

c. Women In Safe Homes – Community Agency Funding 2023, Third Quarter Report



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Delilah A. Walsh, City Manager

DATE: November 2, 2023

RE: **Women In Safe Homes - Community Agency Funding 2023 – Third Quarter Report**

Initials:

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Attached for the City Council's information is the 2023 Third Quarter Community Grant Report from Women In Safe Homes.

Women In Safe Homes
 Prevention and Education Department
 Activity Report for July – September 2023
 Prepared for the City of Ketchikan
 October 2023

Women In Safe Homes received funding from the City of Ketchikan Community Grant program to support primary prevention programs and violence prevention education in the community and schools. This funding supports full-time violence prevention specialists that coordinate primary prevention programs including Let Me Run, Girls on the Run, Coaching Boys Into Men, Athletes as Leaders, Green Dot Bystander Intervention and Safe Bars programs. Additionally, these violence prevention specialists spend a significant amount of time in the KGBSD classrooms, providing education on topics including child sexual abuse prevention, healthy and unhealthy relationships, sexual assault, and teen dating violence prevention. With this funding we have been able to greatly expand school-based programs that support students, educators, and parents or caregivers. We also provide training accessible to all community members that enables us to create a community where every person has an equal opportunity to live free of violence.

Community Members Served July – September 2023

Youth involved in WISH’s Peer Education Program.....	
Youth involved in Ketchikan Youth for Change.	
Number of service providers trained.....	43
Number of trainings facilitated for service providers by WISH staff	7
Number of Alaska Safe Children’s Act Lessons facilitated.....	24
Number of students in lessons facilitated by WISH staff.....	70

Project Goals

Goal 1: Inspire community engagement in intimate partner violence and sexual violence prevention

WISH continues to support community engagement in intimate partner violence prevention. WISH staff helped plan and facilitate the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District start of the year in-service. WISH staff facilitated four breakout sessions on teen dating violence and preventing childhood sexual abuse for KGBSD staff. 20 KGBSD staff attended. Additionally, WISH staff are now trained facilitators of the Circles of Safety training, an evidence-based training on preventing childhood sexual abuse for adults who work with children. All WISH staff received this training this quarter and the training is available for free to community partners.

Goal 2: Expand youth and male engagement in intimate partner violence and sexual violence prevention.

We are excited that this quarter we were able to hire a community engagement specialist who will be developing and implementing programming specifically to engage men and boys.

WISH’s Ketchikan Youth Peer Education team continues to grow, adding more teens, bringing the team to a total of nine. This group empowers youth to educate their peers on healthy relationships. The teens in this program also assist WISH staff in better understanding the experiences of teens in Ketchikan and help modify programming to address

the most pressing issues for youth. This quarter, two KYPE members were invited by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to Anchorage to help plan the annual youth leadership conference, LeadOn. Additionally, seven members of the team attended the conference and facilitated a breakout session for other Alaskan youth peer educators.

WISH also continues to support the Ketchikan We I Ketchikan Youth for Change (KYFC). This group also continues to expand with 13 youth now in the program. KWC and WISH are planning to have KYFC and KYPE collaborate more this year.

Goal 3: Implementation of primary prevention programs

WISH continues to collaborate with the **Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District (KGBSD)** to provide **Alaska Safe Children's Act (ASCA)** presentations to students. This quarter, WISH presented lessons **g i a d s c h e e n b a r c l a s s**, and in both school classes. WISH is already scheduling lessons with the rest of the district. In addition to teaching youth and children life skills needed to avoid being the victim or perpetrator of violence, these lessons also provide a space for children and youth who have already been victimized to disclose.

WISH is working with the Ketchikan High School and the Alaska School Activities Association to train district staff in Coaching Boys into Men and Athletes as Leaders. ASAA is planning to train district staff in these programs for the spring sports seasons. These programs engage coaches in having valuable conversations with their teams about violence prevention and have been shown to decrease rates of sexual and dating violence.