UAA Justice Center’s Ongoing DVSA Research

Status Updates for the June 2017 CDVSA Quarterly Council Meeting:

• Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs
• Results First and Batterer Intervention Programs
• Psychological and Physical Abuse Against Elders
• Alaska Victimization Survey

UPDATE: Survey on Alaskans’ Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs

• Reviewed in May 2017 and revised in June 2017
• Three key findings:
  – Majority of adults agree that DV/SA are problems
  – Majority of adults recognize they have a responsibility to intervene
  – 1 in 5 believe that rape victims are partially responsible if they are drunk
• Now ready for release
  – Report will be posted on Justice Center website
  – CDVSA media release
UPDATE: Results First and Batterer Intervention Programs

• “Results First” is an innovative cost-benefit analysis approach designed to help us invest in policies and programs that are proven to work
• Analysis includes batterer intervention programs that receive state general funds
• Results are not yet public but were shared with Diane Casto and will be presented at Alaska Criminal Justice Commission on June 15

UPDATE: Psychological and Physical Abuse Against Elders

• Data:
  – Alaska Victimization Survey (2010-2015): 3,483 women in Alaska who were 60 years old or older
  – National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2010): 3,049 women in the United States who were 60 years old or older

• Measures:
  – Psychological Abuse (expressive aggression by intimate partners and coercive control by intimate partners)
  – Physical Abuse (physical violence by intimate partners and sexual violence)
  – Other forms of abuse are not included (e.g., financial exploitation)
From 1980 to 2016, the number of Alaskan women age 60+ increased by 550%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

One in nine experienced psychological or physical abuse in the past year

Psychological abuse is more prevalent than physical abuse

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<th>% Abused in Alaska</th>
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<td>Physical Violence by Intimate Partners</td>
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<td>6.6%</td>
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Plans for Dissemination and Public Education

- Blog posts and media releases
- World Abuse Awareness Day, June 15
- Video with L. Diane Casto & Andre Rosay
- Article in Alaska Justice Forum, July 2017
- Dissemination with state agencies including DHSS
- Working with media including Senior Voice, published monthly by Older Persons Action Group, Inc.
UPDATE: Alaska Victimization Survey

- Surveyed more than 10,000 women from 2010 to 2015
- Over 350 media mentions
- 37 media mentions in 2017 (approx. 1 every 4 days)
- Recent results:
  - 1 in 3 adult women in Alaska were stalked in their lifetime
  - 1 in 9 adult women age 60+ experienced psychological or physical abuse in the past year
  - From 2010 to 2015, violence against women dropped by more than 30%

One in three adult women in Alaska were stalked in their lifetime

Among all adult women in the State of Alaska:

- 1 in 3 (more than 80,800) were stalked in their lifetime
- 1 in 17 (more than 15,300) were stalked in the past year
- 50% (more than 66,800) were also stalked in their lifetime
- 27% (more than 5,800) were also stalked in the past year

From 2010 to 2015, violence against women dropped by more than 30%

Intimate partner violence decreased by 32%
Sexual violence decreased by 33%

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<th>Year</th>
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Source: Alaska Victimization Survey (2010-2015)

Next Steps: Alaska Victimization Survey

- Release results on psychological and physical abuse against women aged 60 and older
- Release results for the North Slope Borough, in partnership with Arctic Women in Crisis
- Release results for the Aleutian/Pribilof Island Region, in partnership with Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV)
- Compute estimates for service needs (legal, advocacy, and housing)