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Safe & Fear-Free Environment, Inc. (SAFE) is located in Dillingham, Alaska, and is Bristol Bay's shelter, prevention, and advocacy agency for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Dillingham (2400 people) is a hub for dozens of surrounding villages in Bristol Bay. SAFE is the only shelter in the Bristol Bay area.

SAFE also receives services from the City of Dillingham, and also a partner with SAFE. SAFE is also a partner with the Dillingham Police Department. Working together to provide an adequate service is very important to the services we provide for the clients we serve.

The City of Dillingham waives a lot of our rental fees for SAFE's functions. They also provide SAFE with many door prizes for our fundraising events.

The Dillingham Police Department and SAFE work together in many different capacities for the well-being and safety of our clients. Many of our clients come from the area of within the annexation boundaries. In FY16, we provided services to 23 clients within the area. During the summer months our services increase. SAFE provided services to 12 clients during the summer.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our comments.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Casteel
Executive Director