



## 2009 Domestic & Sexual Violence Statistics and Program Information

### Mission

Alexandra House's mission is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support and advocacy.

### Domestic Violence Facts and Figures

- One in three women report that they have been physically or sexually assaulted by their husband or partner at some time in their life.
- Domestic violence remains the leading cause of injury to women age 15 to 44, more common than muggings, motor vehicle crashes, and cancer deaths combined.
- Research suggests that up to 33% of American children witness adult domestic violence.
- About one in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- Nearly 35% of all Minnesota law enforcement calls are domestic disputes.
- Domestic abuse victims account for 25% of violent crime victims in Minnesota. An estimated 80% of domestic assaults go unreported.
- Nearly one in three homeless women was homeless because of domestic abuse; 69% of homeless women had children under age 18.
- According to the US Department of Labor, domestic abuse may have cost Minnesota employers as much as \$3 billion in 2007.
- Direct medical services for victims of domestic violence cost \$4.1 billion dollars per year.
- In 2008 domestic violence cost Anoka County \$3,392,404 in law enforcement, probation and court costs alone.

- **Why do women stay in abusive relationships? Why do so many assaults go unreported?**
  - She has nowhere to go
  - She can't afford to leave
  - She has no guarantee of safety and fears he will follow through on his threats

### **Sexual Violence Facts and Figures**

- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape.
- In the US, rape is the most costly crime to its victims, totaling \$127 billion a year including medical costs, lost earnings, pain, suffering, and lost quality of life.
- An American is sexually assaulted every two minutes.
- In 2005, over 61,000 Minnesota residents were sexually assaulted.
- Only 16% of rapes are ever reported to the police. Only 12% are reported within the first 24 hours.
- When perpetrators of rape are current or former partners, the crimes go unreported to the police 77% of the time. When the perpetrators are friends or acquaintances, the rapes go unreported 61% of the time. When the perpetrators are strangers, the rapes go unreported 54% of the time.
- 84% of sexual assault victims know the offender.
- Approximately 800,000 people are trafficked across borders around the world each year, which does not include the millions of people trafficked within their own countries. Worldwide, four in five trafficking victims are women and girls, and up to half are minors.
- On average, almost 500 women are raped or sexually assaulted each day in this country.

### **2008 Alexandra House Service Statistics**

- Provided direct service to over 2700 victims of domestic violence – women, men and youth
- Sheltered and provided advocacy and support services to 723 women and children
- Provided legal advocacy, support, and crisis intervention services to 1169 women, men and children.
- Assisted 169 clients in filing orders for protection. Provided legal representation to 156 petitioners in their protection order proceedings
- Provided support group services to over 150 community women and children.
- Answered over 10,000 calls on our 24-hour emergency crisis line, and provided support, advocacy, legal information and referral services

- Provided one-on-one violence prevention advocacy, support groups and summer programming activities to 696 children, teens, and parents in the Anoka-Hennepin, Spring Lake Park and Centennial school districts
- Gave 144 classroom presentations to 4210 students and teachers from kindergarten through grade 12
- Provided 109 community education presentations and professional trainings, and reached nearly 1,460 community members and professionals.
- 30 community events and resource fairs were attended to reach over 15,920 individuals.
- Distributed more than 15,765 pounds of food through our food shelf.

### **Alexandra House Programs At-A-Glance**

Emergency Shelter

Legal / Court Advocacy

Hospital-based Advocacy

Criminal Justice Intervention

Support Groups

Follow-Up (In-Home) Services

In-Shelter School (the only shelter in the state to provide on-site schooling for child residents)

Violence Prevention Program

Community Education & Professional Training

### **Key Facts and Figures**

#### **Shelter Resident Composition**

- 49% Women
- 51% Children

#### **Client Composition**

- 91% of adult clients were female / 9% of adult clients were male
- 62% of all clients report an income that falls below 100% the federal poverty guidelines
- 80% reporting an income that falls below 100-200% the federal poverty guidelines
- 33% of shelter residents were from Anoka County
- Nearly 60% of shelter residents were from Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington counties
- 73% of all clients were residents of Anoka County

#### **Average Length of Stay**

- 15 days (Some women and families stay as few as 3 days. Many are in residence for 45 days or more due to a lack of safe, affordable housing.)

**Cost**

- All services are free

**2008 Alexandra House Funding Breakdown**

