

Chart 7: Key Points:

- ❖ Of all agencies and services, law enforcement had the most contact with both victims and perpetrators prior to the homicide, indicating the need for continued law enforcement training on the dynamics of domestic violence and where to refer domestic violence victims for services.
- ❖ Only 18% of homicide victims were in contact with the domestic violence shelter or safehouse in the five years prior to their death. Additional outreach is needed to make people aware of helping resources. It is also likely that some of these victims knew about available services and chose not to access them. Some of the reasons survivors have given for not seeking shelter include the stigma that surrounds entering a shelter, and their belief that shelters are undesirable places to stay. This suggests that domestic violence agencies need to take proactive steps to ensure that their services are accessible, culturally relevant, and inviting to domestic violence victims.
- ❖ A significant number of perpetrators and victims were engaged with a church, temple or mosque, suggesting that faith communities have a role to play in ending the violence.

Chart 7: Agencies and Services Involved with Victim or Perpetrator in the Five Years Prior to the Fatality, 2004-2008

AGENCY / SERVICE / PROGRAM		VICTIMS		PERPETRATORS	
		Number	% total cases	Number	% total cases
<b>Justice System Agencies</b>	Law enforcement	50	77%	54	83%
	County prosecutor	25	38%	32	49%
	Superior court	21	32%	25	38%
	Magistrate court	18	28%	24	37%
	State court	14	22%	11	17%
	Civil divorce court	13	20%	13	20%
	Protection order advocacy program	11	17%	1	2%
	Court-based legal advocacy	10	15%	2	3%
	Probation	6	9%	24	37%
	Legal aid	4	6%	0	0%
	Municipal court	3	5%	9	14%
	Parole	1	2%	6	9%
	City prosecutor	1	2%	5	8%
<b>Social Service Agencies</b>	Child protective services (DFCS)	7	11%	7	11%
	Child care services	4	6%	2	3%
	TANF or Food Stamps	2	3%	1	2%
	Homeless shelter	2	3%	1	2%
	WIC	2	3%	0	0%
<b>Health Care Agencies</b>	Hospital care	12	18%	12	18%
	Emergency medical service (EMS)	11	17%	5	8%
	Private physician	9	14%	9	14%
	Emergency medical care	9	14%	3	5%
	Mental health provider	7	11%	12	18%
	Medicaid	3	5%	0	0%
	Substance abuse program	2	3%	2	3%
	PeachCare	1	2%	0	0%
<b>Family Violence Agencies</b>	Community-based advocacy	13	20%	4	6%
	Domestic violence shelter or safehouse	12	18%	0	0%
	Family violence intervention program (FVIP)	1	2%	10	15%
	Sexual assault program	1	2%	0	0%
<b>Miscellaneous Agencies</b>	Religious community, church, temple, or mosque	16	25%	11	17%
	Immigrant resettlement	2	3%	1	2%
	English as Second Language (ESL) program	1	2%	0	0%
	Anger management	0	0%	5	8%