses face the impacts - employees are forced to leave the workforce due to lack of access to care, students arrive at schools unprepared, and employers are unable to recruit talent in Alaska.

Alaska's youngest children and working families cannot afford another year of instability. The early childhood sector is not a collection of isolated programs; it is a system, and systems only work when all their parts are supported. Cutting one piece to pay for another is like repairing a bridge by pulling bolts from one end to shore up the other. These programs are interconnected - all five of the outlined programs serve a critical role in ensuring children arrive at kindergarten ready to learn. Underfunding any one component results in negative ripple effects to the entire system; in developmental delays, workforce gaps, and higher health care and correctional facility expenses, further burdening the overall state budget. These investments are best funded as a complete package.

Our ask is not new. For nearly a decade, Alaska's early childhood community has been clear and consistent about what is needed. The priorities in the FY27 budget reflect a long-standing, sector-wide consensus. It is a roadmap that has been deliberate and sustainable.

Adequate funding for Alaska's early childhood system is not aspirational - it is the difference between a system that works for Alaska and one that fails our families and our economy. We respectfully urge you to fund the complete package. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Alaska's future.

Sincerely,
The undersigned

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