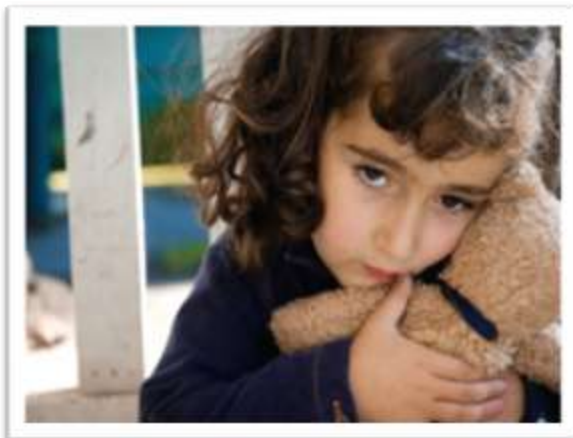
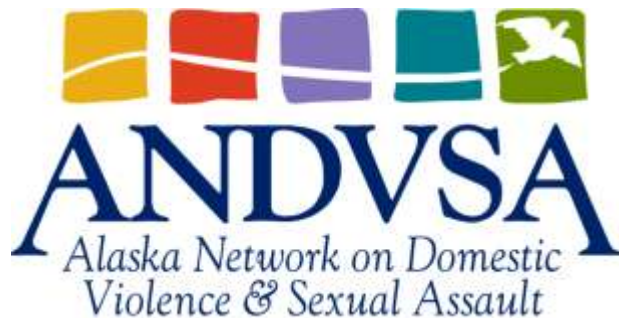


# 2009 Annual Report

## Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault



*Working in Alaska Communities for Safety, Justice,  
Advocacy & Education, and Violence Prevention*



## From Standing Together Against Rape's Sexual Assault Response Team

Anchorage-based member program Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) provided services to more than 700 primary victims of sexual assault in FY 09, half of whom chose not to report to law enforcement.

Sexual Assault Response Team call outs increased 18 percent from FY 08 to FY 09, from 217 to 265.

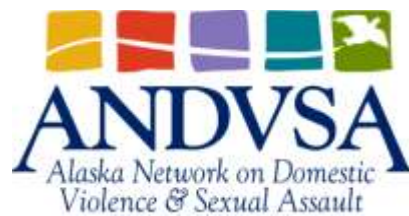
Approximately 10 percent of the total calls came from rural Alaska to Anchorage for services.

STAR responded to 100 medical accompaniment services from victims in a medical facility who chose not to report the assault to law enforcement or see a sexual assault nurse examiner.

These statistics represent an average of one adult sexual assault medical response every 24 hours within the Municipality of Anchorage.

These statistics do not represent the number of victims who chose not to report to law enforcement, a medical facility, or STAR.

STAR provided 593 advocacy response and support services to non-offending caregivers of minor children evaluated at Alaska CARES, a center that evaluates children for physical and sexual abuse.



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**130 Seward Street, Suite 214  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
907-586-3650**

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**PO Box 6631  
Sitka, Alaska 99835  
907-747-7445**

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# Alaska's Statistics

## Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Alaska

- Alaskan women are 2.6 times more likely to be forcibly raped than women across the nation: in Anchorage 2.8 times more likely, and in Fairbanks 5.1 more likely. (Uniform Crime Report 2007, cited in a report to the Alaska State Legislature by Andre B. Rosay, Ph.D., Justice Center, UAA)
- Of the 117 homicides reported in Alaska between 2003 and 2005, 22 percent were related to intimate partner violence. (Alaska Violent Death Reporting System 2003-2005). Of the 13 homicides reported in 2008, 69 percent were related to domestic and/or sexual violence. (Alaska State Troopers, Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Annual Report 2008)
- Alaska led the nation in the rate of men murdering women in 2002, 2003, and 2004, fell to second place in the nation in 2005 and 15<sup>th</sup> place in 2006. (Bureau of Justice statistics, Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Annual Report 2008)
- Three out of every four women in Alaska experienced, or know someone who has experienced, domestic violence or sexual assault. (ANDVSA Public Opinion Research Survey, Hellenthal & Associates, 2006)
- Among students in Alaska public high schools, nine percent had been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they didn't want to and 12 percent were hit, slapped or physically hurt intentionally by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the prior year. (2007 Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services.)

### Why the Network Exists

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault's mission is to promote, nourish and sustain a collective movement to end violence in Alaska. The 18 programs that make up the Network are committed to eliminating violence against women. They provide emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, legal assistance, counseling, and more to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as community education and advocacy. Our programs make a difference in the lives of individual Alaskans and in Alaska communities. The Network helps link our member programs, facilitates communication and cooperation, and helps secure funding and support for services.

# 2009 Member Programs



## **Anchorage**

### **Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)**

Executive Director, Vacant  
100 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501  
907-279-9581  
Crisis line: 907-272-0100

### **Standing Together Against Rape**

Executive Director, Nancy Haag  
1057 W. Fireweed, Suite 230  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
907-276-7279  
Crisis line: 907-276-7273

## **Barrow**

### **Arctic Women in Crisis (AWIC)**

Virginia Walsh, Program Coordinator  
PO Box 69, Barrow, AK 99723  
907-852-0261  
Crisis line: 800-478-0267/852-0267

## **Bethel**

### **Tundra Women's Coalition**

Michelle DeWitt, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 2029, Bethel, AK 99559  
907-543-3444  
Crisis line: 800-478-7799 / 543-3456

## **Cordova**

### **Cordova Family Resource Center**

Nicole Songer, Executive Director  
PO Box 863, Cordova, AK 99574  
907-424-5674  
Crisis line: 866-790-4357 / 424-4357

## **Dillingham**

### **Safe and Fear-Free Environment**

Ginger Baim, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 94, Dillingham, AK 99576  
907-842-2320  
Crisis line: 800-478-2316 / 842-2316

## **Fairbanks**

### **Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living**

Brenda Stanfill, Executive Director  
726 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 1, Fairbanks, AK 99701  
907-452-2293  
Crisis line: 800-478-7273 / 452-7273

## **Homer**

### **South Peninsula Haven House**

Peg Coleman, Executive Director  
3776 Lake Street, Suite 100, Homer, AK  
99603  
907-235-7712  
Crisis line: 800-478-7712 / 235-8101

## **Juneau**

### **Aiding Women in Abuse & Rape Emergencies, Inc.**

Saralyn Tabachnick, Executive Director  
PO Box 20809, Juneau, AK 99802  
907-586-6623  
Crisis line: 800-478-1090/586-1090

## **Kenai/Soldotna**

### **The LeeShore Center**

Cheri Smith, Executive Director  
325 S. Spruce Street, Kenai, AK 99611  
907-283-9479  
Crisis line: 907-283-7257

## **Ketchikan**

### **Women in Safe Homes**

Naomi Michalsen, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 6552, Ketchikan, AK 99901  
907-225-9474  
Crisis line: 800-478-9494

## **Kodiak**

### **Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center**

Rebecca Shields, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 2122, Kodiak, AK 99615  
907-486-6171  
Crisis line: 907-486-3625

## **Kotzebue**

### **Maniilaq Family Crisis Center**

Louise Conwell, Executive Director  
PO Box 38, Kotzebue, AK 99752  
907-442-3724  
Crisis line: 907-442-3969

## **Nome**

### **Bering Sea Women's Group**

Samiria Ross, Executive Director  
PO Box 1596, Nome, AK 99762  
907-463-5491  
Crisis line: 800-570-5444 / 443-5444

## **Seward**

### **Seaview Community Services**

Bernie Jariel, Executive Director  
PO Box 1045, Seward, AK 99664  
907-224-5257  
Crisis line: 907-224-3027

## **Sitka**

### **Sitkans Against Family Violence**

Chris Bauman, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 6136 Sitka, AK 99835  
907-747-3370  
Crisis line: 800-478-6511 / 907-747-3370

## **Unalaska**

### **Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence**

M. Lynn Crane, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 36 Unalaska, AK 99685  
907-581-1500  
Crisis line: 800-478-7238 / 907-581-1500

## **Valdez**

### **Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV)**

Rowena Palomar, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 524  
907-835-2980  
Crisis line: 800-835-4044 / 835-2999



## Database Project: Collecting Statewide Information

For the past year the Network has taken a lead role in developing a new statewide database to be implemented by the Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault. The new database and statewide reporting forms meet state and federal funding requirements as well as confidentiality standards.

The database ensures there is good information on the continuing need for victim services and it shows remaining gaps and needs within the state. With the new database: the Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault funded programs are defining and counting services the same way; the confidentiality of survivors is being protected; and useful data is available for meeting the critical needs for victims within our state.

This has been a year of accomplishment for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault and our member programs. Although Alaska's statistics on violence against women still remain among the highest in the nation, there is progress.

This year, the Alaska Legislature appropriated funds for the first ever prevention initiative, putting a statewide focus not just on intervention or response to violence after it occurs. This funding provides an important step toward changing attitudes and lowering our unenviable position at the top of the state rankings for domestic violence and sexual assault. Research shows prevention works. The consortium of State agencies, member programs, university leaders and others who came together to establish long-range goals for effective prevention efforts have come a long way in the past year and are motivated to do even more in 2010.

The 18 programs that make up the Network continue to provide essential services to victims throughout Alaska. Emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, counseling, legal assistance, community education, and advocacy are just a part of how our programs help. This report outlines accomplishments of both Network programs and our members.

Looking forward to the future, there is hope: hope that the frightening facts about sexual assault in our state outlined throughout this publication will change. We see every day the hope our services bring to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Women and men change their lives and the lives of their children when the cycle of violence stops. We see hope in the youth leaders who attended our leadership summit and who made a difference in their local communities by becoming a voice for change. While there is clearly more to do, we know the work being done in Alaska communities for safety, justice, advocacy, education and violence prevention will lead to a better Alaska and a more peaceful world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Brown".

# Prevention Projects

## Primary Prevention – Stopping Violence Before It Starts

Lori Grassgreen, Project Director

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Through support from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Network took great strides towards strengthening statewide and local primary prevention activities during 2008 and 2009. After 18 months of collaboration, ANDVSA and a 20-member Statewide Steering Committee produced a comprehensive draft primary prevention plan. This five- to-ten-year plan outlines achievable goals and outcomes for coordinated prevention activities. The draft plan can be viewed in its entirety at [www.andvsa.org/?page\\_id=562](http://www.andvsa.org/?page_id=562) . This statewide plan provides a road map to promote healthy relationships and healthy sexuality, with the ultimate goal of preventing sexual, intimate partner and teen-dating violence before it occurs. To support the goals laid out in this plan, ANDVSA has been involved in developing comprehensive strategies to bring about a reduction in violence in Alaska through primary prevention. These strategies work with individuals and their influencers and at the community and societal level.



### Why Focus on Primary Prevention?

Research shows that successful strategies for bringing about change rely heavily on prevention, instead of solely on intervention activities. Primary prevention activities focus on taking action before there is a threat of violence in intimate or dating relationships. Primary prevention efforts foster change in social norms and in environments, in order to promote healthy relationships and sexuality. Primary prevention also works with individuals to reduce risk and enhance protective factors.

### Statewide Prevention Activities in 2008-2009 include:

**Building a statewide infrastructure;** A Statewide Steering Committee was formed to establish long-range plans for primary prevention activities to support Alaska's intimate partner, teen dating and sexual violence prevention efforts. The Steering Committee completed the development of a draft plan including state level goals, outcomes, and strategies for prevention activities. This committee has acted as a catalyst for intimate partner violence prevention policy, programs and projects.

**Providing training and technical assistance;** ANDVSA, in cooperation with statewide and national partners, offered more than 30 trainings and presentations to state and community agencies on the primary prevention of intimate partner violence. ANDVSA also offered monthly prevention web-conferences across the state. ANDVSA worked closely



with community collaborations to develop local plans and to adapt strategies to prevent violence. The ANDVSA prevention team is available for member programs and communities interested in strengthening prevention efforts within their organization or community.

**Increasing funding for intimate partner, teen dating and sexual violence prevention programming;** In 2009, the Alaska State Legislature allocated funds for the first time to the Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault for prevention and public awareness. With these funds, ANDVSA has been able to coordinate a statewide social norms campaign focused on shifting attitudes of youth and men towards intimate partner and sexual assault prevention. Special recognition goes to the following organizations, foundations, and agencies for their financial partnerships supporting primary prevention efforts in Alaska: Alaska State Legislature, Center for Disease Control, Alaska Department of Public Health- Women Children and Family Health; Chronic Disease and Health Promotion, Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Allstate Foundation, and the Reuben E. Crossett Fund.

**Improving health education efforts in the schools;** In 2008-2009, ANDVSA worked with partners to improve health education in schools, and has explored several approaches to strengthening teen dating and sexual violence prevention in schools. Efforts have included: participating with the Department of Education and Early Development in developing a draft health education plan; working with schools to infuse intimate partner violence, teen dating violence and sexual violence prevention programs and policies into the schools; and adapting evidence-based prevention curricula, the Fourth R, for Alaska.

**Increasing opportunities for youth leadership;** ANDVSA has concentrated on efforts to strengthen youth leadership skills. In 2008, **Lead On! For Peace and Equality**, the first healthy relationship leadership summit for youth, brought together 100 youth and adults, resulting in more than 25 youth-led projects across the state. In 2009, youth were recognized for post project leadership roles throughout the state. A second summit is planned for October 2009.



**Developing a statewide media campaign;** Through funding from the CDVSA and partnerships with several state and nonprofit organizations, ANDVSA is coordinating a statewide campaign to shift social norms around our individual role in preventing intimate partner and sexual violence. This campaign will work with two key groups - youth and men - to shift social norms and reduce violence. Some campaign messages and ideas will be developed by youth, for youth. Male community leaders will take an active role in identifying and promoting individual responsibility to ensure safe and healthy relationships. The campaign will begin in 2009.

**Identifying priority areas for research;** In 2009, ANDVSA organized a meeting of interested researchers from University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Anchorage, and other organizations to determine priority research interest areas relative to violence prevention in Alaska. Research into these areas will be the focus of future activities for 2010.

**Supporting local efforts;** ANDVSA acts as the fiscal liaison between the Center for Disease Control and local community fiscal agencies in Sitka, Juneau, Dillingham, and Ketchikan to support local prevention staff housed at domestic violence programs. These staff are responsible for convening local groups to strengthen local prevention capacity. Each community has: completed a local needs and resource assessment; developed community relevant goals and outcomes; and chose promising or evidence-based strategies that effectively achieve the goals of each community. Examples include: Girls on the Run, Healthy Relationship classes, Teens Resisting Abuse and Initiating Nonviolence, Jeune Veux- theater project, film-making projects, and more.

## Statewide Steering Committee

Municipal Department of Health & Human Services, Safety Links Program, Municipality of Anchorage

Alaska Native Justice Center

Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska-Anchorage

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services Division of Public Health: Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Women's, Children's & Family Health; Injury Prevention & Emergency Medical Services, Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project

Alaska Rural Behavioral Health Training, University of Alaska-Fairbanks

Zach Gordon Youth Center

Women in Safe Homes

Public Health Nursing, Dillingham

Department of Health Sciences/Public Health, University of Alaska- Anchorage

Public Administration, College of Business and Public Policy, University of Alaska -Anchorage

Association of Alaska School Boards

State of Alaska Department of Public Safety: Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Evaluation Management Training Associates

## Additional Prevention Partners

State of Alaska Department of Education & Early Development, Alaska Tribal Health Consortium, Alaska Teen Media Institute, State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services Division of Behavioral Health, Reuben E. Crossett Fund, Allstate Foundation

# The Legal Advocacy Project

If You Want Peace, Work for Justice - Kari Robinson, Project Director



## The Facts

Alaskan women are 2.6 times more likely to be forcibly raped than women across the nation. (Uniform Crime Report, 2007)

In 2007, Alaska had the nation's seventh-highest rate of violence. (Violence Policy Center, 2007)

Children growing up in homes with domestic violence are at risk for psychological and physical problems. (Journal of Pediatrics, 2005)

Victims of sexual assault and advocates working with victims identify the need for civil legal representation as a top priority. (ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project, 2009)

A landmark study by economists found that increased provision of legal services for victims of domestic violence contributed to a decline in domestic violence rates. (Contemporary Economic Policy, Vol.21, 2003)

## Why the Project exists

Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their advocates continue to identify the need for civil legal representation as a top priority. A landmark study by economists found that increased provision of legal services for victims of domestic violence contributed to the decline of domestic violence rates during the 1990's. The study also found that because legal services help victims with practical matters, such as protective orders, custody and child support, victims have real, long-term options to enhance safety. Yet studies show that the collective civil legal aid effort is meeting only about 20 percent of the legal needs of low-income people.

In response to this vital need, ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project staff provide both assistance with a wide range of legal issues and system advocacy questions from victim advocates across the state, and direct services to victims needing legal representation and referral. Since the start of the project through June 2009, staff has provided more than 20,460 legal case consultations with an average of 30 requests per week from ANDVSA member domestic violence/sexual assault programs. The Project provides a coordinated response to domestic violence and sexual assault within Alaska by providing victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives. It also enables communities to hold offenders accountable.

## Project staff

In 1998 the Department of Justice awarded a Civil Legal Assistance grant to the ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project to provide funding for four attorney positions in Alaska. Our current staff includes: attorney

**Jennifer King**, who provides victims representation in child custody and divorce proceedings; attorney **Christine Pate**, who directs the Pro Bono Program and maintains a caseload of direct services; **Kari Robinson**, Legal Advocacy Project director/attorney, who supervises and coordinates the Legal Assistance for Victims grant; and **Jane Langley**, who serves as project coordinator with the Pro Bono Program. All project staff provide legal case consultations, training and resource materials to domestic violence/sexual assault programs across the state.

## Positive Results from Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funding

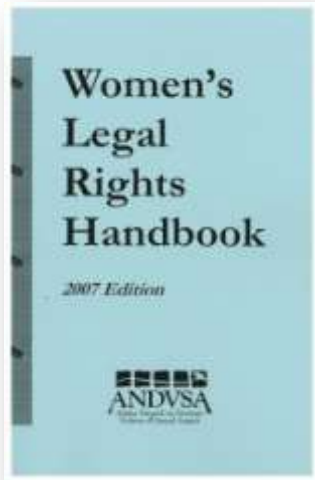
**Volunteers:** Since receiving VAWA funding, nearly 300 Alaska attorneys have volunteered with the Legal Advocacy Project. Volunteer attorneys donate on average between 25-85 hours to each case, equaling millions of dollars in attorney time donated to the project. The Legal Advocacy Project trains and recruits volunteer attorneys. Since its inception in May of 1999, the ANDVSA Pro Bono Program has received nearly 2,000 referrals for clients needing civil legal representation and advice. The program has successfully placed more than 60 percent of these cases with staff and volunteer attorneys. The Legal Advocacy project also operates an Information & Referral Legal Hotline, answering requests for legal information and assistance from victims. The statewide toll-free hotline is staffed by volunteer attorneys who provide brief legal assistance every other week.

**Resources:** The ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project produces a Legal Advocacy Curriculum, Women’s Legal Rights Handbook, Family Law Practice Manual, and Full Faith & Credit Booklet on protective order enforcement. Project staff ensures that updated legal resource materials and technical assistance are available to advocates at no cost and in several



different forms. This includes electronic resources available on a statewide web site and legal advocate newsletter. In its 13th year of publication, newsletter readership has expanded to more than 200 individuals across Alaska including advocates and pro bono attorneys.

**Training:** The Legal Advocacy Project has successfully implemented nine statewide legal advocacy conferences, 11 continuing legal-education trainings, and numerous special topic web/ teleconference trainings in the past 12 years. Nearly 1,500 individuals including victim advocates, attorneys, law enforcement officers, child protective services workers, guardians ad litem, child custody investigators, and court system personnel have been trained by the ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project through our annual CLE and advocacy trainings. Legal materials are frequently updated and staff work with local and national



organizations to ensure the most current information is available. Due to staff turnover in domestic violence/sexual assault programs, ongoing training and updated legal resource materials are critical to ensuring victims have access to the civil and criminal justice systems within Alaska.

**Annual Conference:** ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project's Pro bono Program held its eleventh annual continuing legal education conference, *Litigating Family Law Cases Involving Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*, in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook on Feb.16-17, 2009. One-hundred participants attended over the course of the two-day event,

despite threats of volcanic eruption from Mt. Redoubt. Participants included two members of law enforcement, three legal advocates, seven judges, two paralegals, 15 child custody investigators, eight guardians ad litem, six network staff, and one representative from the CDVSA and ANJC, an epidemiologist, and 54 attorneys. Presenters included Yale University's Linda Chamberlain, Ph.D., a national expert in domestic violence's effects on brain development, and presiding Family Court Judge William McKinley Jackson from Washington D.C. Superior Court, who shared his expertise with domestic violence law from his perspective as a sitting judge. A panel of judges also shared their perspective on legal issues specific to Alaska domestic violence law. Sessions also focused on beginner and advanced attorneys, on effective use of expert witnesses, law enforcement's role in domestic violence and sexual assault, and on crafting successful visitation orders.

**Alaska Immigration Justice Project:** The Legal Advocacy Project also works closely with the Alaska Immigration Justice Project (AIJP) a culturally specific community-based organization to provide services for immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Alaska Immigration Justice Project is the only agency in Alaska dedicated to protecting the human rights of immigrants and refugees. In 2007, AIJP opened the first statewide Language Interpreter program has trained more than 100 interpreters in 22 different languages, as well as more than 600 professionals working in law enforcement, the court system, domestic violence/sexual assault programs and health care. These professionals are changing the language access policies within their respective agencies to ensure limited English proficient Alaskans have access to safety and protection. AIJP has worked with ANDVSA member programs to improve victim's accessibility to basic services including advocacy and support across the state through culturally competent outreach and community organizing.

**Since 1999  
nearly 300  
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attorneys  
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# The Training Project

## Advocacy Through Education – Knowledge is Power

Patti Bland, Project Director

### Training and Technical Assistance

Community service providers and advocates for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault continue to identify training and technical assistance as key components necessary to ensure universal best practices are readily available to community service providers serving families throughout Alaska. ANDVSA training and technical assistance ensures advocates and providers are prepared to respond to the complex safety, advocacy and legal needs of Alaskan families impacted by domestic and sexual violence.



The ANDVSA Training Project has provided more than 300 state and local trainings for 7,908 Alaskans working on behalf of survivors of intimate partner and family violence since 2005. This fiscal year, ANDVSA provided 9,362 clock hours of training to 1,507 Alaskan service providers, advocates and interdisciplinary teams serving communities across the state. During the past 12 months ANDVSA trainers have visited Wrangell, Petersburg, Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Cordova, Valdez, Anchorage, Homer, Kenai, Seward, Kodiak, Unalaska, Dillingham, Bethel, Fairbanks, Kotzebue and Barrow and have responded to more than 3,000 requests for technical assistance. This fiscal year ANDVSA partnered with the Council on Domestic Violence and the Alaska Native Women’s Coalition to provide three days of training for 80 rural victim service providers at the ANDVSA Biennial Conference in Girdwood.

### Staff Exchange Program and the Statewide Training & Mentoring Team

While ANDVSA is able to respond to many technical assistance requests by phone, fax or email, sometimes more personal and supportive mentoring is required. The ANDVSA staff exchange program provides opportunities for advocates to learn skills and enhance cultural understanding by participating in a staff exchange. The Staff Exchange Program also allows experienced advocates to mentor new-comers and share their expertise. Mentors who volunteer to serve on the State-Wide Training and Mentoring Team receive Train the Trainer training and travel where they are needed to support community-based training needs at the state and local level. Network mentors are drawn from ANDVSA member programs as well as community partners such as Center for Human Development at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Head Start, Alaska Native Justice Center and Alaska State Troopers. Both mentors and mentees benefit from the program and develop close ties and



alliances to better support families and children impacted by domestic and sexual violence throughout Alaska.



### Partnerships

ANDVSA training and technical assistance involves working with community partners and people who may need to access safety and advocacy services to determine what services are best practice for their community. ANDVSA has offered monthly teleconferencing opportunities, training scholarships, and board development workshops designed to support village participation and help hub programs engage community-wide participation. ANDVSA has established close ties with disability service providers in Alaska working jointly to increase access to services and better safety outcomes for survivors of domestic and sexual violence with disabilities. This year ANDVSA partnered with the Center for Human Development and others including the Alaska Immigration Justice Project, Alaska Native Justice Center, Alaska Native Women’s Coalition, Adult Protective Services and Access Alaska, to provide the first interdisciplinary training track for disability service providers and victim service advocates at the Full Lives conference in Anchorage. ANDVSA is also working closely with the Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault as part of a coordinated community response against violence. This coordinated community response against domestic violence and sexual assault includes training and technical assistance partnerships with CDVSA, the Department of Education and Early Development, Head Start, and the Office of Children’s Services and also with the Alaska State Troopers and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to develop and provide Sexual Assault Response Team



training and other training for interdisciplinary teams serving Alaskan communities. Our community wide response also includes the development of written and audio/visual materials for under-reached populations.

### Written and Audio/Visual Materials for Under-Reached Populations

Since its inception the ANDVSA Training and Technical Assistance Project has prioritized the development of written and audio visual materials for under-reached Alaskans impacted by domestic and sexual violence. During the past fiscal year, ANDVSA received funding from the PRIDE foundation to develop curriculum materials and



brochures to reduce barriers to safety for male victims of domestic violence and sexual minorities.

ANDVSA also revised its Real Tools family of products to include materials designed to support victim service advocates and clinicians serving individuals impacted by substance use and trauma issues. Real Tools is a resource used both in Alaska and outside. "Getting Safe and Sober, Real Tools You Can Use," is the most down – loaded product on our web-site. ANDVSA has received requests for Real Tools from programs across the country as well as from Canada, Mexico and New Zealand. "Real Tools" is available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed free of charge at the ANDVSA website: [andvsa.org](http://andvsa.org).



"To see mothers with babies at this training hit home for me that the services we provide are about 'family' - stronger families, stronger communities. To see a young mother participating was a testament to the strength of women."

"Thank you all for providing an incredible learning environment. I experienced support among positive individuals."

Comments from the Biennial Conference September 22-24, 2008.



## Featured Program - Tundra Women's Coalition - Executive Director Michelle DeWitt



The Tundra Women's Coalition in Bethel is currently involved in a major building project aimed at doubling TWC's capacity. The shelter includes not only increased bed-capacity, but administrative offices, a Legal Advocacy program, a Community Education Program with a village outreach component, a program for Teens Acting Against Violence and a Children's Program. TWC's Teens Acting Against Violence project focuses on peer education and outreach, helping to engage young people in issues important to the Bethel community.



During the first session of the 26th Alaska State Legislature, network staff, member programs, and lobbyist Caren Robinson worked with other victim advocates to support legislation providing additional protections to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

### **HB 63: Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Staff and Membership**

In 2007, the Alaska Legislature passed HB 215 creating the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Legislative Taskforce. The purpose of the Taskforce was to: review the Council's relationship to other state agencies; their statutory responsibilities and priorities; the appointment process for public members; the location of the Council within the Department of Public Safety, compliance with grant management requirements; and the Council's mission and focus. This year many of the Taskforce's recommendations were adopted into law with HB 63.

HB 63 will provide for more extensive membership, including a rural voice, and will help to retain the historical knowledge of the Council staff and members. HB 63:

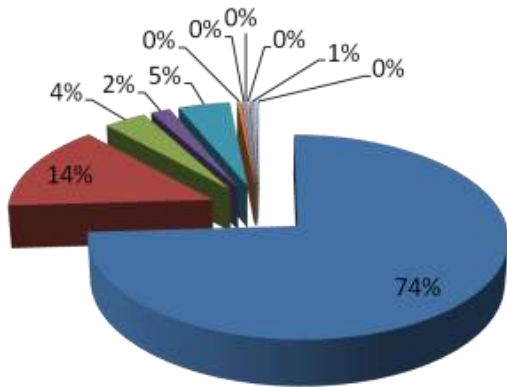
- Extends the Council's public membership from three to four;
- Requires that one public member be from a rural area;
- Adds the Department of Corrections as a member;
- Moves all Council staff, except the Executive Director, from the exempt to classified service;
- Extends the terms of Council membership from two years to three years;
- Recommends, but no longer requires, that the Governor consult with the Network on new members.

Significant Legislation pending at the end of the 1st Session includes:

- Opening the statute of limitations on sexual offenses for one year to allow those victims previously precluded to seek justice (SB 47);
- Establishment of a Sex Offender Management Board to address any issues, concerns, and problems related to the management of sex offenders after their release from confinement (SB 145);
- Providing unpaid sick leave for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking (SB 86);
- Providing a new source of funding for civil legal services (HB 149);
- Providing medical assistance to more low-income women and children (SB 13);

During the 2nd Session of the 26th Legislature, the Network will continue to speak for this proposed legislation strengthening support for victims.

# 2008 - 2009 Financial Statement



- Federal Grants
- CDVSA Grant Income
- Dues
- Grants, Other
- Contract Revenue
- Donations
- Health Insurance Revenue
- Conference Donations
- Interest Income
- Honorariums
- Misc Income

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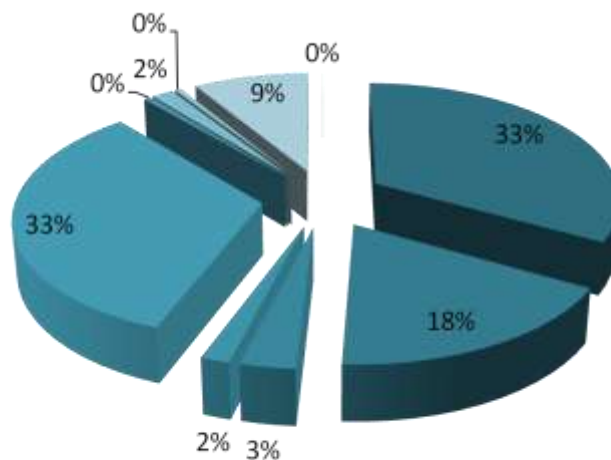
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| Federal Grants           | \$1,535,492 |
| CDVSA Grant Income       | \$293,436   |
| Dues                     | \$78,292    |
| Grants (Other)           | \$36,338    |
| Contract Revenue         | \$95,809    |
| Conference Donations     | \$2,985     |
| Donations (Other)        | \$7,472     |
| Health Insurance Revenue | \$4,752     |
| Honorariums              | \$11,568    |
| Interest Income          | \$2,441     |
| Misc. Income             | \$4,573     |

**Total Income**                      **\$2,073,158**

## Expenses (Unaudited)

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Personal Services | \$680,992 |
| Travel            | \$363,833 |
| Facilities        | \$64,591  |
| Commodities       | \$34,023  |
| Other Contractual | \$678,824 |
| Pro Bono Costs    | \$4,305   |
| Insurance         | \$4,700   |
| Equipment         | \$33,298  |
| Bank Charges      | \$817     |
| Reserve           | \$10,000  |
| Administration    | \$178,630 |
| Misc. Expense     | \$157     |

**Total Expense**                      **\$2,044,220**



- Personal Services
- Travel
- Facilities
- Commodities
- Other Contractual
- Pro Bono Costs
- Insurance
- Equipment
- Reserve
- Administration
- Misc Expenses

# Administration and Membership

## Other Network Staff

**Lindsee Acton**, Office Manager for the Network since May 2009, first joined the ANDVSA staff as a VISTA volunteer in August 2008. Lindsee is a graduate of University of Kansas, with a degree in Women's Studies and American Studies. Her position includes all aspects of making sure ANDVSA's office runs smoothly and efficiently.

**Mary Norcross**, Financial Administrator, has been with Network since 2005. Mary's responsibilities include grant management, the annual audit, and all aspects of the Network's financial management

**Jana Sooter**, Accounting Clerk, came to the Network in June 2009 from the State Department of Health & Social Services. Jana handles travel, payroll, insurance, and accounts payable.

**Kami Moore**, Prevention VISTA Project Coordinator, since July 2009, hails from Oakland, Oregon. Kami is a graduate of Oregon State University, with a degree in Public Health and Education.

**Wilma Bennett**, Training Project Administrative Assistance since September 2006, assists Patti Bland with all aspects of the training project.

**Susan Christianson**, Communications Director, joined the Network in August. A former reporter, Susan has owned an advertising and public relations firm in Juneau since 1994. She spent the last year writing a book: "Women's Voices: the Wisdom of the Grandmothers."

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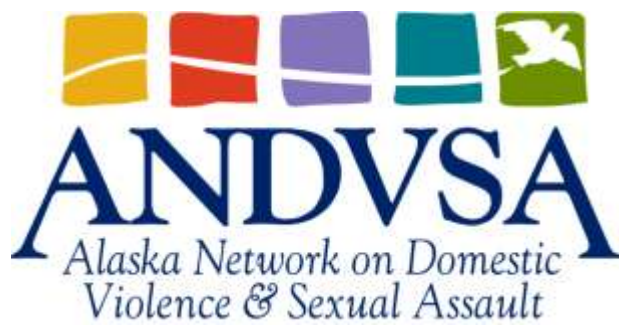
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