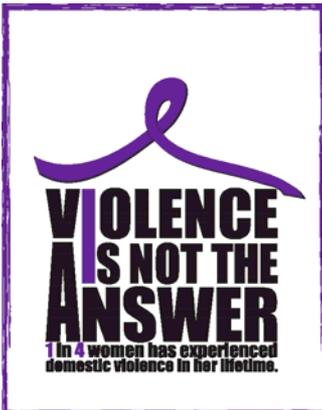


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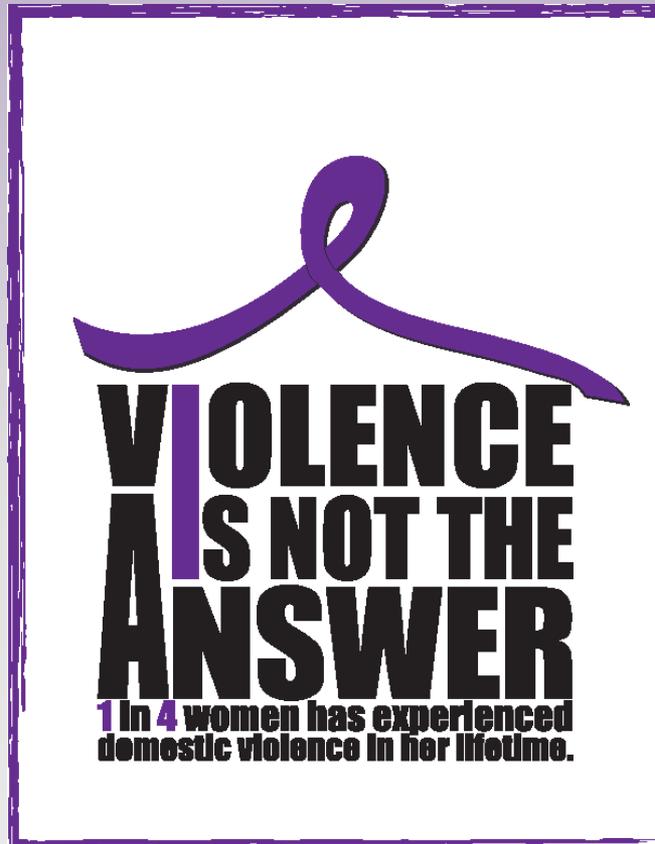
Domestic Violence  
January 2012

Progress, Data Trends and Future Recommendations



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County Executive

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Commissioner  
Social Services



## 2011 Goals

10 goals were specified for the 2010 to 2011 time period. While a few goals are still in process, most have been met.

# DV Task Force 2011 – Ten Goals

## 1. Public Service Announcements

- A new PSA message was created for each month of the year

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
1) Public Service Announcements (PSA's) by the County Executive advocating Nassau County as a family and domestic violence-free zone. Suggested slogan: <i>Violence is Not the Answer</i>	The PSAs have been recorded by the County Executive and were distributed to radio stations through the County Press Office	Complete



### January – New Year's

Hi, I'm Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano. Did you know that family violence affects thousands of women, men and children in Nassau County each year? **This New Year, let's make a resolution** to reduce family violence in Nassau County because violence is not the answer. If you or someone you know is affected by family violence, call for confidential assistance, (516) 542-0404.

This message brought to you by the Nassau County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence.

### February – Valentine's Day

Hi, I'm Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano. Did you know that one in four women is abused by someone they love in their lifetime? This Valentine's Day, let's reduce family violence in Nassau County because violence is not the answer. If you or someone you know is affected by family violence, call for confidential assistance, (516) 542-0404.

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# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 2. Regional Domestic Violence Conference

- The "Many Faces" conference was held in April with 200+ attendees

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
2) A regional conference to be held at Long Island University – CW Post Campus, highlighting the issues of family and domestic violence.	The <i>Many Faces of Family Violence Conference</i> was held on April 8, 2011 and had more than 200 participants.	Complete



**Many Faces of Family Violence**

**Nassau County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence**  
C.W. Post Campus/Long Island University

Friday, April 8, 2011  
8:15 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
Hillwood Commons, Lecture Hall  
C.W. Post Campus/Long Island University

*"Family and domestic violence are public health emergencies that threaten the lives of children and other family members."*  
- Edward P. Mangano, County Executive

A special note of thanks is extended to Long Island University's Master's of Social Work Department for hosting this important event.

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**Agenda**  
Friday, April 8, 2011

8:00 – 8:50 A.M. Registration & Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Welcoming Remarks  
**David J. Steinberg, PhD**  
President, Long Island University

9:15 – 9:20 A.M. **John E. Imhof, PhD**  
Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Social Services  
**Gregory Blass, Esq.**  
Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Social Services

9:20 – 9:30 A.M. **Hon. Edward P. Mangano**  
Nassau County Executive

9:30 – 10:15 A.M. **Hon. Fern A. Fisher**  
Keynote Speaker  
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge  
New York City Courts

10:15 – 10:30 A.M. Break  
10:30 – 11:30 A.M. **Workshops\***  
11:45 – 12:45 P.M. **Workshops\***  
\*Each workshop will be presented twice



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**Workshops and Presenters**  
(Room location is in parenthesis after the description)

- ❑ **Veterans, PTSD & Family Violence** (Study Lounge)  
**Dr. Ganesan Krishnamoorthy** ("Dr. Krish"), Director, PTSD Unit, Northport Veterans' Medical Center  
*A discussion of how PTSD impacts family violence among veterans.*
- ❑ **Family and Criminal Court System: New Laws and Petitions** (Lecture Hall)  
**Honorable Stacy D. Bennett**, Nassau County Family Court  
**Honorable Rhonda E. Fischer**, Nassau County District Court, Dedicated Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Part  
*A review of orders of protection and family offense actions in Family and Criminal Courts.*
- ❑ **Impact of Family Violence on Children 0-3** (Top of Commons)  
**Marcy Salfyer, MSW, LCSW-R**, Director, Adelphi University Institute for Parenting  
*This workshop will teach concepts of neuro-psychological development in children ages 0 - 3 as it is impacted by trauma, including family violence.*
- ❑ **Elder Abuse** (Room 218)  
**Dale Kassar, ACSW**, Education Project Coordinator, Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
*This workshop will provide the definition of and statistics on elder abuse and discuss the different types of abuse, how to help, provide resources, and referrals.*
- ❑ **Essentials for Group Work with School-Aged Children Who Witness Violence** (Pioneer Room)  
**Andrew Malekoff, LCSW, CASAC**, Executive Director, North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center  
*This workshop will present group work basics to help school-aged children who witness violence at home to develop safety and conflict resolution skills and to let go of feelings that they are responsible.*
- ❑ **An Interdisciplinary Team Approach to Family Violence** (Cinema)  
**Sgt. Judith Hoffman**, Nassau County Police Department  
**Mindy Perlmutter, LCSW-R**, Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
**Cathy Pettit, LMSW**, Nassau County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services  
**Kyle Rose-Louder**, Deputy Bureau Chief, Nassau County District Attorney  
**Barbara Ruvolo, BSN, RN, CEN, SANE-A**, Nurse Educator, SANE Coordinator, North Shore LJI - North Shore University Hospital  
*A panel of experts discuss family violence and the many systems used to help abused victims.*



# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 3. Domestic Violence Poster Contest

- Dozens of entries from area colleges with grand prize winner Mariam Amanollahi and four finalist honored at a ceremony in May, 2011

### Recommendation

3) A poster contest/competition for Nassau County colleges and universities to come up with the most effective poster for preventing family and domestic violence.

### Outcome

The *Violence is Not the Answer Poster Contest* occurred in March 2011. A ceremony was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> to recognize the grand prize winner, Mariam Amanollahi from NYIT, and the four other finalists. One student's poster was selected to be used as the future logo for the Task Force.

### Status

Complete



# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 4. Domestic Violence Brochure in all Nassau Paychecks

- Brochure distributed in paycheck envelopes during September, 2011 pay period to 8,000+ employees

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
4) A brochure detailing the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence will be distributed with all Nassau County paychecks.	The brochure was distributed to all Nassau County employees in September 2011.	Complete



**Nassau County Executive's  
Task Force on Family Violence**



**VIOLENCE  
IS NOT THE  
ANSWER**

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NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
**ED MANGANO**



**Are you a victim of domestic violence?**

Here are some signs and symptoms:  
Does your partner:

- Call you frequently
- Hit you, intimidate you
- Isolate you from family and friends
- Show you no respect for your privacy
- Withhold affection
- Force you to have sex

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that includes physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse. It is not just a single act, but a series of acts that control and isolate you.

If you are being threatened or harmed, you may be a victim of domestic violence. If you are being threatened or harmed, you may be a victim of domestic violence.

An estimated 1 out of 4 women and 1 out of 10 men experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

In Nassau County, you can get help. Nassau County can provide safety services, legal assistance, and counseling to help you protect yourself and your family.

Nassau County Executive  
All Nassau County Employees

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- There were 16,200 cases of domestic violence in Nassau County in 2010.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States.
- Intimate partner violence is the most common form of violence against women.
- As many as 34.0% of women who experience intimate partner violence are injured.
- Over 1,200 women are hospitalized each year due to intimate partner violence.

**NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S  
TASK FORCE ON FAMILY VIOLENCE  
Community Resource Directory**

**For all emergencies please dial 911**

24/7 DV & Sexual Assault Hotline	(516) 542-0404
NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence	(516) 465-4700
Círculo de la Hispanidad, Inc. - Crisis Intervention	(516) 292-2433
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Mandated Reporters	(800) 635-1522
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NC District Attorney's Office - Crime Victims' Advocates	(516) 571-4967
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# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 5. Bar Association Lectures on Domestic Violence

- DV training for attorneys in September followed by pro-bono commitment to work with underserved communities

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
5) The Bar Association will offer a series of lectures on domestic violence	The Bar Association held training on September 19, 2011 for attorneys. The attorneys who attended this training will do pro-bono work to underserved communities.	Complete



# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 6. Publication of Speaker's Bureau

- Comprised of members from community and government based agencies and available to discuss DV issues

CE	Outcome	Status
6) Publication of a Speaker's Bureau	The Speaker's Bureau currently has five members from the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The Nassau County Bar Association, The Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect, and Child Abuse Prevention Services	Complete

### Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS)

Alane Fagin, Executive Director

Multiple volunteers available

(516) 621-0552

[afagin@capsli.org](mailto:afagin@capsli.org)

### Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect

Anthony Zenkus, Director of Education

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### Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Gail Broder-Katz, Project Coordinator, Pro Bono Project

(516) 465-4700

### Nassau County Bar Association

Gail Berg, Pro Bono Coordinator



# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

7. County Executive letter to faith-based organizations
  - 200+ clergy addressed family and domestic violence in their sermons

## Recommendation

7) Every faith-based organization will be asked to set aside a sermon addressing family and domestic violence.

## Outcome

In 2010 and 2011 County Executive Mangano sent a letter to all clergy requesting that they address family and domestic violence in a sermon. Over 200 members of the clergy participated through the Task Force's outreach.

## Status

Complete



EDWARD P. MANGANO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



NASSAU COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 27, 2011

Dear Members of the Clergy,

One year ago I wrote to every faith-based organization in Nassau County requesting that you devote a sermon addressing family and domestic violence during the month of October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

My request was one of the recommendations I accepted from the County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence, a distinguished panel of individuals I appointed in February of 2010 representing health and human services, education, law enforcement, clergy, government and the judiciary.

*Violence is Not the Answer* is the message that continues to express my concern about the alarming incidence of family and domestic violence in Nassau County. This is a growing public health issue and my administration remains committed to ensuring that we take all steps possible to reduce the incidence of family and domestic violence in Nassau County.

As we are approaching 2011 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I am again respectfully requesting that every faith-based organization in Nassau County again set aside a sermon addressing family and domestic violence.

I have enclosed a brochure highlighting the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and further additional copies may be obtained by contacting Ms. Jamie Essig at 516 227 7408, or emailing Ms. Essig at [jamie.essig@hhsnassaucountny.us](mailto:jamie.essig@hhsnassaucountny.us)

As so many individuals and families turn to their faith-based communities for guidance and answers, I am asking that you again please consider this recommendation to help spread our message that "Violence is Not the Answer."

Very truly yours,

Edward P. Mangano

# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 8. County Contracts and Domestic Violence

- Worked with County Attorney's office to develop contract language so our contractual partners can work with us to identify and prevent DV

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
8) All Health and Human services departments will require their contract agencies to develop a plan for community seminars and postings highlighting the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and information on how to report emergencies and suspicions of child abuse.	Contract wording finalized by the County Attorney's Office. All 2012 Health and Human Services contracts will contain the provision.	Complete



# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 9. Domestic Violence Brochure in all Utility Bills

- English and Spanish versions of the brochure to be included in Nassau utility bills

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
9) Ask the utility companies to include with their monthly statement a brochure listing the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and what to do in an emergency.	The brochure is currently being translated into Spanish. Distribution will be arranged once this is complete.	In progress

### Nassau County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence



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### Are you a victim of domestic violence?

Here are some of the ways to know:  
Does your partner...

- Call you names, put you down, or humiliate you
- Hit you, intimidate you, shout, or scream at you
- Isolate you from friends and family?
- Show unreasonable jealousy or possessiveness
- Withhold money?
- Force you to have sex?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive and tactics used by one person over another control. This may include verbal abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, and physical abuse.

If you are being treated this way, in whole or in part, you are a victim of domestic abuse. **You are not alone.**

An estimated 1 out of every 4 women is a victim of domestic violence.

In Nassau County, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence can provide safety, support and counseling to help you protect yourself and your children and to start a safe and violence free future.

**Call 516-542-0400**

Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

All services are **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL**



### DID YOU KNOW?

- There were 16,281 domestic violence reports in Nassau County Police Department from 2007 to 2010.
- Domestic violence occurs in heterosexual as well as in homosexual and crosses all ethnic, racial and economic lines.
- Witnessing violence between one's parents is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violence from one generation to the next.
- Intimate partner violence is connected to various immediate and long term health problems such as physical injury, gastrointestinal disorders, chronic pain syndrome, depression, anxiety, and thoughts of suicide.
- As many as 34,000 women each year experience partner violence during pregnancy. Pregnant women who recently gave birth are more likely to be victims of homicide than to die of any other cause.
- Over 1,200 women are murdered by their current intimate partner in the United States each year.



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# DV Task Force 2011 Goals

## 10. Hospital Signage on Symptoms and Signs of DV

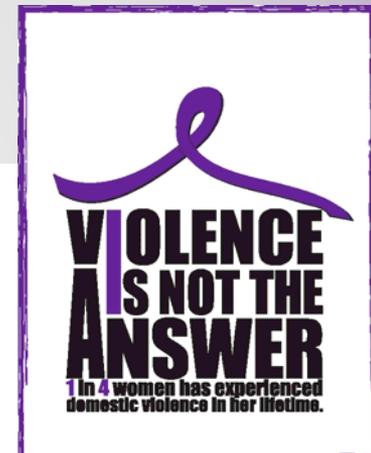
- Once completed, signs will be posted in area hospitals detailing the signs and symptoms of domestic violence

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
10) Hospitals will be requested to post notices in all emergency rooms detailing the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and giving a number to call.	The Task Force's Public Relations Committee is currently working on this. Once complete, all hospital CEOs will be contacted.	In progress



- Applications for public assistance programs continues to grow
- Child abuse reports are down from 2010
- Child abuse allegations of excessive physical abuse and corporal punishment are down
- Domestic violence arrests with a referral to CPS are down
  
- Awareness and willingness to report Domestic Violence appears to be up:
  - The number of DV incidents reported to the NCPD are down but the number of DV arrests are up
  - The number of DV incidents reported to the Nassau Coalition is up
  - The number of victims reported through the Nassau Coalition Police Project is up
  - DV Hotline calls are up

## 2011 Data Update



# Domestic Violence and the Economy

- Headlines abound citing the connection between the economic downturn DV

**Domestic Violence Escalates Nationwide in Light of the Economy, Survivors Struggle to Find Jobs**  
Business Wire

## Research Findings:

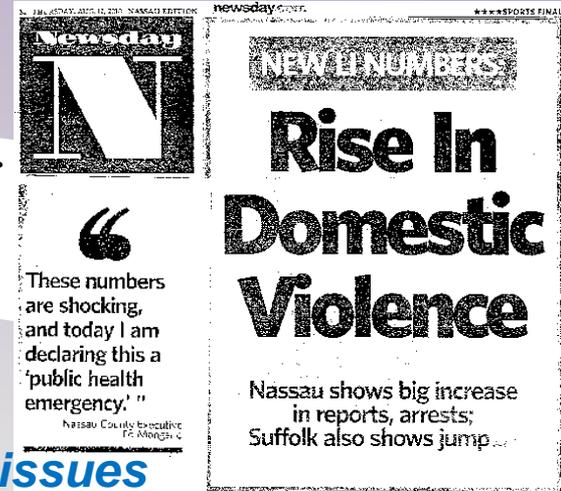
- DV 3X more likely if financial strain**
- DV 3X more likely if unemployed**
- 90% of DV victims request help for economic issues**

(Source: The National Network to End Domestic Violence)

**Domestic abuse on rise as economy sinks**  
Associated Press

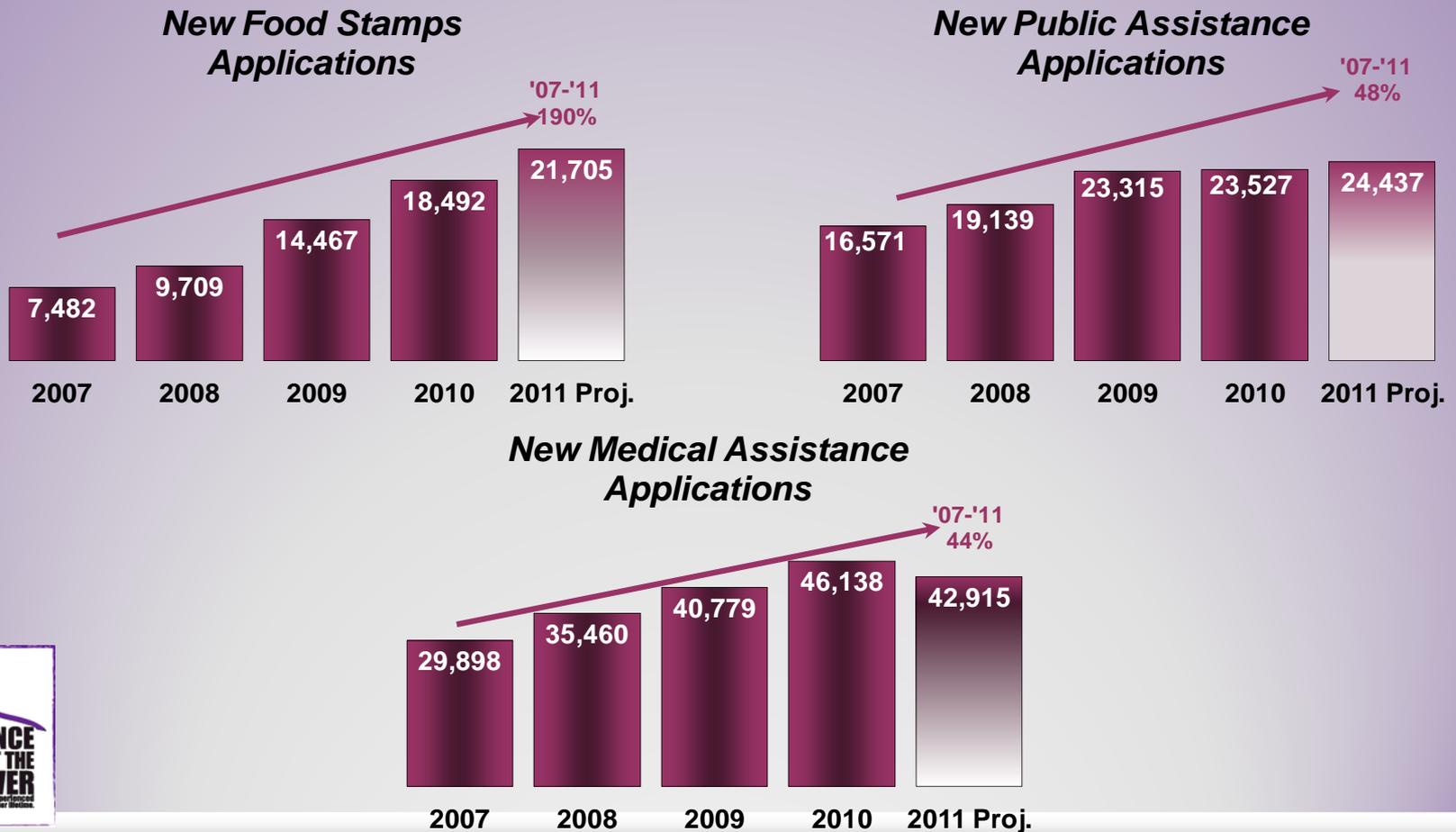
**Rising economic stress cited in domestic violence increase**  
The Boston Globe

**Officials: Financial crisis can lead to violence**  
USA Today



# Domestic Violence and Public Benefits

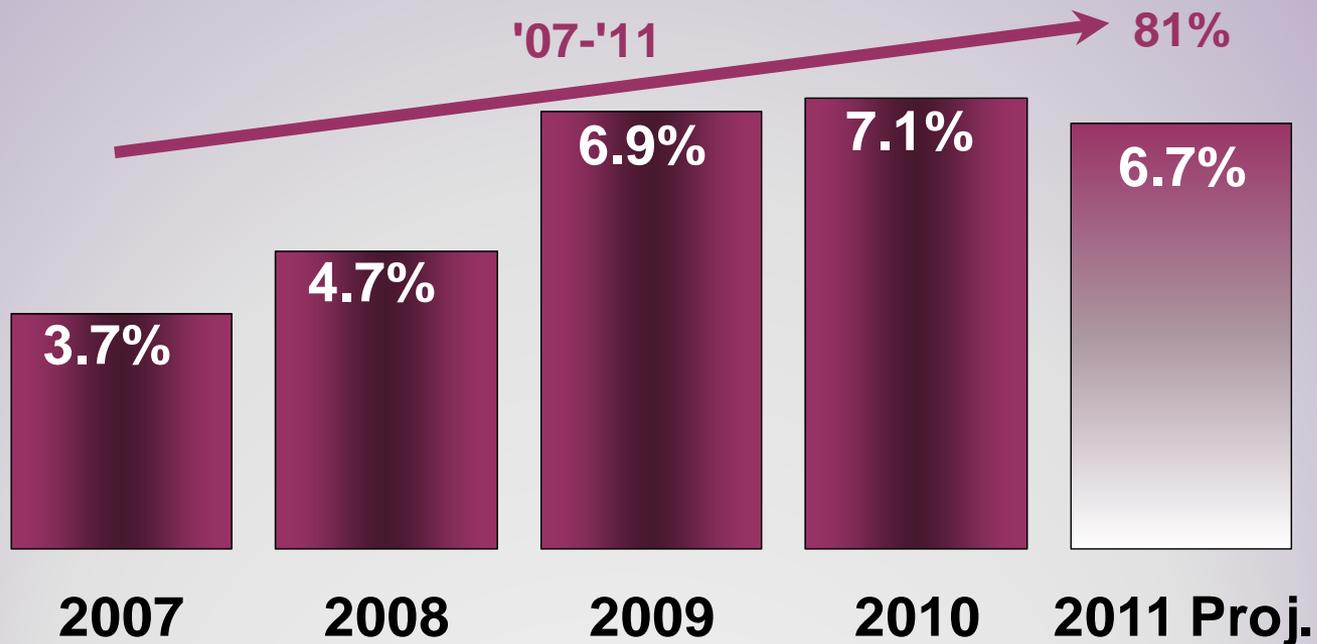
- Applications for public benefits continues to rise. Since 2007 applications are up in double and triple digits



# Domestic Violence -Unemployment

- Based on YTD figures, the average unemployment rate in Nassau County is projected to decrease .4 points in 2011 but is 81% higher than in 2007

## Yearly Average Nassau County Unemployment Rate

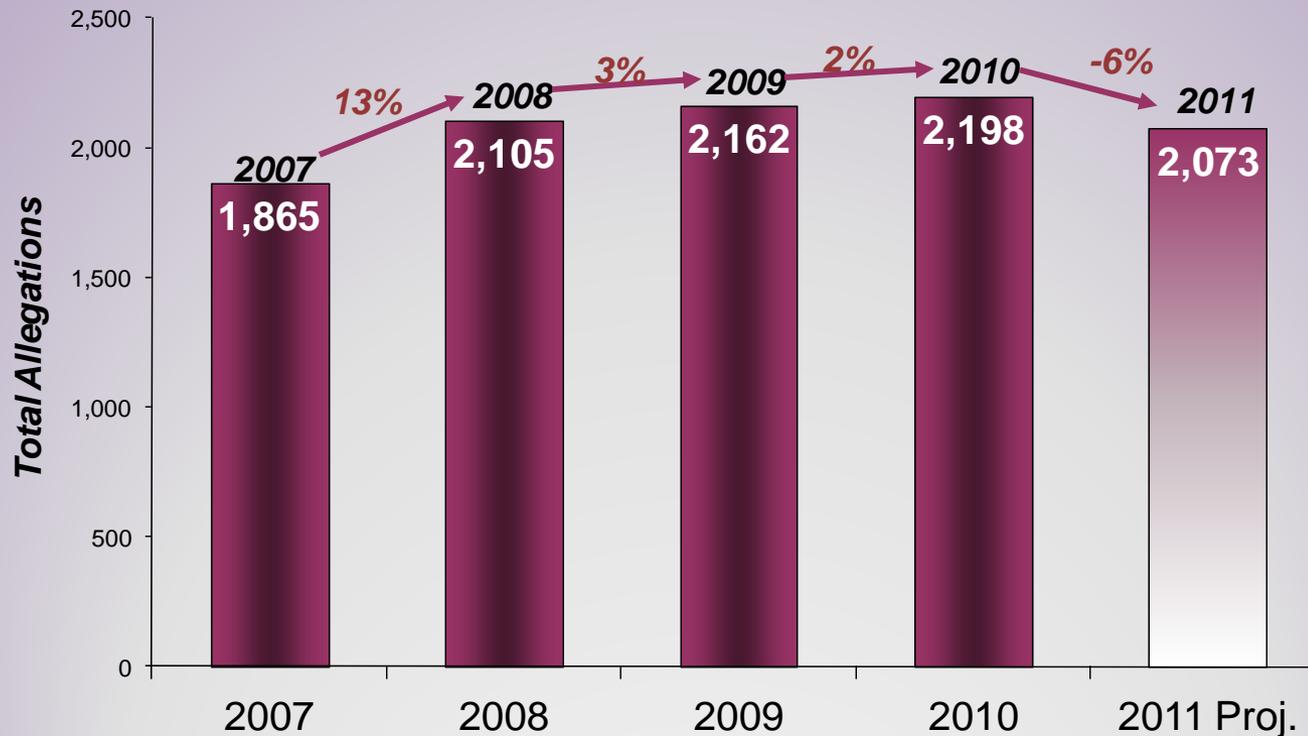


# Domestic Violence – Physical Abuse

- Physical Abuse Allegations increased by 2% in 2010 and will decrease 6% in 2011

Physical Abuse	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Indicated (this allegation)	1,865	2,105	2,162	2,198	2,073
Indicated (other allegation)	234	202	185	192	120

## CPS Allegations of Physical Abuse

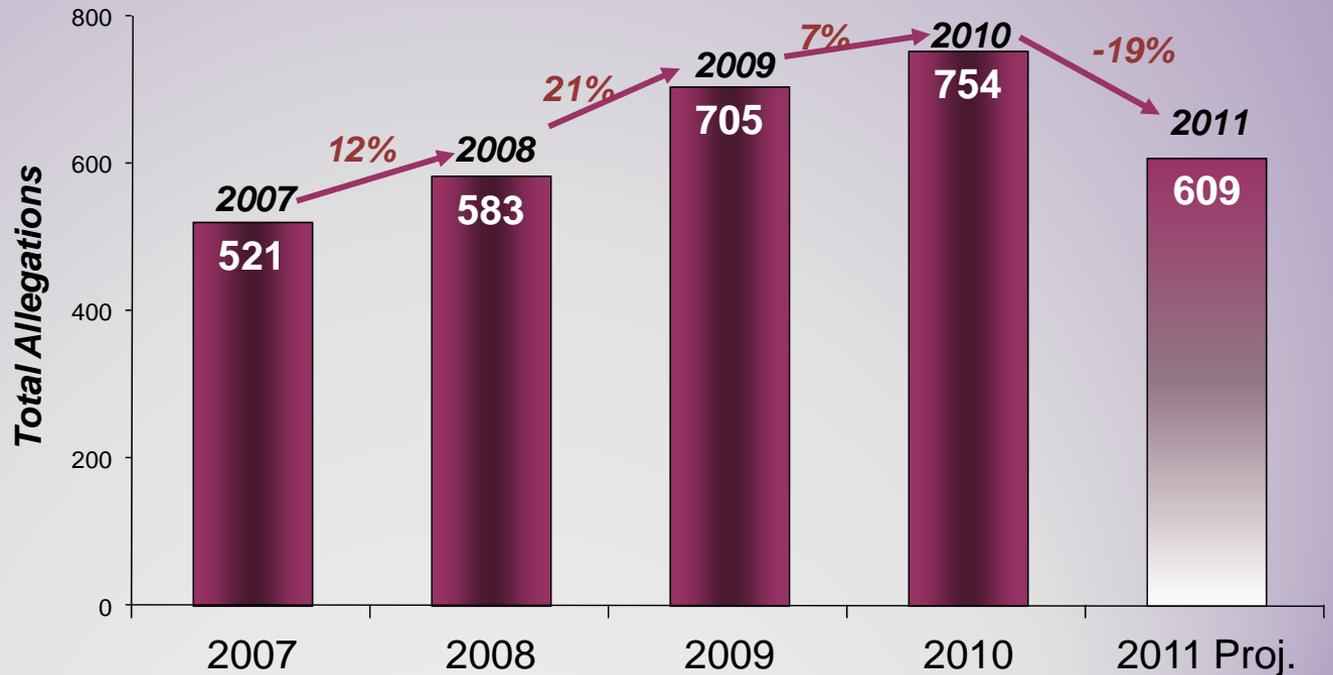


# Domestic Violence – Excessive Punishment

- “Excessive Corporal Punishment” grew 7% in 2010 but is projected to decrease 19% in 2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Excessive Corporal Punishment</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>609</b>
Indicated (this allegation)	20.2	22.0	16.6	15.6	15.4
Indicated (other allegation)	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.0	3.0
Unfounded	74.5	73.1	77.9	79.4	66.8
Undetermined	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8

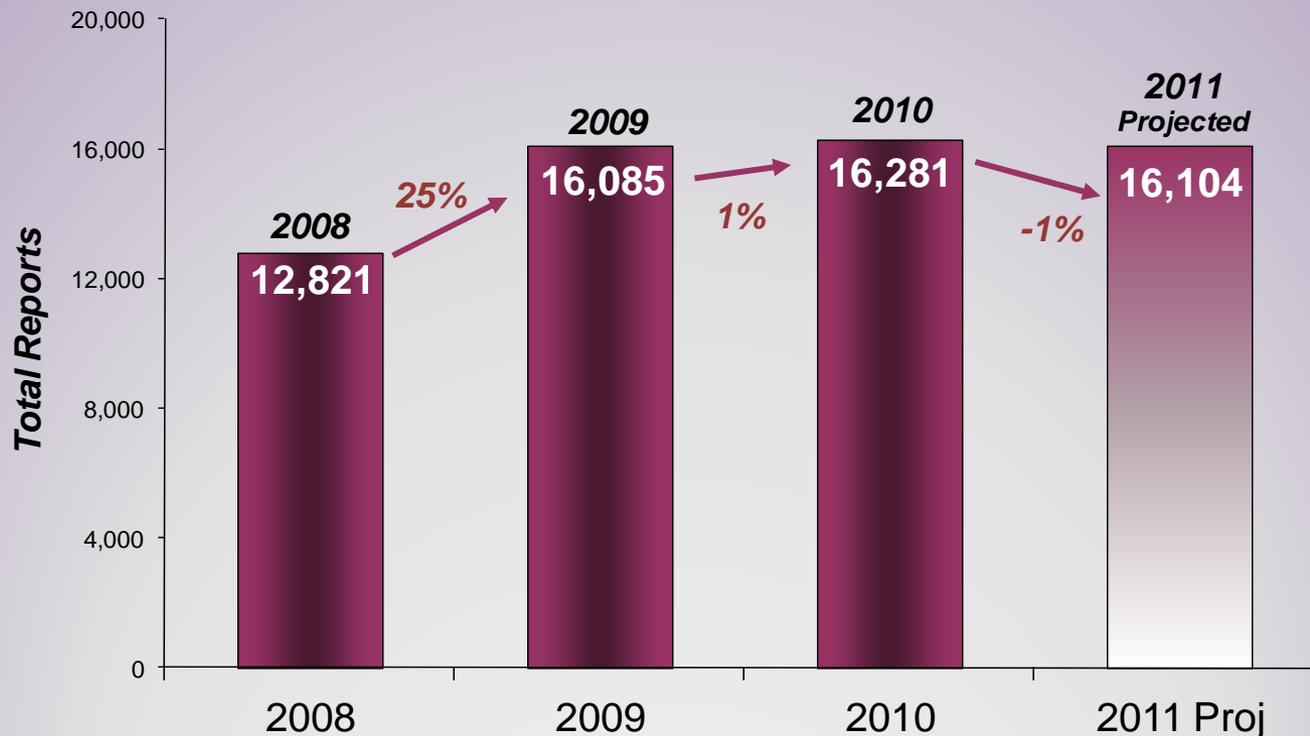
## CPS Allegations of Physical Abuse for Excessive Corporal Punishment



# Domestic Violence – NCPD Reports

- A 1% increase in the number of DV Reports to the NCPD from 2009 to 2010. A 1% decrease is projected for 2011

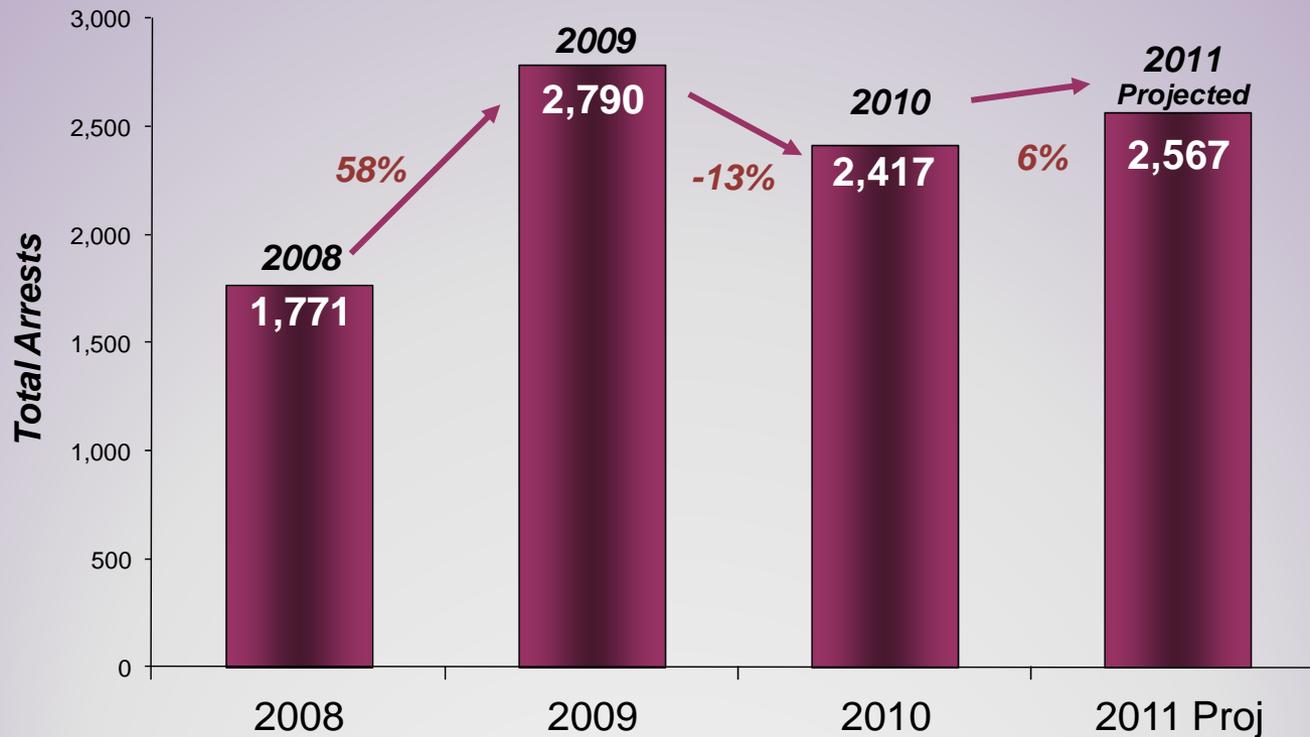
**Domestic Violence Reports to NCPD**



# Domestic Violence – NCPD Arrests

- DV Arrests by the NCPD decreased by 13% in 2010. 2011 is projected to be higher

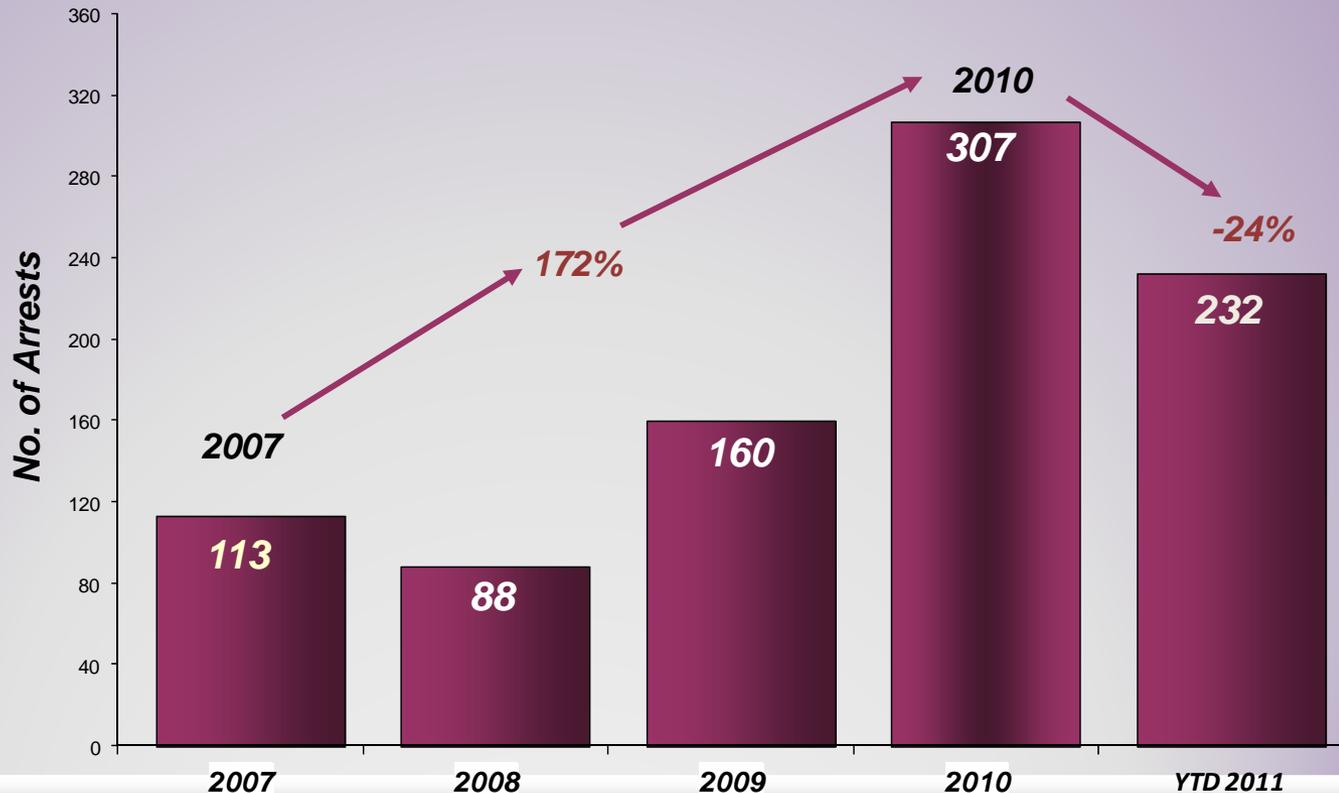
**Domestic Violence Arrests By NCPD**



# DV Arrest with a Referral to CPS

- DV arrests with a referral to CPS (Child Protective Services) increased 172% in from 2007 to 2010 but decreased 24% in 2011

**Domestic Violence Arrests with CPS Referral**



# Domestic Violence – Nassau Coalition

- The number of reported victims grew from 3,756 in 2010 to a projected 5,413 in 2011

## Domestic Violence Victims - Nassau Coalition\*



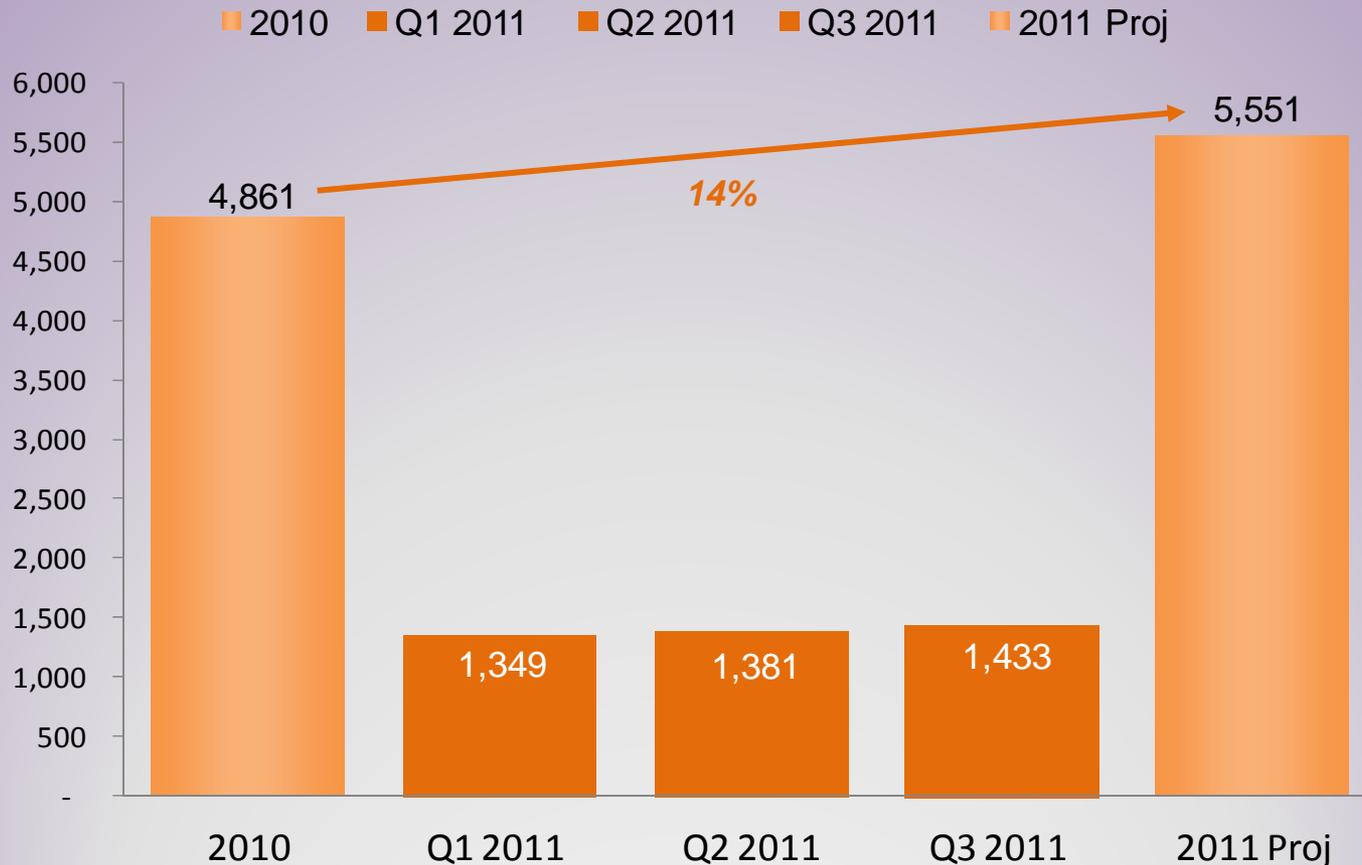
\* Does not Include Hotline Calls



# Domestic Violence Hotline

- The number of Hotline calls is up 14% from 2010

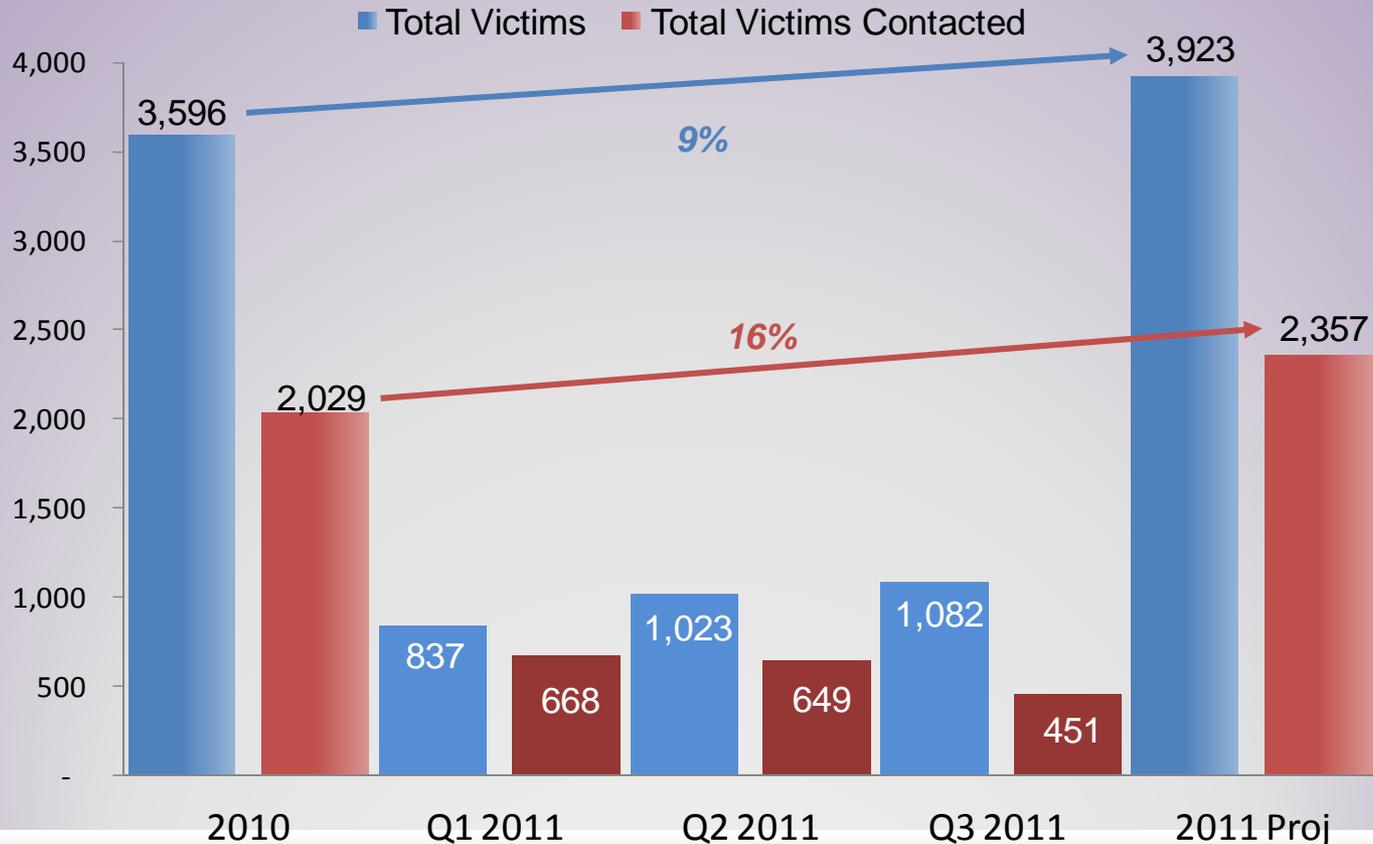
## Domestic Violence Hotline Calls

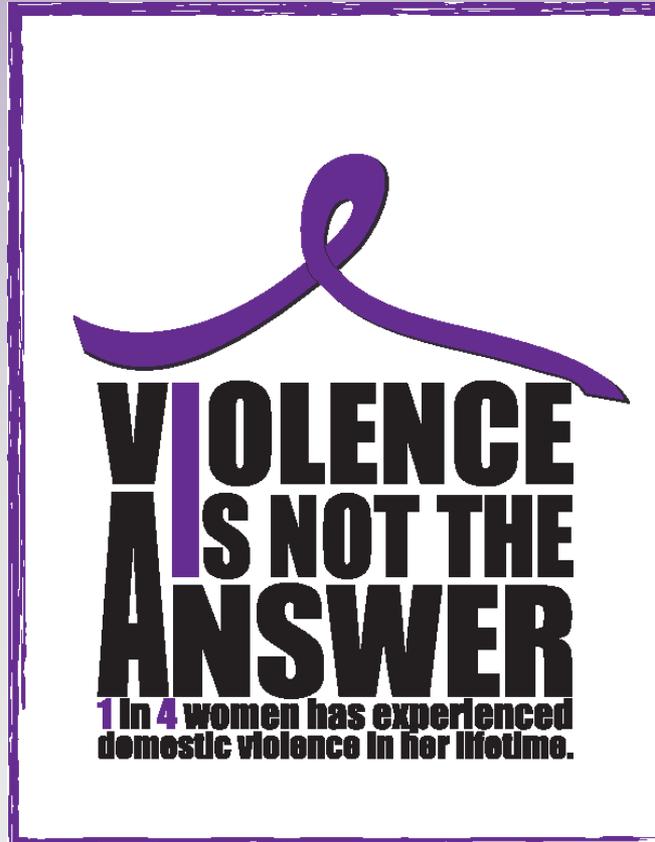


# Domestic Violence Police Project

- The number of victims reported through the Police Project is up 9% while the total number of victims contacted is up 16%

## Police Project Contacts





## 2012 Goals

10 goals are recommended for 2012

# DV Task Force 2012 Goals

1. A second regional conference to be held in 2012 that will address the areas of family and domestic violence. The addition of a multicultural workshop will be added along with new speakers.
2. Engage agencies and advocacy groups that focus on younger children by providing them with information related to family and domestic violence which they can use in order to educate their consumers.
3. Form a Committee for Student Outreach to initiate programs for college students and law schools to address the issues of dating violence and sexual assault.
4. A video contest/competition for Nassau County high schools students to dramatize the issues of family and domestic violence. Winning videos to be shown at a red carpet premiere with awards from the County Executive.
5. Include the Task Force's brochure with the Department of Health's information provided to new parents upon discharge from hospitals.



# DV Task Force 2012 Goals

6. Have Task Force's trifold brochure distributed to Nassau County hospitals, colleges, physicians and related health care facilities.
7. The Nassau County Police Department, Nassau County CASA, and the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs will collaborate on new training initiatives for police on family and domestic violence signs, symptoms, and prevention.
8. Repeat annual sermons in all religious congregations during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
9. Creation of a Veterans Committee, to be chaired by Assemblyman David G. McDonough, which addresses the specific needs of veterans and their families in relation to post-traumatic stress disorder and family violence.
10. Creation of a Multicultural Committee, to be co-chaired by Alana Smith (OMA) and Beatrice Lozada (CASA), which addresses the issues of minority communities within Nassau County when it comes to family and domestic violence and the cultural issues surrounding them.



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