

# **State of Alaska FY2012 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide a system of statewide crisis intervention, perpetrator accountability, and prevention services to Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

### Core Services

- Administer state and federal funds to programs that provide services to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.
- Coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault prevention efforts in Alaska.
- Engage and work with the departments of Public Safety, Law, Corrections, Education and Early Development, and Health and Social Services, the Alaska Court System, and community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, crisis intervention, and prevention.

### Results at a Glance

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <http://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

#### END RESULT A: Victim services are available 24/7 in all areas of the state.

- In FY2010, 100% of hub programs made shelter services available to victims
- In FY2010, 100% of programs had crisis line access available to victims

##### Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- In FY2010, 99% of victims were fully served
- In FY2010, 100% of hub programs provided legal assistance to victims
- 89% of required victim service program audits were completed in FY2010
- In FY2010, 100% of programs audited were in compliance
- 70% of required batterer intervention program audits were completed in FY2010
- In FY2010, 100% of programs audited were in compliance
- The council fully or partially funded 61 trainings in FY2010 compared to 81 in FY2009
- 100% of council funded programs provided school and/or community education in FY2010

#### END RESULT B: Victims' lives are positively impacted through program services.

- 92% of FY2010 participants stated they knew more ways to plan for their safety after program contact

##### Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- 93% of FY2010 participants stated they knew more about available community resources after program contact

### Major Activities to Advance Strategies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct state RFP process, allocate funds, support legislative efforts, apply for federal funds</li> <li>• Conduct onsite reviews and provide technical assistance</li> <li>• Maintain database, analyze data reports, and conduct data audits</li> <li>• Coordinate training to increase skills of first responders</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate training to strengthen the state's response to domestic violence and sexual assault</li> <li>• Coordinate training to improve services for victims</li> <li>• Support implementation of statewide prevention activities</li> <li>• Implement strategic plan tasks and evaluate effectiveness of projects</li> </ul> |
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### Key RDU Challenges

Lack of affordable and supportive housing affects crime victims across the state. Although victims actively participate in processes necessary to secure housing, there are few affordable opportunities. As a result, victims are requesting shelter stay extensions. A tension exists for programs in trying to support these women's efforts to stay safe while at

the same time providing immediate safety for increasing numbers of victims just beginning their escape. Longer stays and rising fixed costs negatively affect both the type of services programs can offer and the amount of services available.

Other challenges include lack of legal representation for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and the increase in domestic violence and sexual assault victims with multiple issues seeking services (for example dealing with mental health issues or drug and alcohol abuse issues).

Programs report it is more difficult to access federal and philanthropic funding as more grant programs consolidate and more local organizations begin applying for those grants as they experience funding shortages in their own areas. This affects both the type of services programs can offer and the amount of services available from their community and statewide partners.

Making sexual assault forensic exams available throughout the state is a challenge. Several programs reported difficulty in maintaining nursing staff trained to gather forensic evidence in cases involving adult sexual assault. Many hospitals experience chronic nursing shortages and find it difficult to allocate limited resources to a non-medical purpose. There are challenges associated with implementing anonymous reporting of adult sexual assault and in gathering and storing evidence.

Engaging allied agencies to participate in joint efforts in order to best address the needs of those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes is an on-going challenge.

### **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2012**

CDVSA will strengthen prevention efforts through pooling resources and engaging stakeholders in a campaign to prevent interpersonal violence in Alaska. The council will coordinate prevention activities with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (network) and the Division of Public Health in the Department of Health and Social Services.

CDVSA will strengthen research efforts through a partnership with the University of Alaska and the network. Working with the university, the council will fund regional interpersonal violence prevalence surveys.

Based on data gathered in FY2011, the batterers intervention program regulations will be revised and program models will be expanded.

### **Major RDU Accomplishments in 2010**

The council collaborated with the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Justice Center to conduct Alaska's first statewide domestic violence and sexual assault victimization study. The study revealed 47.6 percent of adult women experienced intimate partner violence and 37.1 percent experienced sexual violence in their lifetimes. Thank you to the women who relived these horrendous experiences to inform the rest of us about these crimes.

The council collaborated with the network and launched the Real Alaska Men Choose Respect public awareness campaign; the Stand Up/Speak Up youth campaign; and, the development of community primary prevention projects in several areas of the state.

The council collaborated with the Division of Public Health, the Department of Education and the network to implement the 4<sup>th</sup> R primary prevention curriculum in Alaskan schools. The 4<sup>th</sup> R is a comprehensive program that encourages a whole-school approach to preventing violence/bullying and promoting healthy relationships.

The council fully or partially funded 61 regional or statewide trainings for first responders including a multi-disciplinary conference, Weaving Together the Safety Net—Coordinating Alaska's Response to Violence Against Women, attended by over 100 advocates and law enforcement personnel.

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**Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2010 Actuals				FY2011 Management Plan				FY2012 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b> None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	8,255.4	626.3	5,332.6	14,214.3	8,988.1	825.6	6,163.3	15,977.0	10,253.4	1,735.6	3,497.4	15,486.4
Batterers Intervention Program	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	200.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,455.4</b>	<b>626.3</b>	<b>5,332.6</b>	<b>14,414.3</b>	<b>9,188.1</b>	<b>825.6</b>	<b>6,163.3</b>	<b>16,177.0</b>	<b>10,453.4</b>	<b>1,735.6</b>	<b>3,497.4</b>	<b>15,686.4</b>

**Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component  
From FY2011 Management Plan to FY2012 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2011 Management Plan</b>	1,581.4	7,606.7	825.6	6,163.3	16,177.0
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>					
-Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	1,717.2	-1,001.9	0.0	-2,665.9	-1,950.6
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Domestic Viol/Sexual Assault	550.0	0.0	910.0	0.0	1,460.0
<b>FY2012 Governor</b>	<b>3,848.6</b>	<b>6,604.8</b>	<b>1,735.6</b>	<b>3,497.4</b>	<b>15,686.4</b>