

**State of Alaska
FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Public Safety
Batterers Intervention Program
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Batterers Intervention Program

Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide for the planning and coordination of services to perpetrators of domestic violence.

Core Services

- (1) Develop, implement, maintain, and monitor community and prison-based batterers' intervention programs;
- (2) Develop and implement a standardized data collection system for state-approved batterers' intervention programs;
- (3) Receive and dispense state money by awarding grants and contracts to qualified local community entities for batterers' intervention programs;
- (4) Oversee and audit all state-approved batterers' intervention programs; and
- (5) Provide fiscal and technical assistance to batterers' intervention programs.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2006 Component Budget: \$200,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Requiring batterers to attend intervention programming as a consequence of committing the crime of domestic violence is becoming an integral part of many community responses to domestic violence. These programs have been developed to affect change and break the cycle of violence; however, they cannot deter domestic violence in isolation. A strong coordinated criminal justice response is needed. The combined impact of arrest, incarceration, and adjudication must hold batterers accountable for their abusive behavior.

Batterers' intervention programs are part of a coordinated community response to end violence. Many organizations have roles to this end. Victim advocates monitor victim safety, assess lethality, and assist victims in navigating through the criminal justice system. Judges sentence perpetrators and order them to attend batterers' intervention programs as part of conditions of release. District attorney's offices filed notices of probation revocation for those individuals who fail to comply with the court's order to enroll in a batterer's program. Strong and effective legislation and philosophically sound programs that work with batterers are also important to effectively impact the rate of domestic violence.

Batterers use violence to demonstrate power and achieve control over their victims. Certain factors are associated with battering: low self-esteem, a history of childhood abuse, narcissistic personalities, lack of value of women, sense of male privilege, and exposure to male role models who have shown hostile attitudes toward women. To change these long-held patterns, batterers must acknowledge the destructive nature of their present behavior and accept responsibility for their actions. To best support change, each community must hold the batterer fully accountable for his use of violence and demonstrate that there are consequences for continued acts of abuse. One important step in achieving this goal is to require perpetrators to attend batterers' intervention programs, where trained facilitators – knowledgeable about the dynamics of domestic violence and the methods of manipulation batterers use – can both hold batterers accountable for

their actions and teach them appropriate relationship skills. This provides a clear message that battering is not acceptable, that there are consequences to this behavior, and that there are alternative ways of behaving that are not violent.

Alaska is on its way to providing a strong community response to battering throughout the state. Victim services programs, batterers' intervention programs, court personnel, prosecutors, and police departments are coordinating efforts to build effective intervention strategies for communities. Through the joint efforts of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Department of Corrections, there are 12 active state-approved community batterers' intervention programs. The council reviews all submissions for compliance with regulations, provides technical assistance to programs as needed, and monitors programs for on-going compliance. These programs vary in approach although the primary goals of victim safety and batterers' accountability are paramount. These programs work with the local community, court system, probation, victim services, and police departments to coordinate services to be provided as well as to monitor and coordinate the batterers' compliance and success within the program. Last fiscal year, there were 329 batterers admitted to community-based batterers' intervention programs throughout the state. These numbers represent one full fiscal year of data and only include batterers admitted to council funded programs. There are several non-council funded programs that do not submit data to the database.

This is an important beginning to increasing community responses to battering. But there are many things left to accomplish. To provide a more effective approach to domestic violence there needs to be:

- Increased number of batterers' intervention programs to provide service statewide;
- Research and evaluation of the effectiveness of programs;
- Stronger support from court systems with consequences for non-compliance; and
- Increased understanding of the issue of domestic violence and the role of batterers' intervention programs.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No changes in results delivered.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

BATTERERS' INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

329 offenders participated in 4 council funded community-based batterers' intervention programs.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

1. Child Protection and Training (AS 47.17.022)
2. Child Protection- Duties of department in domestic violence cases (AS 47.17.035)
3. Claims- Presentation of claims required (2 AAC 25.010)
4. Conflict of Interest- Report of financial and business interests (AS 39.50.020)
5. Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (13 AAC 90.010-190)
6. Department of Corrections- Duties of the department (AS 44.28.020)
7. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (AS 18.66.010-990)
8. Domestic Violence Training (AS 18.65.510)
9. Grant Administration- Audit requirements (2 AAC 45.010)
10. Grant Programs (13 ACC 95.010-900)
11. Health and Safety Education- Curriculum (AS 14.30.360)
12. Permanent Fund- Public Notice (AS 43.23.028)
13. Sentencing and Probation-day fines (AS 12.55.036)
14. Termination of state boards and commissions (AS 44.66.010)

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**Batterers Intervention Program
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	200.0	200.0	200.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	200.0	200.0	200.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	200.0	200.0
1171 PF Dividend Appropriations in lieu of Dividends to Criminals	200.0	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	200.0	200.0	200.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0
FY2006 Governor	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0