

From: [Crystal Jones](#)
To: [Lauree Morton](#)
Subject: Re: ANDVSA 2026 Candidate Survey
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 6:02:10 PM

Hey Lauree,

Unfortunately, this document isn't fillable for me. I have tried several apps and browsers. They all keep deleting my answers.

I will just write the answers here.

Name: Crystal Jones

Office/District: Alaska House of Representatives, District 36

Primary concern: Yes

Familiar with local programs: Yes

How often do you interact with a DV/SA shelter or victim services program: Other
Not since childhood; I haven't had direct contact with a shelter since I was young, though I'm familiar with what these programs provide.

1.

I grew up experiencing domestic violence in my own home, and I stayed in women's resource shelters as a child. Twenty years later, I can still see how it affected both me and my sister. My vision is an Alaska where every region has a shelter within real reach, paired with reliable transportation assistance for the communities too small or remote to support one locally, so distance doesn't decide who is allowed safety. I'll work to protect funding for shelters and victim services, and I'll push for prevention efforts that start young, since violence witnessed in childhood leaves marks long before anyone steps in.

2.

Elected officials set the floor for what's funded and what's prioritized. I'll work to make sure domestic violence and sexual assault funding isn't the first thing cut when budgets tighten, and to keep the state showing up as a reliable partner to the local organizations doing this work, not just during a crisis year.

Efforts:

This is my first time running for office, and this survey is part of that effort. My work so far has focused on raising awareness through social media, and I hope to turn that into

policy-targeted action if elected.

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6.

I'd like to see the state pilot restorative-justice-based approaches alongside traditional batterer intervention, not instead of it. Early research on hybrid models is genuinely promising, showing lower rearrest rates than batterer intervention programs alone in at least one controlled study. It won't fit every case, especially where safety risk is high, but for lower-risk cases it's worth trying here.

7. Too soft

Alaska's legislature has repeatedly had to go back and close real gaps in sexual assault law, most notably after the 2018 "Schneider case," where a loophole meant a man who admitted to sexually assaulting an unconscious woman couldn't be charged because the law required proof the victim hadn't consented. Just this past May, the legislature passed another bill increasing penalties further. That's a strong, repeated signal that the law has been playing catch-up, not that it's already too harsh.

8. Too soft

I watched this firsthand: my mother called the police on her abuser multiple times, and it's on record. Despite that, she was rarely protected, and on one occasion, she was the one arrested, not him, leaving us two kids home alone with him. That's not a rare mistake; it's a sign that officers need better training to identify who the actual aggressor is in a domestic violence call, not just who's calmer or more cooperative when police arrive. I'll work to support mandatory training for responding officers on identifying the primary aggressor, since a law that's only as good as its enforcement isn't protecting anyone.

9. Yes

I'll work to support funding for batterer intervention programming, and I do think this is a legitimate government responsibility: an offender who never gets treatment is a future victim waiting to happen.

Ideas for providing services to people who cause harm:

I'd like to see the state pilot the restorative-justice-informed models mentioned above as a complement to batterer intervention, since some early research shows they may outperform standalone programming on repeat offense rates.

10. Yes

11.

I know from experience that having somewhere safe to go is what makes leaving possible at all. I'd focus on relocation assistance, helping survivors get to family, a shelter, or a safer community when no local option exists, paired with expanded access to online therapy, since mental health support shouldn't depend on being able to travel to get it.

12.

I was one of those kids, and looking back, I wouldn't have wanted teachers or other adults knowing what was happening at home, even though none of it was my fault; the embarrassment alone would have been hard to carry on top of everything else. What would have actually helped was access to online therapy, for kids like me and my sister, and for my mother. She stayed with her abuser for over six years despite the violence, and choosing to leave is one of the hardest things a victim can do, if they ever get there at all. Therapy could have helped her get there sooner, and helped us process what we were living through without anyone else having to know.

13. Yes

Every sunset review the Council has gone through has recommended extension, and for good reason: it's the central coordinating body for domestic violence and sexual assault response statewide. Alaska doesn't need less coordination on this issue; it needs more.

14.

Support and accountability aren't in tension for me; a system that only does one or the other fails everyone. I'll work to keep victim services funded and accessible in rural communities specifically, and to make sure offenders face real consequences alongside a genuine path to not offending again, since accountability without any attempt at change just produces the next victim down the road.

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From: Lauree Morton <lmorton@andvsa.org>

Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2026 14:46:13

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Subject: ANDVSA 2026 Candidate Survey

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in public office. Please see the attached letter from our executive director, Brenda Stanfill, and a survey to assist voters in better understanding your thoughts on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Please consider completing the survey by October 9th and returning it to: andvsa@andvsa.org

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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