

## **Sitka Safe Start Data Summary December 2004**

Since January 1, 2004, CID COPS has served 55 children from 23 families. Twelve families have been served by CID COPS more than once. Children served by CID COPS range in age from 0 to 17, and the average age of the children served was 8.5 years. 49% of the children were female, 68% were Alaskan Native, 25% were Caucasian, and 8% were Pacific Islander. One Order of Protection was obtained and arrests were made 25% of the time. Eleven families were referred to STA, 21 to SAFV, 12 to the Office of Children's Services, 10 to the Sitka School District, 2 to SEARHC, 1 to other mental health agencies, 10 to the Sitka Police Department, 2 to Public Assistance, 2 to the State Court, 2 to Tribal Court, 1 to the Assistant District Attorney, 1 to SCAPS, 1 to the Juvenile Probation Office, 1 to Youth Advocates of Sitka, 1 to the school resource officer, 1 to Tlingit & Haida, 2 to Energy Assistance 1 to Catholic Social Services, 1 to immigration, 1 to translator services, 1 to the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation, and 1 to the Bill Brady Healing Center (substance abuse).

Since new "on-scene" and "follow-up" screening forms were created in April, three families have been served by CID COPS. Three 'on-scene' screening forms were completed, and one "follow-up" screening form has been completed. Because of the small number of screening forms completed, the data will not be summarized here to avoid any potential breach of confidentiality. Six "Family Referral" forms were completed retrospectively for families served by CID COPS since January, 2004. The six families received a total of 33 referrals for local resources. Referrals to SAFV were the most frequent (6), followed by referrals for medical advocacy (3), food/clothing (3), legal advocacy (3), housing (3), STA (2), OCS (2), educational advocacy (2), financial counseling (2), trauma assessment (1), SEARHC (1), childcare (1), rental assistance (1), substance abuse services (1), transportation (1), and private mental health (1).

The initial data indicates that although calls to CID COPS have been slow over the summer months, the forms and data management system appears to be working well and data should begin to flow smoothly as referrals pick up over the Fall and Winter months. The initial data also indicates that children who witness violence in Sitka are being served by a fairly efficient and comprehensive system of care.