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Family Violence Coordinating Council Newsletter

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Dear Michelle,

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.

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What You Can Do to Prevent Domestic Violence

Domestic violence remains one of the greatest risks to life and safety in Multnomah County. From 2004 through 2008, there were 36 deaths due to domestic violence. In 2009, there was an unprecedented increase statewide in the number of domestic violence murders followed by suicides of the perpetrator, which resulted in 17 deaths in November and December alone.

Unfortunately, the pace has not abated. In the first six weeks of 2010, there were five deaths in Multnomah County: four women were killed in domestic violence incidents and one perpetrator committed suicide. This is particularly concerning since the annual average number of DV deaths from 2004-2008 was seven!

Our community has made significant commitments to find ways to prevent future domestic violence deaths: it implemented the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) to focus on intervention in very high risk cases, and Safe Start project placing victim advocates in a Child Welfare Office to assist adult victims in finding safety in some of the most complex and often dangerous cases, and began a formal fatality review process.

Meeting Agenda

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

12:15-12:25
Introductions and
Announcements

12:25-12:55 FVCC Cultural
Competency Committee
Report

12:55-1:15 Child Welfare
Foster Care Prevention

1:15-1:30 Budget Update

We know that when women are leaving a relationship, they are more likely to be assaulted, injured or killed. Homicide is the ultimate act of power and control of the victim by the perpetrator of domestic violence. Unemployment, poverty, stress may add to the perpetrator's sense of loss, but does not explain why some men kill their partners and/or their

Announcements

Oregon Judicial Department

website: The OJD Family Law Website provides information about family law services and resources in Oregon, and offers optional statewide forms for use in family law proceedings. They have recently updated Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA), Elderly/Disabled Abuse Prevention Act (EDAPA), and stalking forms and guides to completing them and made them available on their website. To download forms and view other documents visit: [OJD Family Law Website](#)

Domestic Violence Project

(DVP): The DVP at the Volunteer Lawyers Project, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, now offers volunteer lawyers to represent eligible clients in contested Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA), Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act (PAPWDAPA) and Stalking Protection order hearings. The DVP provide this service only for Multnomah County hearings. Clients must also meet Legal Aid's eligibility guidelines. Interested clients should call Legal Aid Services of Oregon at 503-224-4086 to go through the intake process.

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Electronic release: Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2007 available online - [click here](#). These 110 statistical tables' present detailed data on major variables measured by the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

The New York Anti Trafficking

Network (NYATN): is proud to announce the release of its Immigration Relief for Crime Victims: The U Visa Manual in time for Women's History Month. More information [click here](#).

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

children.

The solution to ending domestic violence is a community solution. Only if everyone who cares about the lives of women and children steps up and takes action we can hope to stop these tragedies from occurring.

20 Steps You Can Take Now to Stop Domestic Violence Make a Difference for the Future.

1. Let victims know that they deserve to be safe, the abuse is not their fault, and that there is help available. If you notice something seems wrong, ask about.
2. Listen to the victims with empathy and respect to what are being told. Ask open-ended questions that let them know you care and want to know more about what is happening to them. Make sure you only share the information with the victim's permission.
3. Call 9-1-1 if you see or hear someone being abused, and be willing to give the police a statement regarding what you saw or heard.
4. Give out the phone number of domestic violence advocacy programs. Victims, friends or family members can find out more about safety planning and resources by calling: Portland Women's Crisis Line 503-235-5333; Linea UNICA (Spanish) 503-232-4448, Volunteers of America Home Free 503-771-5503, or the national 1-800-799-SAFE.
5. Speak out in your community about the effects of domestic violence and stalking. Make public statements against violence to those you know including neighbors, friends, family, co-workers, or members of your congregation/place of worship. Contact a local domestic violence advocacy agency if you would like help in speaking out or to get involved in their public education efforts.
6. Interrupt jokes or comments that trivialize domestic violence or that blame the victim.
7. Support domestic violence programs with donations of money, food, clothes, household goods or time. Send a donation to a local domestic violence victim advocacy program or sign up for a monthly automatic withdrawal of funds.
8. Get more information about domestic violence in your community and the resources available to victims and perpetrators. Arrange to have a local victim advocacy agency provide training on domestic violence and how to respond at your workplace, civic organization, place of worship or other groups.
9. Learn more about laws that may help keep victims and children safe such as court restraining orders, safety accommodations at the victim's workplace, unemployment benefits for victims who are forced to leave a job to keep safe and certain housing protections. One resource is: [www.oregonlawhelp.org](#).
10. Encourage your employer/manager to develop a policy on responding to domestic violence in the workplace that supports victims, provides safety for co-workers, and

Portland, Oregon. Questions regarding Hooper can be directed to 503-238-2067 or 503-294-1681.

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 at <http://www.ocvlc.org>.

Working Together: National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW)

Website: NCSACW website has information dedicated to improving systems and practice for families with substance use disorders. The website has information covering a range of technical assistance needs www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov

Note: We would like to hear about innovative domestic violence resources, new projects within your programs and updates on your existing services. Please let us know by sending your information to Update editor [Vanessa Timmons](mailto:Vanessa.Timmons) or via fax: 503-988-3710.

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conforms to Oregon leave and anti-discrimination laws.

11. Invite victim advocacy programs to come to your workplace to train employees and supervisors/manager on domestic violence in the workplace and to help to develop workplace violence policies. Resources are available at: <http://endabuse.org/section/programs/workplace>.

12. Ask your religious leader(s) to address the issue of domestic violence in that community. Resources are available at <http://new.vavnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=863>.

13. Advocate for adequate state and local funding for a range of services to victims, to ensure that help is available to all victims who seek assistance.

14. Encourage your local schools to provide domestic violence prevention education and safety response in schools.

15. Talk to your children, teens and pre-teens, about their right to be respected and treated well by a dating partner. Let them know that love shouldn't hurt.

16. Make information available to victims by posting brochures or resource lists at your place of work, at colleges and universities, places of worship, medical clinics and hospitals or other venues.

17. Encourage the media to cover domestic violence responsibly. The way the media tells a story has an effect on public attitudes towards victims and perpetrators. For instance, some media coverage of domestic violence include statements that blame the victim or suggest that the victim has played a contributing role in causing the violence. Write a letter to the editor to correct this perception.

18. Help a child who is living with an abusive parent. Let them know it is not their fault. Help the abused parent develop a plan for their child to be safe if an assault occurs in the child's presence or provide the parent with the phone number of advocates who can help them plan for their child. If it is safe for them to do so, show them how to call 9-1-1.

19. Promote respect and dignity for all people, regardless of their gender, class, race, sexual orientation or physical ability. Make a serious effort to better understand issues of power and control in whatever area they occur. Work against oppression and violence.

20. Acknowledge that men have a special role and responsibility to take a stand against domestic violence and to prevent future violence.

Get involved. Take Action. You can make a difference in someone's life.

Dating Matters: New Online Course for Teen Health Advocates

Teen dating violence is a growing public health issue. In a nationwide survey of students in grades 9-12, nearly one in 10 students reported being hit or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend at least once in the past 12 months (CDC website).

dating matters

Dating Matters: Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention is a new 60-minute, interactive online training designed to help educators, youth-serving organizations, and others working with teens understand the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence. Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with Liz Claiborne Inc., Dating Matters also highlights the importance of promoting healthy relationships. The training video takes place in a virtual school setting, complete with navigation through school hallways and classrooms. It features interview with leading expert, interactive exercises, and storytelling to describe with teen dating violence is and how to prevent it. The course is a basic overview of teen dating violence covering, risks and consequences, national resources, and communication skills for talking with teens about relationship concerns.

The course is free. For questions, please contact DatingMatters@cdc.gov

New Brief Highlights Benefits of Home Visitation Programs on Domestic Violence Outcomes

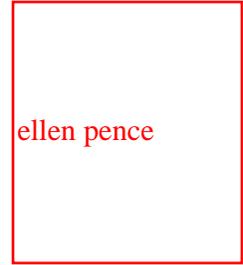
[Realizing the Promise of Home Visitation](#): Addressing Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment, is a new brief released at a recent Capitol Hill briefing. It was written by the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) in partnership with the National Child Abuse Coalition and Safe Start Center, with sponsorship from the Avon Foundation for Women. The brief finds that a substantial investment in home visitation programs, which purposefully address the needs of mothers and children at risk for -domestic violence, as well as the link between domestic violence and child abuse/neglect, can have a significant impact on women and children survivors of abuse.

Home visitation programs have been used for some 30 years to improve maternal and child health, early childhood development, and family safety and stability. Quality home visitation programs can identify and prevent health, social and economic problems before they become family crises, according to the new brief, but to have maximum impact,

they should integrate domestic violence identification, assessment and prevention into all aspects of their work.

Domestic Violence Advocates Launch Efforts to Honor Ellen Pence

One way of writing women into history (the theme of Women's History Month in March of 2010) is to document the impact of the inspired leadership of advocates that were at the forefront of our movement. Ellen Pence is widely recognized as the co-creator of the Power and Control Wheel; her efforts are discussed in this [online video](#) where she shares the process and experience of its development. Ellen was recently diagnosed with terminal breast cancer.



ellen pence

Ellen's work has had a broad impact on the discussion of domestic violence, women's liberation and to end violence against women. Advocate Barbara Hart is working to compile personal and professional accounts of Ellen's contributions and offer them to Ellen in appreciation of her commitment and impact on domestic violence efforts over the past 30 years. Barbara invites you to send your comments and experience with Ellen and her work to barbarha@aol.com. There is also an [online Petition](#) to honor Ellen Pence.

Trainings

March 10, 2010 (8:00am-9:30): A Free Webinar, Prevention in the Muslim Community, Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV). Join the TCFV Prevention team for a webinar presentation featuring the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation. Foundation members will present information regarding domestic violence in the Muslim community; Muslim teachings that promote healthy relationships and those that can be manipulated by an abuser; a history of the Foundations prevention efforts; and tips for advocates to keep in mind as they promote primary prevention with Muslims in mind. Register [here](#) or contact Maria Limon, Prevention specialist at 800-525-1978

March 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 is a long standing opportunity for providers of and advocates for women's recovery services to partake of a hosted light breakfast, meet community partners, share information, and identify new resources. If you have questions contact Susan Montgomery at (505)988-3064 ext.

24304.

March 12, 2010 (9:00am-3:15pm): Continuing Legal Education Class (CLE), Securing Access to Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking: A Training on Victims Rights and Immigration Protections, Lewis & Clark Law School, 10015 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland Or 97219. This CLE will provide an overview of the crime of human trafficking; identify the enforceable state and federal rights that these victims have in the criminal investigation and prosecution of their offender, and how attorneys can help assert these rights; and explain the core immigration protection and social services available under state and federal law, and how attorneys can help victims access these protections. Breakfast, lunch, and materials are included in the registration fee. General Admission fee is 45.00, NAVRA Members and Lewis & Clark Law School Alumni fee is 35.00. Register online [click here](#)

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 or 360-754-7583 or visit the website [click here](#)

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 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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