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## Family Violence Coordinating Council Newsletter

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### Meeting Agenda

February 12, 2010  
Portland Building,  
1120 SW 5th Ave,  
Room 2b

12:15-12:25  
Introductions and  
Announcements

12:25-1:00 Cultural  
Competency Committee  
Report

1:00-1:30 Batterers  
Strategies in the  
Workplace, Eric Mankowski  
and Gino Galvez

### Greetings!

Welcome to the Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Newsletter published monthly. If you are having formatting difficulties allow photos to be displayed or add us to your safe senders list.

### Coerced Reproduction: New Study Sheds Light on Little Discussed Form of Abuse

A new study released late January exposes the little recognized form of abuse in which men use coercion and birth control sabotage to cause their partners to become pregnant against their will. The study was conducted by researchers, led by Elizabeth Miller of University of California-Davis, From August 2008 to March 2009 researchers examined 1,300 female patients ages 16 through 29 at five family planning centers in Northern California. One-third of patients who reported partner violence and 15% of those who did not report violence said that their partner attempted to coerce them into pregnancy. Key findings include: Approximately one in five young women said they experienced pregnancy coercion and 15 percent said they experienced birth control sabotage; fifty-three percent of respondents said they had experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner; and thirty-five percent of the women who reported partner violence also reported either pregnancy coercion or birth control sabotage.

Miller plans to release a study in later 2010 that shows similar rates of reproductive coercion among older women. She said that younger women might have a more difficult time dealing with reproductive coercion and that they are less likely to recognize it as a problem, particularly in relationships with older men.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund's KnowMoreSayMore initiative is creating a dialogue about birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion, which can result in unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections,

## Announcements

### **Oregon Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence:**

Is currently accepting presentation proposals for their upcoming annual conference. The 2010 Annual Conference will be held June 28 -30th in Sunriver Oregon. For proposal application forms visit the coalition [site](#) or email [Elizabeth Nelson](mailto:Elizabeth.Nelson)

### **Oregon Crime Victims Law**

**Center:** The Oregon Crime Victims Law Center new website is up. The website has information about victim legal rights, support services and legal advocacy. Visit the [site](#)

### **DHS Domestic Violence Council wants to say Thank You -**

nominations due by July 31, 2010: Nominate an individual, group or organization for recognition by DHS Domestic Violence Council - Nominations due July 31st, 2010. DHS Domestic Violence Council is currently recruiting for community members. Applications due February 10th at 5:00 p.m. Please visit the DHS Domestic Violence [website](#) and follow links in the DV Latest news section.

### **CCC Hooper Detoxification and Stabilization Center is Moving:**

March 15th 2010 the center will open at their new address 1535 N. Williams Ave, Portland OR, 97227. The new facility will continue to provide a 4 to 8 day medically monitored sub acute detoxification program for alcohol and drug withdrawal. Admissions: 7:45 a.m. daily. Sobering and CHIERS Program will remain at current location - 20 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. in Portland, Oregon. Questions regarding Hooper can be directed to 503-238-2067 or 503-294-1681 Portland Women's Crisis Line is offering a Healing Through Writing Workshop facilitated by Write Around Portland: The group will held in close-in SE Portland Tuesday nights, 6:00-8:00 pm, March 2nd through April 6th, for more information please contact Courtney at 503-419-4353

### **The National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA):**

In the spirit of helping to ensure the safety of women and children in Haiti, we ask you to donate to Haitian Women's organizations. SCESA

miscarriage, infertility, coerced abortion, poor birth outcomes including preterm birth and low birth-weight babies, and other serious health problems. Read stories of women who share their experiences with birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion at [KnowMoreSayMore](#).

## County and City Budgeting Process: Fiscal Year 2011



Multnomah County and the City of Portland are both beginning to develop their budgets for fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). Both jurisdictions have

a significant investment in funding domestic violence interventions and each are facing some amount of reduction in overall funding. The Family Violence Coordinating Council Budget Committee will be providing additional information over the next three-four months regarding the impact of these reductions on domestic violence intervention and opportunities for comment.

The City of Portland now has on-going funding in their budget for:

- the Gateway Domestic Violence Services Center ("one-stop"),
- a dedicated domestic violence unit in the Portland Police Bureau (Domestic Violence Reduction Unit),
- three community based victim advocates who are co-located with the Portland Police and make follow-up contact with victims who had sought police intervention, and
- partial funding for staffing for the Domestic Violence Coordinator/Family Violence Coordinating Council.

The County budget includes funding for the following:

- the Domestic Violence Coordinator/Family Violence Coordinating Council,
- community-based domestic violence victim services,
- a specialized domestic violence prosecution unit in the District Attorney's Office,
- a specialized domestic violence offender supervision (probation/parole) in the Department of Community Justice,
- civil service for restraining orders and stalking orders, and
- child care at the Courthouse (Court Care).

believes that it is especially important to support organizations that work specifically in their community. Further, the most effective use of money might be in organizations with a more focused mission and smaller overhead. They have assembled a list of Haitian organizations from the community that are doing great work directly with Haiti, for more information on how to donate and get involved see [SCESA](#)

### **Global Campaign to Empower Americans Experiencing Abuse**

**Abroad:** Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center is gearing up to take its Global Campaign "Unseen, Unheard, Unacceptable" to India & China this spring. Details and registration information is available on their [website](#)

## **Website Redesign**

We're pleased to announce the redesign of our [FVCC](#) website and the [Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office](#) website.

The new websites feature more content with an emphasis on ease of navigation.

Please review the websites and tell us what you think. Email comments to [Michelle](#).

We are always looking to improve communication and make more information available in an easy to read and understand format.

Both jurisdictions have public forums and/or budget meetings that interested individuals can attend. The County has Community Forums scheduled for March 4th and 18th, and public hearings on May 18, 20, and 25. The Board of County Commissioners will adopt the County budget on June 3rd. For more information, view the County [schedule](#). City of Portland budget public hearings is May 20th with the Council adoption on June 17th.

## **Family Law Reform Reports in Australia Show Impacts of Reforms on Domestic Violence.**

The following are the links to the reports on outcomes of the 2006 Australian family law reform and the report of the family court violence review. These reports have very significant implications for DV and family law. Although Canada and Australia have undertaken substantial family law reform, and the U.S. and U.K. have also seen local changes, Australia is the only country to systematically study the outcomes of the reform.

[News story on reports](#)

[Evaluation of the 2006 Law Family Courts Violence Review](#)  
[Attorney General Link](#)

## **Update on The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services (formerly the DV One Stop Center)**



The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services will be located at 10305 East Burnside Street within the Gateway Children's Center.

On site services will include crisis and safety planning, restraining order

applications (for Multnomah County residents), Department of Human Services Self Sufficiency services, access to specially trained police officers, prosecution services and support, alcohol and drug and mental health assessment services, and civil legal assistance. Children and teen support services will also be available on site. A limited opening (for invited participants) will occur this spring. The Center will offer a full range of services beginning in early summer 2010.

Participants will learn about the center from police, social

workers, crisis and referral lines, and a variety of other sources. Once in the building, and after being allowed to pass from a small reception area, participants will be led to a large, inviting "living room" that is very welcoming and comfortable. Child care will be available for younger children. A dining room will be freely available to participants the make a snack or get a drink while they wait.

Most participants will meet with a "navigator". A navigator is an advocate hired and trained by a domestic violence non-profit service provider. Several navigators will be culturally specific. Navigators will help participants understand options, resources, and services available to them. Navigators will connect participants with on site partners as needed, but can also help arrange for off site partners to come to the building to meet with participants. Volunteers from the Association of Financial Planners will be available several afternoons a week as well.

For more information, contact Martha at [Martha.strawn.morris@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:Martha.strawn.morris@co.multnomah.or.us)

## Trainings

**February 11, 2010 (8:30-10:30am):** Recovery Networking Breakfast For Women's Services, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave., Portland OR 97202. This month the presentation is "Gender Responsive Strategies: Working with Women Who Are Offenders," offered by Felesia Otis, B.S., CADC II. Felesia is a manager at Volunteers of America and is currently supervising the Community Reinvestment Program. The program works closely with the Department of Community Justice and the Department of Corrections. If you have questions contact Susan Montgomery at (505)988-3064 ext. 24304.

**February 22, 2010 (3:00pm-4:00pm EASTERN TIME):** Part of VAWA is the federal crime of interstate stalking. Interstate stalking can be challenging to investigate and prosecute, but is a very valuable tool for holding offenders accountable for stalking behavior that occurs across state lines, international borders or boundaries of Indian Country. This webinar will walk through the federal interstate stalking statute and discuss the issues and challenges related to federal prosecution of stalking. Presenter Jodi Rafkin from the Stalking Resource Center is the presenter. To register for this webinar and for more information visit <http://conferences.bwjp.org/webconferencedetail.aspx?confid=123> or Steve Aycock, Assistant Director (775) 784-4463 or [steven\\_aycock@ncjfcj.org](mailto:steven_aycock@ncjfcj.org)

**March 17, 2010: SAVE THE DATE:** Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinators office is brining Lundy Bancroft to Portland. Lundy is an author and activist on trauma, abuse, and healing. He is the author of three books in the field, including [Why Does He Do That?](#), [When Dad Hurts Mom](#), and the national prize-winner [The Batterer as Parent](#). He is also one of the creators of the [Healing Alliance](#) approach to personal recovery. Lundy teaches dramatically new ways to understand the behavior of abusers and strategies for holding them accountable. He also brings fresh insight into the emotional injuries that trauma and abuse cause, their lasting effects, and how best to get ourselves free. Information on how to register for the events will be announced soon. For additional information contact, Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-9166 ext. 26266 or [dvtraining@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:dvtraining@co.multnomah.or.us)

**May 24-26, 2010:** The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs annual conference, Richland Washington, Red Lion Hotel Richland Hanford House. Hand in Hand through a Lifetime. Olga Trujillo is the featured keynote speaker. Workshop proposals are now being accepted. A pre-conference institute (on May 24) addressing the issues surrounding children with sexual behavior problems will be offered. For more information contact Grant Stancliff at [grant@wcsap.org](mailto:grant@wcsap.org) or 360-754-7583 or visit the website at <http://www.wcsap.org/events/annualconference10.htm>.

**Traning Note:** Does your organization sponsor a conference or training that you would like to have listed in the Update? If so please let us know about it. Send conference/training information to Update editor Vanessa Timmons via email: [vanessa.timmon@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:vanessa.timmon@co.multnomah.or.us) or via fax: 503-988-3710. Be sure to include registration deadline and name of person to contact for additional information.

The FVCC seeks to develop a coordinated community response that includes the domestic violence response system and community and social systems.

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