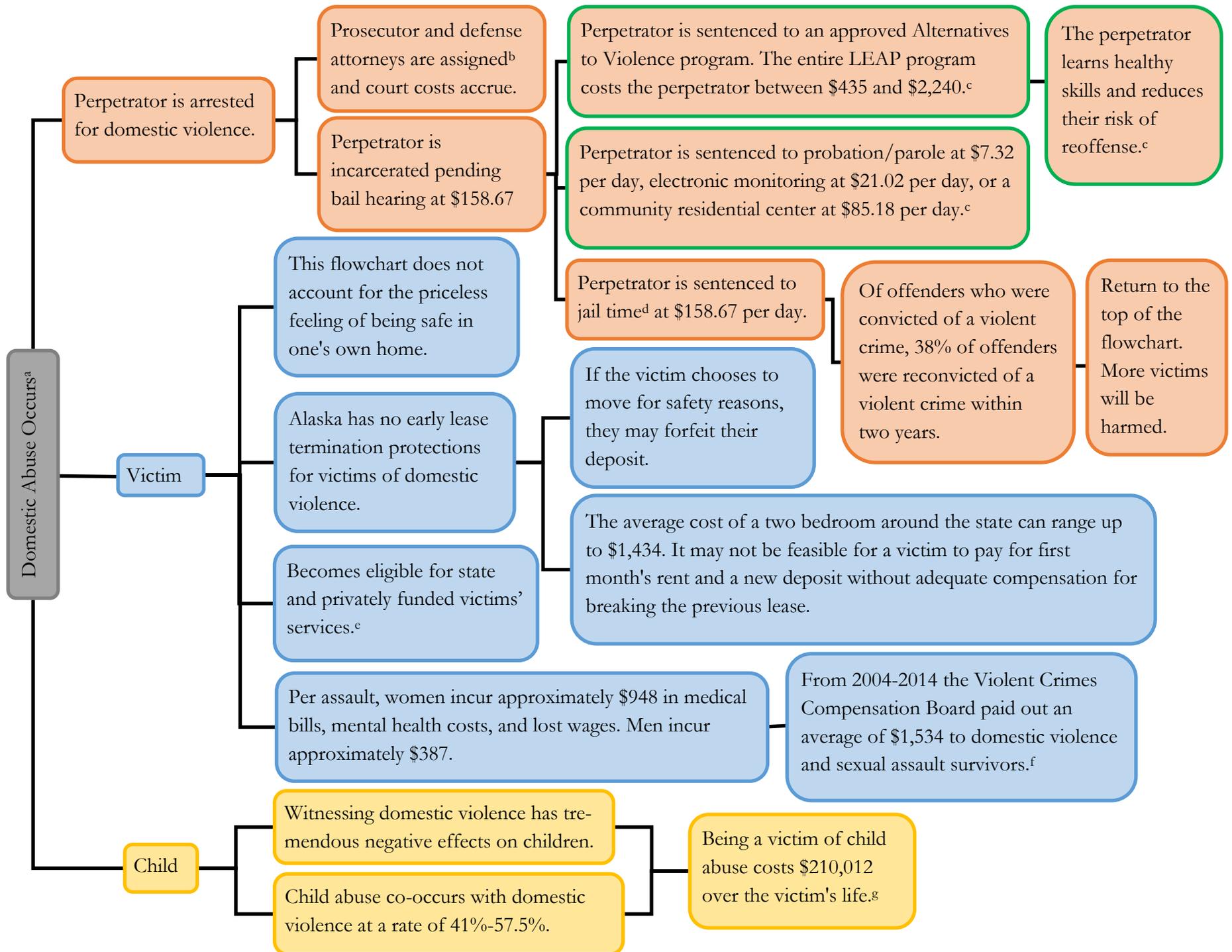


The Fiscal Cost of Domestic Violence



The Fiscal Cost of Domestic Violence — Footnotes

- a. More than 50% of all assaults and sexual assaults go unreported. The low rates of report or contradictions of the official report implies that victims usually only report after multiple violent incidents.
- b. The bottom 10% of Alaska attorneys make approximately \$75,000 per year.
- c. The green outline on these sections indicates the most cost effective measure. More information about LEAP is available at LEAPfbks.com or at (907)-452-2473.
- d. A Class A misdemeanor may be sentenced to not more than one year of imprisonment. Class B misdemeanor may be sentenced to not more than 90 days of imprisonment unless otherwise specified. A conviction of assault IV that was committed in violation of a protective order carries a minimum sentence of 20 days imprisonment that cannot be suspended. If convicted of assault IV after previous conviction of a crime against a person or a crime involving domestic violence, the minimum sentence is 30 days imprisonment. If the defendant has been previously convicted two or more times of a crime against a person, a crime involving domestic violence, or a combination of the two, the minimum sentence is 60 days imprisonment.
- e. The state allocated \$15.5 million to the Council of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) in FY17 to provide services to victims of domestic violence. Despite this, nearly 30% of victims are unable to access services because of geographic barriers.
- f. Domestic violence and sexual assault claims make up 34% the total volume of claims submitted to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB). This same category accounts for 22% of pay outs by the VCCB. From 2004 to 2014, domestic violence related claims have increased 57.7% and monies paid out increased 610.8%. Even so, strict guidelines create a stumbling block to receiving a payout by the VCCB. Crimes must be reported to the police within five days, the victim must cooperate with the police, and VCCB claims must be made within two years of the crime. Additionally, compensable therapy rates are limited to \$150 per hour.
- g. On the child's behalf, OCS becomes involved, justice system costs accrue, medical and mental health issues arise, special education classes or teacher's aides may be needed, and there is lost productivity over a lifetime.

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