

# NEW MEXICO

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS PREVALENT IN NEW MEXICO:

- In 2011, there were 18,740 incidents of domestic violence reported to New Mexico law enforcement.<sup>1</sup>
- These numbers do not adequately reflect the full extent of the problem since many survivors of domestic violence do not call the police. 32% or 1 in 3 New Mexican women, and 15% or 1 in 7 men were victims of domestic violence at some point in their lifetime.<sup>2</sup>

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS THE WHOLE FAMILY:

- In 2011, there were 18,740 incidents of domestic violence reported to New Mexico law enforcement. Of these 18,740 incidents, there were 6,219 children reported at the scene.<sup>3</sup>

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS TREMENDOUS SHORT AND LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES:

### ■ HEALTH:

- Forty-four percent of New Mexico domestic violence incidents identified by law enforcement in 2011 resulted in physical injury to the victim. Thirty-four percent of domestic violence cases reported by service providers in 2011 involved injury to children.<sup>4</sup>
- In 2010 New Mexico ranked 7th in the United States for the number of women murdered by men; 17 females were murdered by males.<sup>5</sup>
- Major diseases, including cancer, stroke and heart disease are linked to exposure to domestic violence as a child.<sup>6</sup> Children exposed to multiple categories of abuse (physical, sexual and emotional) died, on average, 20 years earlier than their counterparts who had not been abused.<sup>7</sup>

### ■ HOMELESSNESS:

- The majority of homeless women (92%) have experienced physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lives and 63% have been victims of intimate partner violence as adults.<sup>8</sup>
- Nearly half of US cities surveyed indicated that domestic violence was the primary cause of homelessness in their cities.<sup>9</sup>

### ■ ECONOMIC IMPACT:

- The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year. Victims of intimate partner violence lost almost 8 million days of paid work because of the violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, boyfriends and dates. This loss is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs and almost 5.6 million days of household productivity as a result of violence.<sup>10</sup>

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