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AN ORGANIZATION FOR FAMILIES

Assemblyman Bernie Anderson, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
Nevada State Assembly
Nevada State Legislature
Legislative Building
401 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV. 89701-4747

March 10, 2003

Dear Chairman Anderson and Assembly Judiciary Committee Members;

Hello. My name is Joni Kaiser. I am a co-founder and Executive Director of the Committee to Aid Abused Women, (CAAW), An Organization For Families, in Washoe County. I am here today to support both A.B. 160 and A.B. 107.

A.B. 160 is designed to enhance the safety of domestic violence victims in at least three ways: 1) improving a court's ability to enforce child support orders issued as part of an Extended Order for Protection by assignment of income; 2) improving a court's ability to protect a victim's identity and location by sealing the record of a name change and 3) protecting the principle of privileged communication between victims and their advocates. Financial independence is a primary factor in allowing a victim to remain free of an abusive relationship after obtaining a protection order. Forcing a victim of domestic violence to publish a name change is highly intrusive on the safety of an individual/family. In this age of the internet, it has become even more difficult for a victim to remain hidden from an abuser. Confidentiality of personal victim information must be preserved to avoid the release of the information to parties who do not have the best

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interest of the victim at heart.

A.B. 107 should also be approved as it gives prosecutors more flexibility when charging perpetrators of domestic violence. This bill enhances Nevada's current protection order legislation.

In the audience today I have with me Barbara Spring, our Director of the Protection Order Project in Washoe County. She or I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

CAAW STATISTICS

Fiscal Year 2001-2002

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTACTS:	12,967
First Time Contacts	8,867
Repeat Client Contacts	4,100

RACE

	<u>First Time Contacts</u>		<u>Repeat Client Contacts</u>	
Caucasian	4,037	45.5 %	2,783	67.9 %
Black	450	5.1	256	6.2
Hispanic	3,352	37.8	716	17.5
Native American	184	2.1	122	3.0
Asian/Pacific	251	2.8	128	3.1
Unknown	693	7.8	95	2.3
TOTAL:	8,867	100.0 %	4,100	100.0 %

AGE

	<u>First Time Contacts</u>		<u>Repeat Client Contacts</u>	
Female				
0 - 12	3	.03 %	2	0.5 %
13 - 17	88	1.1	25	0.7
18 - 29	2,756	32.9	1,207	31.7
30 - 44	3,657	43.7	1,924	50.1
45 - 64	1,208	14.4	543	14.3
65+	143	1.7	39	1.0
Unknown	517	6.2	68	1.8
TOTAL:	8,372	100.0 %	3,808	100.1 %

*Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding.
 **Number is less than 5/10 of 1% or insignificant.

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AGE

Male

First Time Contacts

Repeat Client Contacts

0 - 12	0	0 %
13 - 17	3	0.6
18 - 29	109	22.0
30 - 44	232	46.9
45 - 64	112	22.6
65 +	17	3.4
Unknown	22	4.4

0 - 12	0	0 %
13 - 17	0	0
18 - 29	61	20.9
30 - 44	136	46.6
45 - 64	75	25.7
65 +	17	5.8
Unknown	3	1.0

TOTAL: 495 99.9 %

292 100.0 %

TOTAL NUMBER OF REFERRALS:

22,142

TOTAL NUMBER OF PREGNANT WOMEN:

176

NUMBER OF KNOWN CASES IN WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS CONTACTED:

1,816

Known number of arrests made:
 Number not arrested:
 Outcome Unknown:

659
 943
 214

NUMBER OF KNOWN CASES IN WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS NOT CONTACTED:

1,111

UNKNOWN IF LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS CONTACTED:

5,940

TOTAL:

8,867

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LOCATION

WASHOE COUNTY BREAKDOWN

Carson City	45
Churchill	11
Clark	14
Boulder	3
Elko	8
Esmeralda	0
Eureka	1
Humboldt	1
Lander	1
Lincoln	0
Lyons	40
Mineral	0
Nye	0
Parshing	4
Sage	22
Washoe	8,017 90%
White Pine	1
Unknown	443
Out of State	256
TOTAL	8,867

Reno	6,269	78.2%
Sparks	1,196	14.9%
Washoe County	552	6.9%
TOTAL	8,017	100.0%

*Includes 14 women from Incline Village

TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER NEVADA COUNTY CONTACTS: 151

OUT OF STATE

Arizona	6
Arkansas	5
California	143
Colorado	2
Florida	7
Georgia	3
Hawaii	1
Idaho	7
Illinois	2
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Louisiana	1
Michigan	2
Minnesota	3
Missouri	2
Montana	3

Nebraska	1
New Mexico	3
North Carolina	3
Ohio	6
Oregon	16
Pennsylvania	2
South Dakota	3
Tennessee	1
Texas	10
Utah	2
Washington	13
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	1
Canada	1
Germany	1
Guatemala	1
Mexico	1

TOTAL OUT OF STATE 256

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SHELTER RESIDENTS

TOTAL SHELTER RESIDENTS

Shelter Average Length of Stay: 17.1 Days (women only)
 TH Average Length of Stay (from 12/91): 252.6 Days (women only)

	<u>Adult Bednights</u>		<u>Children Bednights</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Carryover Shelter	4	77	3	98	8	175
	180	3,065	155	2,647	335	5,712
Subtotal Shelter Bednights	184	3,142	159	2,745	343	5,887
Emergency (Ward)	214	279	192	252	406	531
Transitional Housing	7	1,855	14	3,399	21	5,264
TOTAL:	***405	5,276	***365	6,396	***770	11,672

***Count is not unduplicated.

AGE BREAKDOWN OF ADULT SHELTER RESIDENTS

18-17	1	0.5 %
18-29	55	29.9
30-44	99	53.8
45-64	27	14.7
65+	2	1.1
TOTAL	184	100.0 %

LOCATION

Reno	127	69.0 %
Sparks	15	8.2
Washoe County	11	6.0
Other Counties	4	2.2
Out-of-State	27	14.7
TOTAL	184	100.1 %

NUMBER OF PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE SHELTER: 6

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RACE

Caucasian	124	67.4 %
Black	21	11.4
Hispanic	30	16.3
North American	16	8.3
Asia/Pacific	3	1.6
TOTAL	184	100.0 %

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Employee		17.4 %
Employee part time		1.3
Unemployed	122	66.3
Disabled	19	10.3
Retired	1	0.5
Public Assistance	4	2.2
TOTAL	184	100.0 %

SHOULD CHILDREN

AGE

Under 1 year	9	5.7 %	59.1 %
1 to 2	41	25.8	
3 to 5	42	27.7	
6 to 9	44	27.7	40.9 %
10 to 12	14	8.8	
TOTAL	139	100.1 %	100.0 %

SEX

Male	71	44.7 %
Female	38	55.4
TOTAL	109	100.1 %

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RACE

Caucasian	83	52.2 %
Black	16	10.1
Hispanic	57	35.9
Native American	3	1.9
Asian/Pacific	0	0
TOTAL:	159	100.1 %*

VOLUNTEER HOURS

MONTH

July	1,416.25	January	1,650.25
August	1,575.25	February	1,516.00
September	1,368.50	March	1,500.25
October	1,409.00	April	1,441.00
November	1,457.00	May	1,426.00
December	1,379.00	June	1,662.00
		TOTAL:	17,800.50

Hours broken down to # of full-time staff equivalents: 8.6

TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDERS:

Granted:	1,533
Denied:	62
Incomplete:	222
Hearings Set:	366
TOTAL NUMBER OF TPO APPLICANTS:	2,183

RELATED ORDERS:

Extended Protection Orders:	1,505
Orders to Modify:	366
Orders to Show Cause:	114
Orders to Dismiss:	305

TOTAL NUMBER OF RELATED ORDERS:

Minus Multiple Requests:	(153)
TOTAL MOTIONS FILED	2,137

TOTAL MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

ADDITIONAL CLIENT CONTACTS:	4,320
VOICE MAIL CONTACTS:	2,411
TOTAL FISCAL YEAR CONTACTS:	2,445
FOLLOW UP Suspected Child Abuse Reports:	9,176

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ADULTS

AGE

18-24	0	0%
25-29	3	42.9%
30-34	4	57.1%
35-39	0	0%
40-44	0	0%
TOTAL	7	100.0%

RACE

Caucasian	4	57.1%
Black	0	0%
Hispanic	3	42.9%
North American	0	0%
Asian/Pacific	0	0%
TOTAL	7	100.0%

Employment Status

	Entering TH	06/30/02
Employed	1 14.3%	2 28.6%
Employee part time	0 0%	0 0%
Disabled	0 0%	0 0%
Public Assistance	5 71.4%	2 28.6%
Unemployed	1 14.3%	1 14.3%
TOTAL	7 100.0%	7 100.0%

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CHILDREN

AGE

Under 1 year	0	0%	
1-5	1	8.3%	
6-9	6	50%	
10-12	5	41.7%	57.1%
13-17	3	25%	
18-24	0	0%	
TOTAL	12	99.9%	100.0%

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 * 1 child currently in transitional housing

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SEX

Male	6	42.9 %
Female	8	57.1
TOTAL:	<u>14</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

RACE

Caucasian	7	50.0 %
Black	2	14.3
Hispanic	5	35.7
Native American	0	0
Asian/Pacific	0	0
TOTAL:	<u>14</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

CLIENT SERVICES

Children's Program	
Activities	145
Home Visits	497
Unscheduled Visits	127
Family Activities	18
Parties	3
DVSR/Parenting	27
Orientalisms	5
Shelter Presentations	12
TOTAL:	<u>834</u>

Transportation
 Monthly bus passes: 58 Gasoline: \$1,000.00
 Food: Gift Certificates: \$2,420.00
 Diapers: 12 packages
 Clothing/Household Items: 242 times
 Holiday Gift Certificates: \$2,250.00
 Holiday Adopt Family: 5 families Christmas
 5 families Thanksgiving

Referrals

TPO	2
Counseling	48
Medical	56
Financial	12
Activities/Glasses	431
Employment	314
Energy Assistance	4
Childcare	25
Literature	70

Education	14
Housing	193
DMV	1
Police	7
Summer Camp	131
Clothing	8
Family Resource Centers	4
Salvation Army	3
Red Cross	2
TOTAL:	<u>1,325</u>

Volunteer Hours: 108.5

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