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Alaska Network on Domestic Violence
& Sexual Assault

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

FY25 Annual Report

Standing with Survivors Always





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A Message from Our Executive Director

As I reflect on 2025, I am deeply moved by the strength, dedication, and unwavering commitment of our Network members who continue to show up for their communities regardless of the challenges they face.

This year has brought challenges as we faced uncertainty of funding at the federal level, the 8th year of flat funding for community based agencies serving survivors, and rapidly increasing costs of utilities, food, and insurance with ongoing staffing shortages.

Yet, through it all, the team at ANDVSA has stepped up, leaning into our values, deepening partnerships, and strengthening support for agencies serving survivors across Alaska.

We focused on collaboration and innovation. Through new and strengthened partnerships, we *secured additional funding and research opportunities*, *expanded inclusion* through technology, and *increased diversity* within our team by enabling staff to work from communities across the state. We also introduced new programs requested by our member agencies, ensuring *accountability and responsiveness* to their evolving needs.

Partnerships with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the Allstate Foundation, and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska helped provide housing stability and legal representation for survivors. Our work with the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission produced critical research that sheds light on domestic violence in Alaska's court system—underscoring the urgency of continued advocacy and systems change.

As we move into 2026, we will continue to lean into our values of engaging **partners**, embracing **diversity** and **inclusion**, and holding ourselves **accountable** to making the necessary changes so that together, we can end domestic and sexual violence in Alaska.

Thank you for your continued support.



Brenda Stanfill

Executive Director

Who We Are

Mission:

Our mission is to be a collective voice for victims and survivors, provide statewide leadership and expertise, and support those agencies and communities working to prevent and eliminate domestic and sexual violence.

Purpose:

Our purpose is to promote and sustain a collective movement to end violence and oppression through social change.

Values:



Our Reach:

Serving 24 member programs statewide — connecting advocates, legal professionals, and prevention leaders in every region of Alaska.



Standing With Survivors

This year, we stood alongside survivors who made the courageous decision to rebuild their lives in safety.

- **44 Alaskans and their children** received relocation support, helping them leave unsafe homes and communities to attain safety and stability.
- Through partnerships with the **Allstate Foundation** and the **Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**, **68 survivors and their children** gained access to permanent housing — a vital step toward long-term security and healing.

These efforts reflect our shared commitment to ensuring every survivor has the resources, dignity, and support needed to thrive.

These are the voices of Alaskans whose lives are being changed through housing assistance. Each story reminds us that stability and safety are the foundation for healing and hope.

“Trying to balance caring for my young child while working enough to cover rent and all of our monthly expenses has been incredibly stressful — especially after a caregiver I trusted hurt my child. Getting help with rent means I don’t have to choose between keeping my child safe and having a place to live.”

“I was abused in a group home and again by a relative who took me in. I’ve lived on the streets and in the woods, always in fear. My dream is to have a warm, safe place of my own — somewhere I can finally feel secure.”

Investing in Prevention & Youth Leadership

Preventing violence begins with empowering young people and communities.

The Prevention Team supported preventionists statewide through training, mentorship, and community partnerships.

At the 13th annual LeadOn youth leadership conference, 47 youth and 16 mentors from 12 communities gathered to explore leadership, connection, and prevention.

Meanwhile, the Pathways to Prevention Leadership Team drafted Alaska's 2025–2030 statewide prevention plan, charting a collective path toward safer, healthier communities for all.

The ANDVSA Prevention Team hosted 11 statewide prevention training opportunities

100% of LeadOn participants felt more comfortable discussing mental health resources with their peers.

“LeadOn was empowering — it brought people from all over Alaska together and gave us space to share and grow.”

— Youth participant



Expanding Access to Justice

Survivors across Alaska gained stronger access to legal support and protections. ANDVSA's Legal Program and policy partners worked together to ensure survivors are represented and their rights upheld, from individual courtrooms to statewide lawmaking.

Volunteer and contract attorneys donated nearly \$700,000 in free or reduced-cost legal services, helping 345 survivors navigate complex civil and criminal legal issues.

At the policy level, the Legislative Committee helped advance key bills to improve sexual assault kit tracking, expand address confidentiality, and establish workplace violence protective orders. Legislation, when passed, that will strengthen safety for survivors statewide.

Volunteer and contract attorneys donated nearly \$700,000 in free or reduced-cost legal services!

"ANDVSA legal went above and beyond and helped me in every way possible. They made it easy for me to navigate my way and lifted an enormous burden off of my shoulders."



Strengthening Legal Support for Survivors

Our Legal program hosted the first Civil Legal Roundtable, bringing together legal providers representing survivors across Alaska for collaborative training and strategy discussions on improving support within the civil justice system.



A 40-hour training curriculum for legal advocates is set to release in 2026!

Equipping the Network of Advocates

Advocates are at the heart of every response to violence. This year, ANDVSA strengthened programs across Alaska through training and technical assistance to better support survivors.

134 advocates and first responders participated in specialized trainings on strangulation response, sexual assault investigations, and coordinated community care.

114 advocates and community members completed the 30-hour online course, *Understanding Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault*, offered in partnership with Alaska Pacific University.

110 statewide requests for technical assistance on criminal and civil justice issues were handled by our legal team.

Training Feedback

"I have attended several SART trainings throughout the years, this training was especially thorough with excellent trainers!" - SART training attendee

"I loved this training and am feeling very inspired!" -SART training attendee

Developing Our Leadership

Our Capacity Building team supported members in four key areas: board development, leadership consulting, organizational training, and wellness support.

Our team continues to support member agencies through collaboration, resilience, and growth—fostering stronger systems of care for survivors. When not directly engaging with members, the team develops and refines training materials and invests in its own learning to better serve the network.

Looking ahead, the Capacity Building team will welcome a **Shared Services Specialist** to assist member agencies with *grant management, financial systems, HR processes, and administrative projects.*

Impact at a Glance

- 176 support sessions completed for agencies across Alaska.
- 302 hours of support provided to strengthen leadership, improve operations, and enhance services.

“I really felt that some of this leadership class hit home with me and gave me the tools to better my delivery.”

Highlights From The Year

Leadership Cohort Meetings: Hosted monthly sessions for member staff to share insights, strategies, and best practices. **These gatherings have strengthened relationships and empowered leaders across the network.**

Responsive Member Support: Provided tailored resources and technical assistance to meet the unique needs of each member agency and enhance program effectiveness.

Our Network of Member Programs

As a statewide coalition, ANDVSA's greatest strength lies in the dedication of our member programs.

Each organization provides essential advocacy, shelter, legal assistance, and prevention services that ensure survivors in every region of Alaska have access to safety, dignity, and support.

- Alaska Family Services — Palmer
- Advocates for Victims of Violence — Valdez
- Abused Women's Aid in Crisis — Anchorage
- AWARE — Juneau
- Arctic Women in Crisis — Utqiagvik
- Bay Haven — Hooper Bay
- Becky's Place — Haines
- Bering Sea Women's Group — Nome
- Cordova Family Resource Center — Cordova
- Emmonak Women's Shelter — Emmonak
- Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies — Craig
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living — Fairbanks
- Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center — Kodiak
- Maniilaq Family Crisis Center — Kotzebue
- Safe and Fear-Free Environment — Dillingham
- Sitkans Against Family Violence — Sitka
- Seward Safe Harbor / Seward Prevention Coalition — Seward
- South Peninsula Haven House — Homer
- Standing Together Against Rape — Anchorage
- The LeeShore Center — Kenai
- Tundra Women's Coalition — Bethel
- Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence — Unalaska
- Working Against Violence for Everyone — Petersburg
- Women in Safe Homes — Ketchikan



Governance and Committees

Governance Board Members:

Mandy Cole – Governance Chair
Nicole Songer – Operating Board Chair
Marilyn Casteel – Secretary
Rowena Palomar – Treasurer
Tiffany Mills – Membership/Partnership Committee Chair
Keeley Olson – Legislative/Policy Committee Chair
Cheri Smith – Program Committee Chair

Dates of Governance

Board Meetings:

- Aug. 22, 2024
- Sept. 26, 2024
- Nov. 26, 2024
- Feb. 27, 2025
- Apr. 24, 2025
- June 5, 2025
- June 17, 2025



Committee Acknowledgments

The Legislative Committee remained deeply engaged throughout the first session of the 34th Legislature. Meeting weekly, the committee tracked numerous bills of interest and provided critical insight to ensure survivors' needs and advocacy priorities were represented.

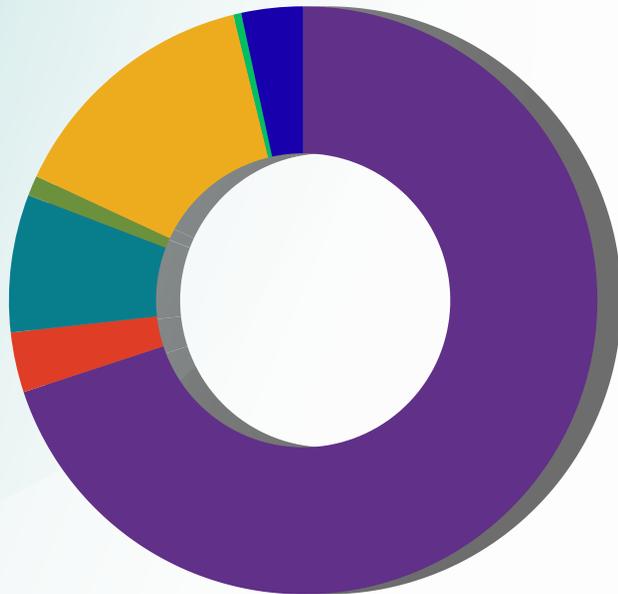
This year, several important bills passed into law, including those establishing March as Women's History Month, improving child care assistance and grants, and restricting electronic device access for prisoners.

Program Committee established guidance for 3 new programs offered by the network; staff exchange; leadership mentoring and housing assistance.

They also began the process of an in depth evaluation of our prevention program and provided multiple educational opportunities to address critical concerns related to serving victims.

Membership/Partnership Committee revised the new member orientation and worked with organizations who would like to become members.

Financials



\$4,863,606

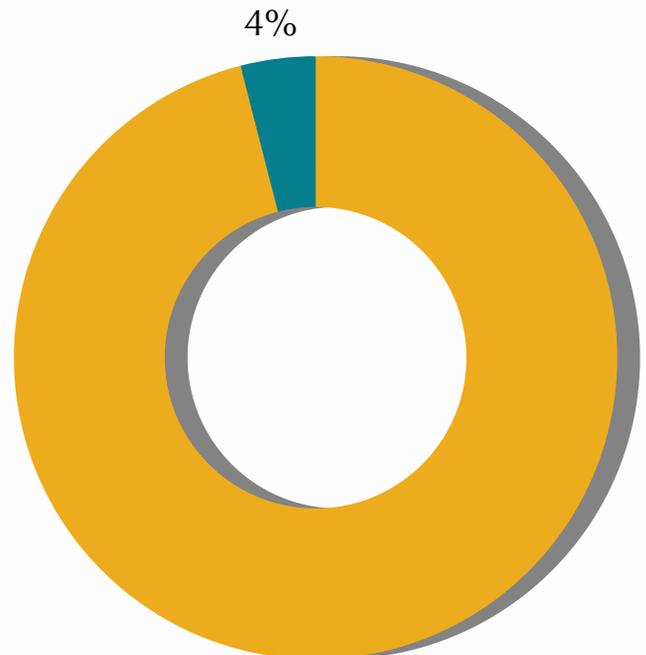
Total Revenue & Support



+9.9% Increase from 2024
in nonfinancial asset support, strengthening
resources available to survivors statewide.

96% of ANDVSA's expenses supported
program services ensuring resources
directly advanced survivor safety and
advocacy across Alaska.

Supporting Activities



Program Services
96%

Building a Safer, More Connected Alaska

Every part of our work, from legal advocacy, to training, prevention, and policy, contributes to one vision:
an Alaska where every survivor can find safety and support.

This year, ANDVSA's teams collaborated across programs to share knowledge, resources, and training opportunities, strengthening our collective ability to respond to violence.

We continue to build connections among member programs, foster leadership, and expand partnerships that make lasting change possible.

Together, we're creating a safer Alaska one community at a time.



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