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.

Name

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Office/District Representation You Are Seeking

District 7

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?

1.) Ensure the programs we have are fully funded and are able to provide high quality services

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

1.) Ensure we have funding for public safety and safety programs

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

Multiple attempts to increase funding for local CACs.

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?

I am happy to learn from people who have way more experience in this area.

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

○ Too harsh ◉ Too soft ○ Just right

What are your reasons?

Personal experience with victims.

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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?

I think this would be a good opportunity.

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

I would choose to listen and learn from those who are providing services already.

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?

Improve access to transitional housing.

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?

OCS needs massive reform especially for short term respite.

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?

The work of the Council should continue and does great work.

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

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