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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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### Multnomah Overcoming Barriers to Independence and Safety (MOBIS)

Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office is excited to be participating in a project focused on helping survivors of domestic violence obtain safe transitional housing and overcome employment barriers. The Multnomah Overcoming Barriers to Independence and Safety (MOBIS) project is funded by the Office of Violence Against Women's Recovery Act. The employment component of this project is working to increase the ability of survivors to obtain jobs by providing employment counseling, job training, and educational supports. Participating community partners include: Bradley Angle House, Catholic Charities- El Programa Hispano, Ecumenical Ministries- Russian Oregon Social Services, Raphael House of Portland, Salvation Army West Women and Children's Shelter, Volunteers of America- Home Free, YWCA of Greater Portland, and City of Portland- Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services.

### Meeting Agenda

April 9, 2010  
Portland Building,  
1120 SW 5th Ave,  
Room 2b

12:15-12:25  
Introductions and  
Announcements

12:25-12:45 DV Offender  
Release Notification and  
Phone Use -- Multnomah  
County Sheriff's Office

12:45-1:00 VINE Release  
Notification

1:00-1:15 FVCC Two-year  
Work Plan

1:15-1:30 Legislative  
Update/Budget

The MOBIS project is offering a multifaceted approach to overcoming employment barriers. This approach will include individualized case planning to help participants assess their personal employment strengths and needs. Individual economic action plans will be developed for each participant, with a focus on how to achieve planned goals and how to address specific needs (e.g. job skill assessment, ESL or GED classes, financial planning, credit repair, computer literacy, etc.). Referrals to other agencies within the community will be offered to help ensure all available services are being utilized. Participants will be assisted in navigating the [WorkSource](#) system and other community employment resources. WorkSource offers a variety of employment tools and the

## Announcements

**African Women's Coalition: Community Health Fair** is scheduled for Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. at the Portland Community College - Cascade Campus: 701 N. Killingsworth - Portland, OR 97214. The fair is a day-long women's health and empowerment summit, entitled "ARISE: Own Your Power - Saving Ourselves: A Community Health Empowerment and Action Summit" in observance of National Women and Girls in HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. To confirm your participation, please contact Oluyinka Akinjiola by Monday, April 5, 2010. For additional information call Oluyinka Akinjiola - AWC Health Summit Coordinator at 503.972.4930 or via [email](#)

**Battered Women's Support Services:** A Resource for Those Serving Battered Women Who Have Used Force: In recent years, Battered Women's Support Services has become increasingly alarmed by the growing number of women accessing services who have been arrested for allegedly perpetrating domestic violence against their partners. In their experience these arrests are occurring despite the fact that in all cases women were in relationships where they were being abused. They have written two resources in response to this growing problem which are now available. Follow the [link](#) to access full PDF versions of When Battered Women Are Arrested - A resource for front-line workers.

**Oregon Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force** Launch Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign: This years national theme is "Prevent Sexual Violence...On Our Campuses" OCADSV and AGSATF offer these online resources. SAAM postcard for programs to download and print as needed. Event calendar for Oregon's SAMM activities, and supplemental materials focused on prevention of sexual violence on campuses. Resources are available by visiting: [ocadsv](#) or [satf](#)

**Oregon Judicial Department website:**The OJD Family Law Website provides information about family law services and resources

MOBIS project will ensure that participants can access the full range of services if they desire. Furthermore, assistance will be offered to meet basic needs such as transportation to employment related services. A focus on safety will be present at all times, including ongoing safety planning specific to accessing employment resources and services.

Shannon Rose is working as a full-time Employment Access Navigator staffed at VOA Home Free. Shannon is working towards the goal of assisting 70 transitional housing residents to access employment services offered through WorkSource in Multnomah County. Emily Duke is a bilingual half-time Employment Access Navigator based at Raphael House. Emily is focusing on guiding 35 transitional housing residents through community based services outside the WorkSource system. Since some survivors have specific barriers that require accessing services outside the traditional WorkSource system, Emily is working to provide them with appropriate community employment resources. Shannon and Emily are currently taking referrals for the MOBIS project employment component. Participant eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must identify as victim/survivor of domestic violence
- Must be in a transitional housing program in Multnomah County
- Must be receiving services from a domestic violence agency
- Must indicate that they want employment services

Currently, there is a focus on accepting referrals from community partner agencies. However, other agencies that have eligible participants are also encouraged to submit referrals.

If you have any questions about the MOBIS project employment component, please contact [Jaime Barnes](#). If you would like to submit a referral, please contact [Shannon Rose](#) or (503)-943-5647, OR [Emily Duke](#) or (503) 222-6507 x309.

## 2010 Oregon Legislative Summary on Domestic Violence

The Legislature held a short 2010 session, and passed a handful of bills that are related to domestic violence or to violence in general.

**HB3623** places information about a national human trafficking in bars or other venues that sell liquor. This legislation requires the Oregon Liquor Control Commission include information about human trafficking with license renewal notices, if a non-profit supplies the information. The Polaris Project has committed to providing materials that include their National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline (1-888-3737-888) in late 2007.

**HB3631** protects victims of sexual assault from discrimination

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 their [site](#)

**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](#)

**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](#) or via fax: 503-988-3710.

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by insurers. Victims of sexual assault can be assured their experiences won't prevent them from getting health care with legislation that was passed. This legislation prohibits insurers from discriminating against victims of sexual violence by treating that victimization, or physical or mental injuries sustained as a result of that victimization, as a preexisting condition that would exclude or limit coverage.

**HB3634** assures that victims' rights passed by the citizens of Oregon are implemented. This legislation provides victims of crime with specific rights in variety of proceedings, including appeals, post-conviction relief proceedings, and proceedings conducted by the Psychiatric Security Review Board and the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision. [http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills\\_laws/concepts/hse/HB3634.pdf](http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/concepts/hse/HB3634.pdf).

**SB999** provides the opportunity for members or former members of the Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard may be offered diversion in criminal prosecutions. The bill gives the prosecuting attorneys wide latitude in deciding whether and to whom to offer diversion to those who are serving or have served in the military. Diversion may not be offered in crimes in which there was serious physical injury to another person, the charge was a Class A or B felony and involved physical injury to another person; the case involved domestic violence AND at the time the offense was committed, the defendant was subject to a protective order in favor of the victim of the offense. In cases of domestic violence, the service members must enter a plea of guilty or no contest to each domestic violence offense charged, and the diversion time period is extended to two years. [http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills\\_laws/concepts/hse/HB3634.pdf](http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/concepts/hse/HB3634.pdf).

The legislation allows domestic violence offenders who have committed some class B and all class C misdemeanors to enter into a diversion program without requiring a guilty plea. This could include many of the domestic violence offenders charged with harassment.

In addition, the Legislature passed legislation which prevented budget cuts to victim services that might have occurred if full implementation of property crime mandatory sentencing had been restored.

The Oregon Legislative Alliance to End Violence against Women has begun planning on potential legislative priorities for the 2011 Legislative session. If you are interested in more information about the Alliance, contact Sybil Hebb at [shebb@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:shebb@oregonlawcenter.org).

## LGBTQ Victims Neglected by Nation's Support System

Washington, DC--The National Center for Victims of Crime and the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs today released *Why It Matters: Rethinking Victim Assistance for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Victims of Hate Violence and Intimate Partner Violence*. This groundbreaking report, the product of a 2009 survey of victim assistance providers and LGBTQ anti-violence programs throughout the nation, describes widespread gaps in victim services for LGBTQ victims of crime and recommends steps to improve the services and their accessibility.

The *Why It Matters* survey found that LGBTQ victims do not have consistent access to culturally competent services to prevent or help victims recover from violence. Most respondent organizations lack outreach to LGBTQ victims, LGBTQ cultural competence training for staff, LGBTQ-specific victim services policies and practices, and collaboration with LGBTQ providers. Too often, mainstream victim assistance agencies do not provide a culturally sensitive response to these victims, and LGBTQ-specific anti-violence programs either lack resources to meet the need or simply do not exist. As a result, LGBTQ victims suffer disproportionately from violence and its aftereffects.

Solving these problems, the report argues, requires eliminating the obstacles that prevent LGBTQ victims from reporting crimes and accessing victim services.

The report recommends increased support for LGBTQ-focused training, education for service providers and first responders, as well as further study to determine the specific needs of LGBTQ victims and the prevalence of crimes against them.

It also recommends increased collaboration among LGBTQ anti-violence programs and mainstream victim assistance providers, changes to ensure equal access to state and federal protections for LGBTQ crime victims, outreach to increase public awareness of the extent and impact of the victimization of this community, and increased state and federal funding for these efforts.

To download the full report (*Why It Matters: Rethinking Victim Assistance for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Victims of Hate Violence and Intimate Partner Violence*), visit <http://www.ncvc.org> or <http://www.avp.org>

## Attorney General John Kroger Hires Expert Domestic Violence Prosecutor

Attorney General John Kroger recently announced the hiring of prosecutor Erin Greenawald to lead the Department of Justice's efforts to combat domestic violence.

Domestic violence homicides in Oregon are up significantly by historic standards, with at least 22 in 2009 and 9 so far this year. By contrast, there was an average of 18 domestic violence homicides a year from 1997 to 2003, according to a Department of Human Services study.



erin greenawald

Erin Greenawald fills a new position at the Department of Justice that is modeled on DOJ's very successful coordinated statewide approach to DUII. Greenawald will increase the capacity of Oregon's criminal justice system to stop domestic violence by providing training, technical assistance and legal expertise to prosecutors, police officers, sheriffs and service providers.

She will also assist local district attorneys in the prosecution of complex cases. Greenawald will be responsible for developing training materials, best-practice policies and other publications to improve the identification, investigation and prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Greenawald, a graduate of Willamette University College of Law, has worked since 1999 as a domestic violence prosecutor, first in Marion and then in Yamhill counties. She has also worked on county Domestic Violence Task Forces and a Multi-disciplinary Child Abuse Assessment Team.

For additional information Contact: Tony Green 503-378-6002  
[tony.green@doj.state.or.us](mailto:tony.green@doj.state.or.us)

### Trainings

**April 8th, 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.

**April 9th, 2010 (9:00am-4:00pm):** Crime Victims Compensation Program, the Crime Victims' Services Division is conducting a free training on the Crime Victims' Compensation Program and Address Confidentiality Program. To register and receive location/direction information, please contact Louise

Bauschard at (503) 846-4806.

**April 16th, 2010 (9:00am-4:00pm):** Sexual Violence within the Context of Intimate Partner Violence, Presented by Nancy Glass, PhD, the Family Violence Coordinating Council and Tri-County Sexual Assault Task Force are sponsoring this Free Training, Multnomah Building Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland OR. This is a full day, two part training on the dynamics of sexual violence within intimate relationship and how your programs can best serve survivors. Training attendees are encouraged to attend the entire day (both the AM and PM sessions), but are able to register for either the AM or PM sessions individually if needed. Registration is required to attend. To register for the training, please email your name, agency and contact information to [tcsatf@gmail.com](mailto:tcsatf@gmail.com)

**April 27th, 2010 (8:00am-5:00pm):** Ending Sexual Violence against Farmworkers, A regional training for LAV, Rural and Coalition Grantees and Sub-grantees funded by the Office of Violence Against Women, 121 SW Salmon St, 2 WTC, Portland, OR 97201. Topics to be covered include; appropriate cultural and linguistic methods to assist farmwork victims of sexual assault, civil legal remedies, housing, immigration remedies, health care, safety and privacy, law enforcement response in farmworker communities. This training should be attended by OVW funded, lawyers, legal advocates, victim service providers, and law enforcement professionals. There is no fee to register, for more information contact, Guadalupe Figueroa, [mfigueroa@crla.org](mailto:mfigueroa@crla.org) or call 831-757-5221 ext 305.

**April 27th-29th, 2010:** International Family Justice Center Conference. The Family Justice Center Alliance will hold its 10th Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Conference information and registration are available at [www.bcfjc.org](http://www.bcfjc.org)

**May 7th, 2010 (8:30am-4:30pm):** Sensitivity and Competence: Understanding Domestic Violence and the African American, with Dr. Carolyn West and Tony Porter, Presented by SOVALTI, Oregon Convention Center. Engage with practitioners in critical discussions about domestic violence counseling and treatment. In this symposium, you will learn best practices and researched based strategies for working with African American men and women. Registration fee \$175.00. Discounted rates available to groups of five or more from local DV, BIP, and social service organizations. To register or for additional information contact Tim Logan at 503-936-2904 or email [sovalti3@gmail.com](mailto:sovalti3@gmail.com)

**May 10th-14th, 2010:** Women of Color National Call to Action Institute and Conference. Westin New Orleans Canal Place, 100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, LA 70130. This historic event will feature a two day Institute for WOC, Men and Mainstream/White women, and 2 day Conference with several workshops, panel discussion, critical conversations and a Cultural Bazaar celebrating local talent. Register online visit the following [link](#) or contact WOCN at 1-800-537-2238 ext 142.

**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](#).

**June 1-3, 2010:** Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Community Intervention Program Training (CCIP) at Gateway Children's Center, 10225 E Burnside St., Portland, OR 97216. Free training event and space is limited. Attendees will receive 21 CEUs for attending all three days. Potential attendees will submit an application and work plan. 50 participants will be selected to attend. For additional information, contact [Joslyn Baker](#) at 503-988-4755.

**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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