

Senate Public Safety Budget Finance
Subcommittee Presentation February 18, 2014

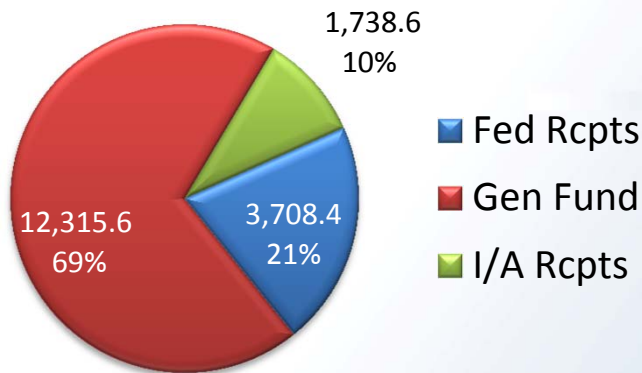
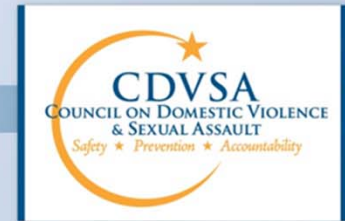


CDVSA-Funded Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs

Prevention

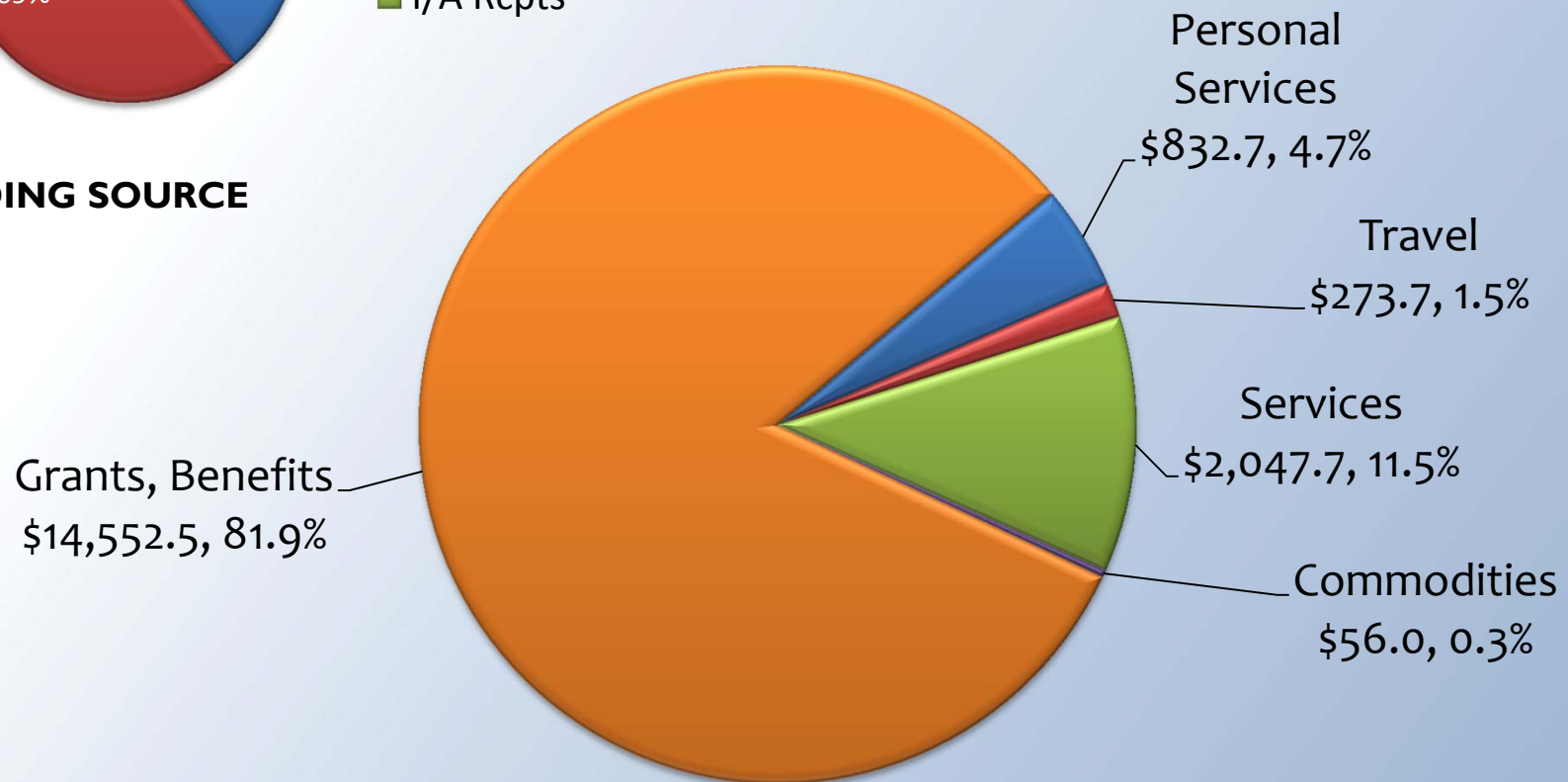
Governor's Initiative

FY 15 BUDGET : \$17,762.6

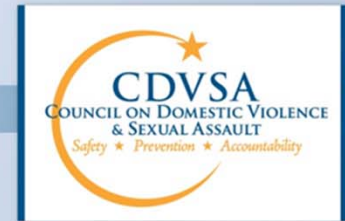


FUNDING SOURCE

BUDGET BY LINE ITEM



FY 2015 PROPOSED CHANGES



Additional Grant Funds to Maintain Existing Services \$287.5 GF

State general fund dollars have slightly increased from FY 2011 to FY 2014

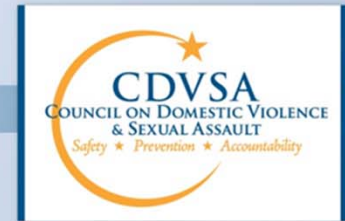
FY 2011	FY 2012	FY2013	FY2014
\$10,479,380	\$10,880,277	\$11,466,379	\$11,753,879

Costs per shelter nights have also increased

FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
\$79	\$77	\$82	\$86

CDVSA funds between 30 to 85% of budgets for victim service programs. CDVSA funds comprise less than 50% of the total budget for ten programs. Programs apply for competitive federal dollars, private foundation dollars and still do a lot of old-fashioned community fundraising. 3,027 people volunteered 78,576 hours of service.

FY 2015 PROPOSED CHANGES



Pilot Projects to assist children exposed to domestic violence \$250.0 GF

Studies show structural changes in the brains of children exposed to violence including:

- Less brain mass/less brain tissue connecting the hemispheres of the brain

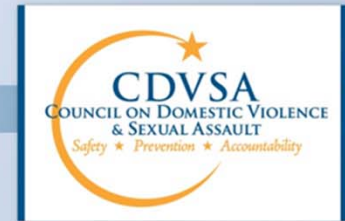
- Less brain activity in higher reasoning and learning

- Difficulty regulating affect (emotions) and behavior (actions)

- Delays in fine motor and gross motor coordination, language, and learning

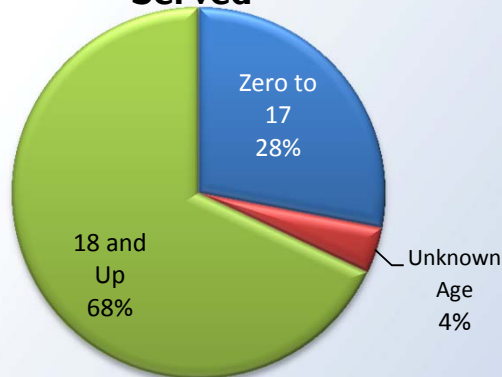
The increment will allow the Council to support comprehensive services for children exposed by funding evidence-based or practice-informed demonstration projects which will assist the state in establishing best practices for working with children exposed to domestic violence who enter shelter programs with adult victims

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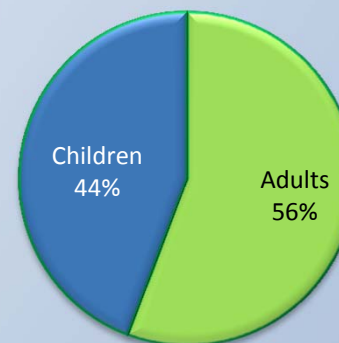


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FY13 Age of Persons Served

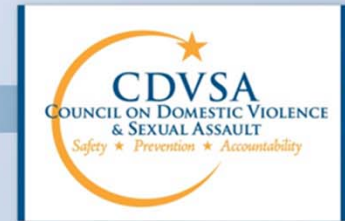


Persons Using Residential Services, 2013



Although significant % of participants in shelters are children, there are few services specifically designed for them: 1 program provides full complement of services; most can provide limited childcare; less than 1/2 provide structured groups/activities

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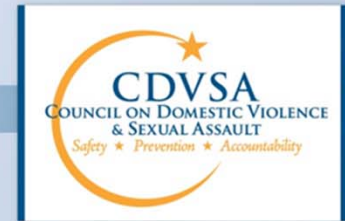
Benefits

- Ease transition from home to shelter to new environment
- Learn techniques for personal safety/safety planning
- Develop skills needed to construct healthy and safe lives
- Improved social relationships with peers
- Knowledge the abuse is not their fault/responsibility
- Learn new strategies for problem solving and coping with violence exposure

Possible Demonstration Project

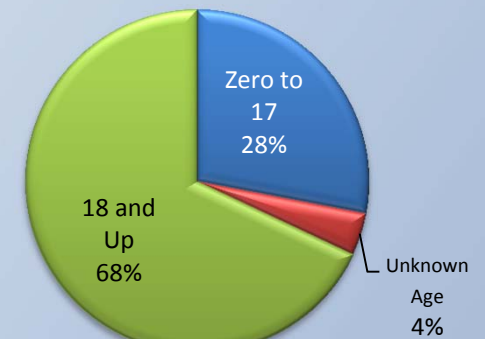
Kids Club and Mom Empowerment

VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS

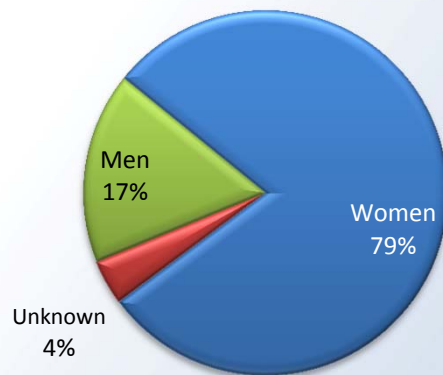


Alaska Fiscal Year	Number of Persons Seeking Services	% Reporting Domestic Violence	% Reporting Sexual Assault	% Reporting Stalking	% Reporting all Other Violent Crimes
2010	9,548	70%	23%	4%	15%
2011	9,895	72%	20%	3%	16%
2012	9,349	73%	19%	3%	14%
2013	9,330	75%	20%	3%	13%

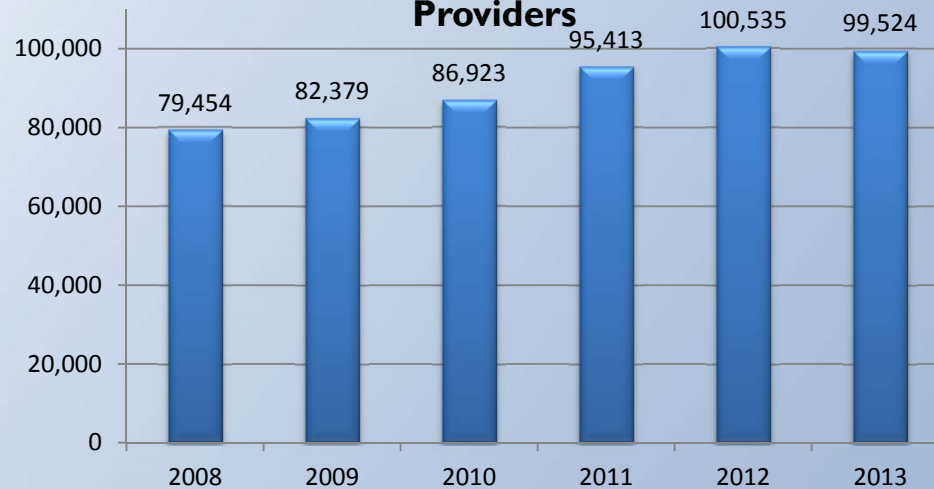
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FY 13 Gender of Persons Served



Shelter Nights Provided by Victim Service Providers



Victim Service Programs Make a Difference

Volunteers 3,027 78,576 hours of service



Program participants are asked to rate their interactions with programs:

Safety: I know more or different strategies for safety than before working with this program

I know more about resources/help that are available and how to access those resources

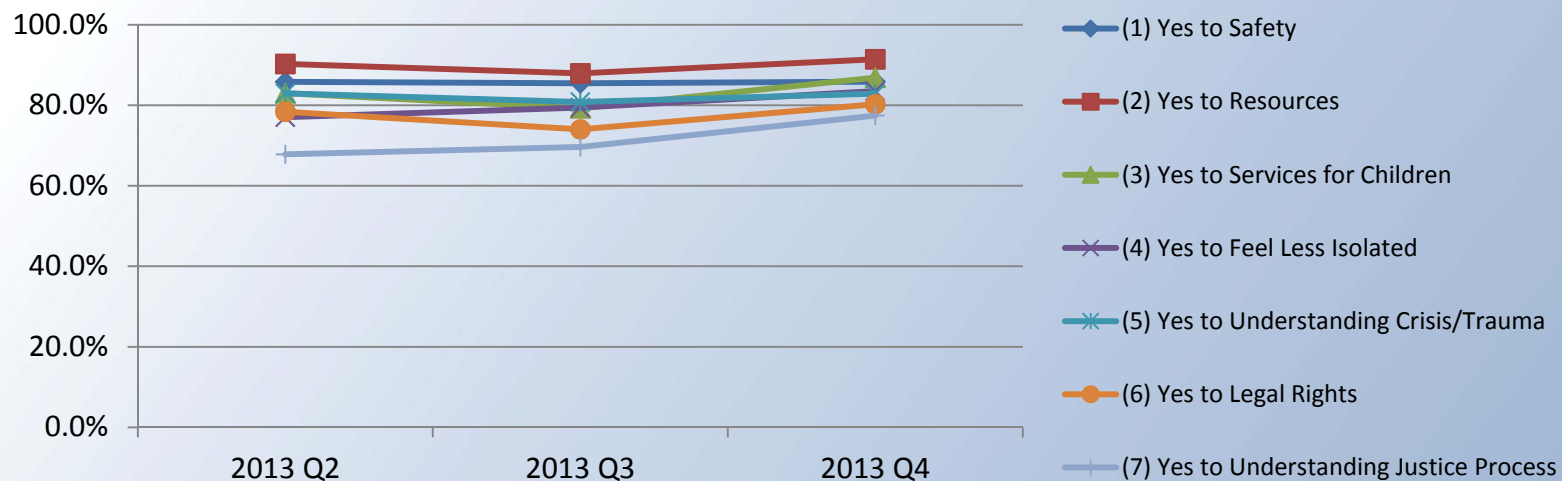
I am more confident knowing which services to access for my children

Healing: I feel less alone since working with this program

I have a better understanding of my crisis and trauma

Justice: I know more about my legal rights

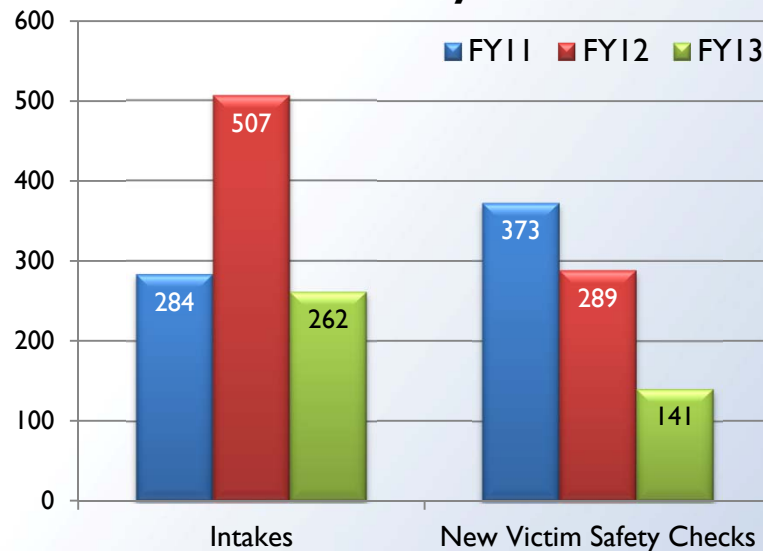
I have a better understanding of how the justice process works



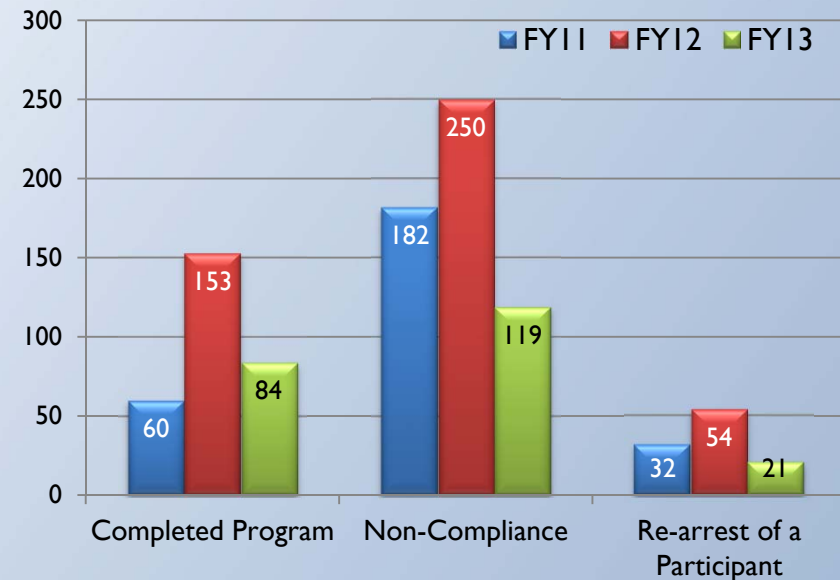
BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



Intakes and Safety Checks



Participant Completion



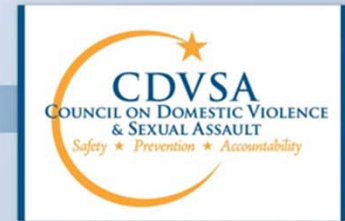
During Fiscal Year 13, fifteen approved batterer intervention programs operated in Alaska. Twelve were community based Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP) and three were Prison Batterers Programs (PBP). All of these programs have the primary goal of victim safety. The Council works with the Department of Corrections to provide these programs. In FY13, the majority of participants admitted into batterers' programs were court-ordered. *Numbers in graphs are for services provided only by Council-funded programs.*

STATUS : FY 2014 INCREMENTS

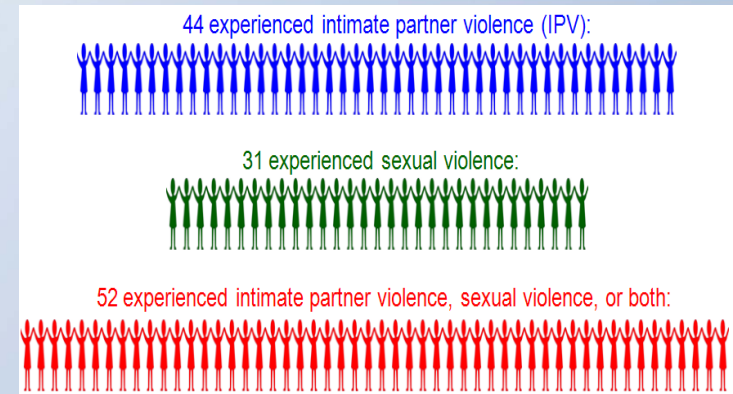


- Direct UGF increases to CDVSA: \$537.5
 - Funds to victim service providers
 - Funds for emerging programs
 - HOPE-Craig, WAVE-Petersburg, Tok Wellness Center
- Year 3-RSAs through Governor's Office: \$910.0 I/A
 - Research-Alaska Victimization Survey, 4th R
 - Pro Bono-Continuing Legal Education and Low Bono
 - Public Education/Media Campaign

RESEARCH



- AVS-statewide-2010
 - Regional: Bethel, Kodiak, Sitka
Dillingham
 - Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks
 - Mat-Su, Kenai, Ketchikan
 - Barrow, Nome, Unalaska-2014
- Dashboard
 - Compilation of population indicators
- 4th R
 - Evaluation of Curricula- 3rd and last year-expect results summer 2014



LEGAL ADVOCACY



- Pro Bono Attorney Program
 - Direct legal representation/info-referral line
 - Training/mentoring to participating attorneys:
legal forms bank and practice manual
 - Continuing legal education
 - \$275.0 investment--\$1,200.0 return
- Technical Assistance for Legal Advocates
- Materials to help people understand the process

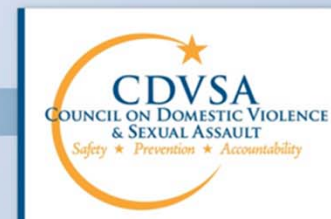
ECHP

The Empowering Choice Housing Program (ECHP) is time-limited, referral-based transitional rental assistance program for low-income victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an individual or family must be (1) receiving residential (living in shelter) or non-residential services from the local DVSA referral program; and (2) be displaced due to domestic violence or sexual assault.

ECHP



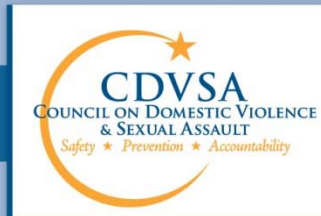
The program launched on November 1, 2012 with federal funding from AHFC's Moving to Work Block Grant through a continuing set aside plus a state legislative appropriation of \$1.34 million. An additional legislative appropriation of \$1.5 million was approved in 2013.

ECHP was projected to serve 214 families each year with an eventual target of 254. Initial rental contracts due to larger family sizes and very little or no income were paid at above-average rates (\$920 per month) causing a slower-than-expected launch. The average monthly assistance to participating families has since decreased to \$707 per month, freeing funds for additional families.

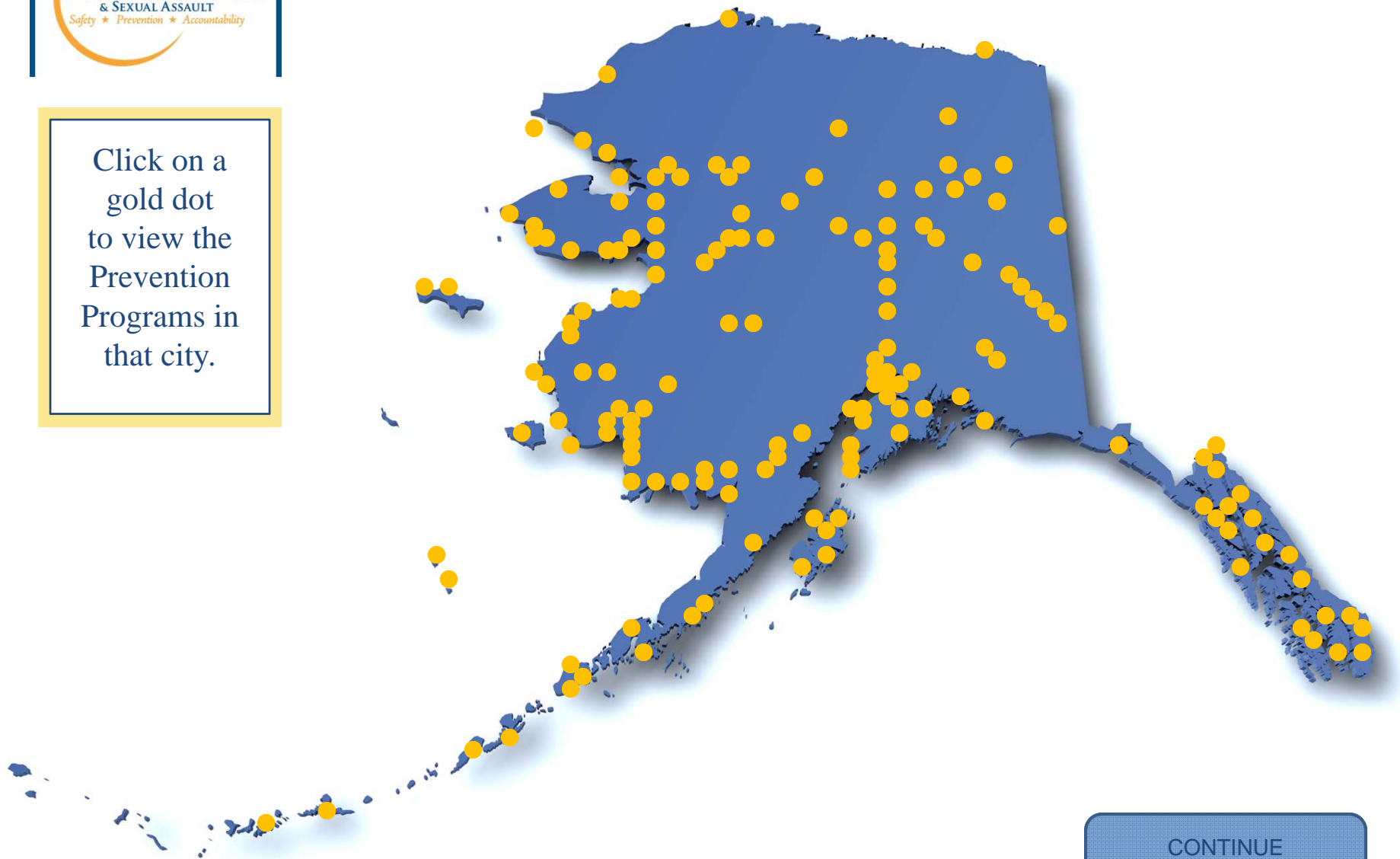
As of December 31, 2013:

- 135 families are receiving rental assistance
- 13 families have been issued vouchers and are looking for a place to rent

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS

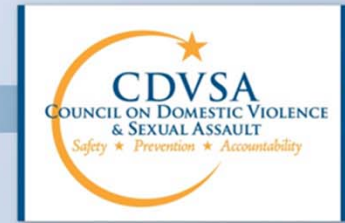


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PRESENTATION

Alaska Men Choose Respect Mini Grants

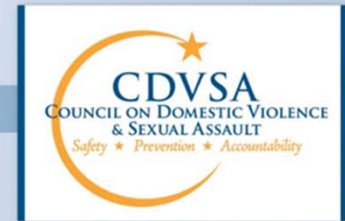


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Alaska Men Choose Respect



Coaching Boys Into Men



- Alakunuk
- Anaktuvuk Pass
- Anchorage
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- Bethel
- Big Lake
- Cordova
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- Dillingham
- Elim
- Fairbanks
- Gambell
- Healy
- Homer
- Houston
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- Kaltag
- Ketchikan
- Kodiak
- Kotzebue
- Manokotak
- Mountain Village
- Nenana
- New Stuyahok
- Nikiski
- Norvik
- North Pole
- Nulato
- Old Harbor
- Point Hope
- Shaktoolik
- Soldotna
- Unalakleet
- Unalaska
- Wasilla
- Yakutat

CBIM

- Training: 80 participants
- 79% of the coaches plan to incorporate the program into their practice
 - Coaches appreciated:
 - Intent of training and willingness of other coaches to serve
 - Great opportunity for coaching colleagues across the state to gather for a unifying cause
 - Chance to actually practice the program with other coaches.
 - “Training gave me the confidence to use the program with my athletes.”

THEY'RE WATCHING US ON AND OFF THE COURT



ALASKA MEN **CHOOSE**
RESPECT

Kayhi Kings Choose Respect

Women in Safe Homes
P.O. Box 6552
907-228-4090

Girls On The Run



- Anchorage Ketchikan
- Hoonah Sitka
- Juneau Yakutat
- New in 2014: Homer

Sitka: 28 girls participated and took pre/post-surveys to gauge effectiveness

Question	Pre-GOTR	Post GOTR
I feel satisfied with myself	32% strongly agree	85% strongly agree
I have many good qualities	65% strongly agree	85% strongly agree
I feel comfortable standing up for others	60% strongly agree	71% strongly agree



GREEN DOT ALASKA



Bystander Intervention

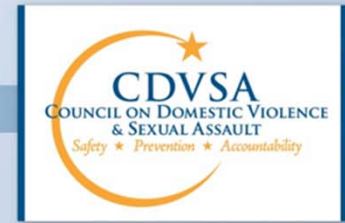
Prepares communities to implement a strategy of violence prevention that consistently, measurably reduces power-based personal violence

Six pilots: Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai, Prince of Wales

Alaska specific curricula and Alaskan trainers

A green dot is any behavior, choice, word, or attitude that promotes safety for everyone and communicates intolerance for violence

LeadOn! For Peace and Equality in Alaska



LeadOn! is an innovative statewide strategy bringing youth and adults from around Alaska together to take a leadership role in preventing violence.

Annual youth leadership conference provides the space for youth to strengthen their leadership skills in promoting nonviolence in relationships and equality in communities.

Youth both lead and attend workshops that use film, theater, art, and role-plays to think about ways to promote healthy relationships, share their messages, and ultimately work on projects that create positive change in their home communities.

**Protective Factors addressed: positive peer and adult role models, opportunities to give back, safe and healthy environment, tools for positive decision making*

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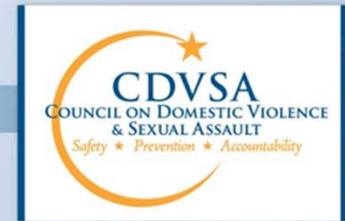
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- Juneau
- Kake
- Kenai/Soldotna
- Ketchikan
- Kodiak
- Kotlik
- Napaskiak
- New Stuyahok
- Noatak
- Petersburg
- Sand Point
- Selawik
- Sitka
- St. Paul Island
- Tenakee Springs
- Togiak
- Wasilla

Media Public Service Campaigns



- The following media campaigns run statewide on public and private radio and television stations:
 - Alaska Men Choose Respect
 - Real Alaskans Choose Respect
 - Respect is Always the Right Choice
 - Stand Up, Speak Up
 - When I Am An Elder

Rural DVSA Pilot Grants



Sitka

Pathways to a Safer Sitka, Kake and Angoon is a comprehensive plan to prevent domestic violence



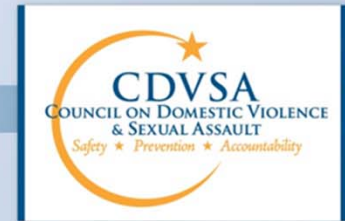
and sexual assault by raising knowledge, refocusing attitudes and behaviors, and building skill sets around risk and protective factors inherent in domestic violence and sexual assault.

Pathways represents multiple agencies including Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka Native Education Program, Mount Edgecumbe High School, Youth Advocates of Sitka, Sitka School District, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services, Domestic Violence Taskforce, Center for Community, Planned Parenthood, and Sitkans Against Family Violence.

Sitka, Kake and Angoon face high rates of bullying, domestic violence and sexual assault.

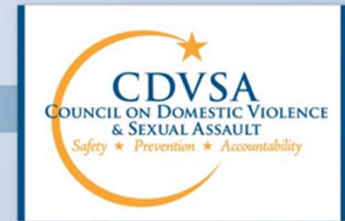
- Nearly a quarter of Sitka students in grades 3-5 reported being bullied two or more times per month in the last couple of monthsⁱ.
- Of bullied students, 30% were Alaska Native and 44% Alaska Native girlsⁱⁱ
- SAFV provided 2,644 bed nights for women and 910 for children in FY 2012ⁱⁱⁱ
- 47% of women in Sitka have experienced sexual violence, domestic violence or both in their lifetime

The Fourth R



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FOURTH R— RELATIONSHIPS



Sexual violence: 30% females and 16% male; Dating violence: 13% female and 14% male (n=447)

- 63 schools, 200 school staff, 100 community partners trained
- Emphasizes skill development through role plays and practice: negotiation skills, delay skills and not yielding to peer pressure
- 13 schools in 3-year program evaluation: Intervention schools-Bethel, Cordova, Dillingham, Kodiak and Kotzebue Comparison schools-Barrow, Juneau-Douglas, Kenai Central, Soldotna, Thunder Mountain, Valdez and Wrangell

Expect to see:

Decrease in the rate of self-reported dating violence and peer violence;

Increase in participant awareness and understanding of dating behavior, including dating violence;

Improvement of interpersonal relationship skills;

Increased healthy behaviors; and

Increased social connectedness



When I Am An Elder

- Barrow
- Bethel
- Juneau
- Ketchikan
- Minto
- Saxman
- Sitka

The When I am an Elder Campaign (WIAE) is designed to reach rural youth, creating a shared vision for strong and safe communities in Alaska. The television ads developed were based on a poem created and written by Bethel Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) members in 2001. It was then expanded and adapted for Alaskans to imagine their communities and a world without violence.

Putting Prevention to Work Summit



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