

Candidate Survey

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Return survey by October 9, 2026 to: andvsa@andvsa.org

Complete each answer box and select one response where choices are provided.

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House of Representatives - District 14

Please indicate whether you view domestic violence and sexual assault as an area of primary concern for you.

☒ Primary concern ☐ Secondary concern ☐ Not on my radar

Are you familiar with local programs that provide domestic violence and sexual assault services to victims across Alaska?

☒ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

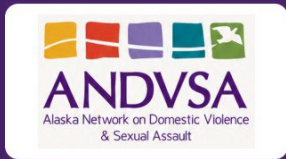
If yes, how often do you interact with the domestic violence/sexual assault shelter or victim services program in your area?

☒ Quarterly ☐ Annually ☐ Other

If other, please specify

1. The Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) found 57.7% of Alaskan women have experienced intimate partner violence (domestic violence), sexual violence, or both. What is your vision for Alaska when it comes to reducing sexual assault and domestic violence? What steps are you prepared to take to get there?

My vision is an Alaska where every person can feel safe at home and in their community, and where survivors can find help wherever they live. I will support dependable funding for shelters, advocates, counseling, and prevention; strengthen rural and Tribal responses; and improve access to safe housing. We must also hold people who cause harm accountable and invest in stopping repeated abuse. Progress means fewer people experiencing violence and more survivors receiving timely, effective help.



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2. What responsibilities do you believe the Legislature and other elected officials hold in advancing efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault?

We are responsible for passing effective laws, funding prevention and survivor services, and ensuring agencies follow through. That includes listening to survivors, supporting Tribal and local leadership, and addressing gaps in public safety and access to care. We must also model respect and accountability ourselves. Prevention requires sustained attention in our budgets, schools, health services, and communities.

What efforts have you made at the local, state, and federal level to address domestic violence and sexual assault?

My work has been primarily at the state level. I cosponsored and voted for HB 101 to strengthen protections for minors against sexual exploitation. I also cosponsored HB 116, which sought to strengthen funding for victim services through the restorative justice account, and supported efforts in the House Finance Committee to provide more stable funding for domestic violence shelters. I will continue building on that work with local providers and Alaska's federal delegation.

3. Would you be willing to increase the current level of funding for victims' services?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

4. Would you be willing to increase the current level of funding for domestic violence/sexual assault prevention work?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

5. Would you be willing to increase the current level of funding for legal services for victims?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

6. Currently, the domestic violence response is largely a criminal justice response. Do you have ideas for other types of responses? What are they?

Survivors need confidential advocacy, safety planning, medical care, counseling, legal assistance, and safe housing, whether or not they report to police. We also need prevention that teaches healthy relationships, consent, and how to recognize abuse. Community and Tribal programs can reach people who may otherwise have nowhere to turn. Services should respect survivors' choices and help them regain control over their lives.

7. Do you think the penalties for sexual violence crimes in Alaska are:

☐ Too harsh ☒ Too soft ☐ Just right

What are your reasons?

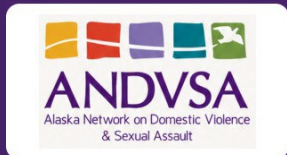
Sexual violence deserves serious consequences, and I support reviewing gaps that allow exploitation or repeated harm to go unaddressed. I would not describe every existing penalty as too lenient without examining the offense and sentencing evidence. We must also ensure cases are investigated thoroughly, evidence is processed promptly, and survivors receive support throughout prosecution. Accountability depends on an effective system as well as appropriate sentences.

8. Do you think the penalties for domestic violence crimes in Alaska are:

☐ Too harsh ☒ Too soft ☐ Just right

What are your reasons?

I am particularly concerned about repeated abuse, escalating threats, and violations of protective orders. I support reviewing whether our laws and sentencing practices adequately address those risks. At the same time, stronger penalties must be paired with timely enforcement, effective supervision, and services that help survivors stay safe.



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9. Would you support funding through the Department of Corrections to engage individuals who choose to harm their partners/families through batterers intervention programming (BIPs)? Do you think this is the responsibility of the government? Why or why not?

Yes. Preventing repeated violence is a government responsibility, and I support dedicated funding through the Department of Corrections for accountable, carefully evaluated intervention programs. Survivor safety must guide their design and oversight. Funding should expand access, including in rural communities, and programs should be assessed for whether they reduce abusive behavior. Participation must not replace legal consequences or protections for survivors.

What would be your ideas for providing services to people who choose to cause harm to their partners?

I would support specialized programs that require people to take responsibility for abusive behavior and learn how to change it. These should include pathways for voluntary participation before further harm occurs, as well as court-ordered participation. Mental health and substance use treatment should be available when needed, while keeping responsibility for abuse clear. Programs must coordinate with survivor advocates without requiring survivors to participate or reconcile.

10. Do you believe abortion access should be legally protected for survivors of rape or incest?

☒ Yes

☐ No

11. The state of Alaska is experiencing a housing shortage statewide. This is impacting domestic and sexual violence survivors' ability to move forward with their lives. What would be your ideas to address this?

Survivors need a safe place to go immediately and an affordable place to live afterward. I would support emergency shelter, transitional housing, and flexible assistance for deposits, rent, transportation, and other barriers to securing a home. I would also work with AHFC, Tribal housing authorities, and local partners to expand longer-term housing options and protect survivors' confidentiality during applications and referrals.

12. Children are a particularly vulnerable population and may be traumatized by living with an abusive person and witnessing violence perpetrated against a parent or caretaker. What remedies might you suggest to provide protection for these children?

Children need immediate safety, stability, and access to counseling that recognizes the effects of trauma. I would support housing that keeps children with a non-abusive caregiver when safe, child advocacy services, and better coordination among schools, health providers, advocates, and child protection agencies. Courts should consider domestic violence carefully in custody and visitation decisions. A parent seeking protection should receive help rather than be blamed for another person's abuse.

13. A sunset review is a mandatory, periodic evaluation of an executive board or commission to determine if its public benefit justifies its continued existence, funding, and legal authority. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) in the Department of Public Safety is scheduled to sunset June 30, 2028, and will be reviewed during the next Legislature. Would you support a bill to extend the Council?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
What are your reasons?

Yes. Alaska needs a statewide body focused on coordinating prevention, supporting victim service providers, and improving our response to domestic violence and sexual assault. I would support extending CDVSA and use the sunset review to examine its effectiveness, address audit recommendations, and ensure rural communities and Tribal partners have a meaningful voice. Continued authority should come with adequate funding and clear accountability.

14. Please explain any solutions you would propose to support victims and hold offenders accountable for their actions.

I would pursue a coordinated response: reliable survivor services and housing, timely investigations and evidence processing, access to protective orders and legal advocacy, and effective prosecution and supervision. Survivors should receive clear information about their cases and available support. People who cause harm should face appropriate consequences and intervention aimed at preventing repeated abuse. I would ask agencies to report on delays, service gaps, and repeat offending so the Legislature can address failures.

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