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# “...The Good Fight”

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October is DV Awareness Month. The Purple Ribbon is DVAM's Symbol.

## SPOTLIGHT: Q & A

### Multnomah Co. Gateway Center DDA, Amanda Reinders

*Introduction to the Gateway Center: Community-based victim advocates, criminal justice services and civil legal assistance will all be housed under one roof at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. Staff from the Department of Human Services – Self Sufficiency, the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office, Legal Aid Services of Oregon and various domestic violence agencies will work together to meet participants needs through individually designed service plans.*

Q: What are your specific duties as the "Gateway" DDA?

A: As the Gateway Center DDA I am housed on the Gateway Center campus, although I also maintain an office in the Multnomah County Courthouse. I am available at the Center and on call to speak with any Gateway Center participant who wants information about the criminal justice system and the prosecution process. I am currently continuing to manage my preexisting domestic violence caseload. As the Gateway position evolves I expect to take on cases generated by a victim's contact with the Gateway Center, cases investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit and cases involving victims working with the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team program (“DVERT”). I plan to provide training to law enforcement and the community about domestic violence and participate in outreach activities for the Gateway Center. I will look for opportunities for system improvement in domestic violence cases and act as an agent for positive change.

Q: What experience do you have

prior to being assigned at Gateway?

A: I have been both a District Attorney and before that, a Certified Law Student in Multnomah County for several years and in that capacity have screen, issued and tried hundreds of domestic violence and restraining order violation cases.

Q: How do you feel Gateway will help with DV prosecutions, victim safety and holding the offender accountable?

A: My hope is that after a personal contact with a Deputy District Attorney at the Gateway Center the criminal justice system will feel less intimidating to a victim and as result he or she will be more willing to participate in a prosecution. Offenders are good at providing misinformation to victims about the justice system; I hope to be a source of clear, reliable information for victims. My hope is that access to the many services and supports available through the Gateway Center will help victims establish freedom and independence from their abusers and that they will thus be more willing and able to help with prosecution. I also hope

to develop a close, positive working relationship with the Officers in the Portland Police Bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU), who are also housed on the Gateway Center campus, and thereby improve the quality of investigations and the success of prosecutions.

Q: What one or two things have been most striking to you about Gateway as you begin your new assignment?

A: I am very impressed with the quality of the working relationships and collaboration I've seen between the Gateway Center on-site partners and their partners in the community. My sense is that participants who have accessed the Center feel welcome, supported, and helped by the services offered.

*Each edition of the newsletter will have an article that “spotlights” the work of a county, agency, or individual in the area of Domestic Violence. This edition we featuring three “spotlight” articles – Check out Jefferson County’s DV Team and Volunteers of America’s “Home Free” DV program on Pg. 4*

## PARTNERS IN CRIME

By Erin Greenawald

One of the most challenging cases I ever took to trial involved a 10-year old sex abuse victim. Her abuser was her stepfather; the only father she'd ever known. This man also repeatedly assaulted, tormented, and verbally demeaned his wife, the victim's mother. Often times this violence happened in front of the victim and her two younger siblings. After the child victim finally disclosed the abuse, the defendant was arrested and went to jail to await trial. During that time, the victim's mother became romantically involved with another man. This other man was even more brutally violent with the victim's mother than the defendant had been. Unfortunately, this escalating violence led the victim's mother to make an overwhelmingly poor choice: she attempted to reconcile with the defendant, her daughter's abuser, as he sat in jail. Even worse, she enlisted the help of the victim to get the defendant back. She made the victim write letters to the defendant apologizing for "lying" about what he had done to her.

As you might imagine, trial was excruciating. The absolute worst part was being forced to put this little girl on the witness stand and watch as she agonized over having to make a decision that no person, let alone a child, should have to make: tell the truth or lie to try to reunite the family and make her mother happy. She chose the latter. And who can't understand her choice? I believe that the jury certainly did. Indeed, after two weeks of trial and two days of deliberation, the jury convicted the defendant of multiple sex crimes. The defendant was ultimately sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Unfortunately, there was little relief for the child victim. A couple of weeks following trial, the victim's mother was arrested. Late one night, after throwing a party for high school students at her house, where she provided alcohol and marijuana, she seriously injured a teenage girl with a machete. She also

threatened the life of my victim, her daughter. The victim's mother is currently in prison.

This one case starkly illustrates what the statistics bear out in numbers: Domestic Violence and Child Abuse are often times co-occurring tragedies. In 2009, approximately one-third of Oregon's child abuse cases also involved domestic violence. Even more common, is the domestic violence incident that is witnessed by a child. Indeed, nationally as many as 10 million children a year live through a domestic violence incident. And, as we know, the impact of domestic violence on children is not theoretical. The list of childhood problems associated with exposure to domestic violence is long: Behavioral, Social, and Emotional problems; Cognitive and Attitudinal problems; and Long-Term problems (those that bleed into their adult lives and relationships).

As a prosecutor, and now specifically as the Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor for the Oregon Department of Justice, I have been gifted with a "bird's-eye" view of the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse landscape in Oregon. With this view, I am buoyed by the extreme level of commitment shown by myriad professionals to combating these pervasive social problems. However, I am at the same time frustrated by the *pervasiveness*.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. During this month, I would ask that each of us go that extra mile to help a domestic violence victim and child. I am reminded of the famous Margaret Meade quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Together, we can continue the work to make things better for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse victims in the state of Oregon.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month History...

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989 the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

- From the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (<http://dvam.vawnet.org/about/index.php>)

## BAD BOYS

As football season begins and the sports page fills up with headlines about player stats and fantasy football rankings, stories about professional and college athletes spill over into the other news sections. You may begin to notice headlines highlighting the athletes' less marketable traits, like their criminal behavior outside of the athletic arenas they play in. There have been a remarkable number this year already. A common thread among the news stories covering these athletes is that they are facing little to no severe consequences for their actions. Reduced sentences and out of court settlements eliminate many of the legal consequences these athletes face and universities, coaches, and professional organizations wipe their hands of the problem once it has been dealt with in the courts. In order to seriously curtail the problem, there must be a consistent response by all athletic organizations that criminal behavior, especially violent criminal behavior, will not be tolerated, no matter the prestige of the athlete.

The numbers for 2010 alone are surprising. According to an investigative report by sports writer Jeff Benedict, this year, through August, 125 college and professional football and basketball players have been arrested on serious charges involving violence, weapons or substance abuse. That is more than one arrest every other day. Of the 125 players arrested, seventy are college football players and fifteen are college basketball players. And, when the numbers were broken down further, almost 20 percent of the alleged victims in the arrests were women. Out of the 125 arrests, 22 involved women; 14 of those cases involved Domestic Violence.

In 1995 the same author, Jeff Benedict, led a national study examining the campus police records and internal judicial affairs records at 20 Division I schools, most of which had top basketball or football programs. Of the total male

population, student-athletes comprised 3.3 percent, however, they represented 19 percent of the perpetrators reported for sexual assault.

The prevalence of college and professional athletes, particularly basketball and football players, committing acts of domestic violence is alarming. Even more alarming are the inadequate consequences they face from their coaches and schools. In the University of Oregon's season opener the



**"And now, a list of today's professional athlete felony assaults...."**  
(And college athletes, too...)

Ducks played without their star running back LaMichael James who set a Pac-10-record in yards rushed by a freshman. James was charged with strangulation, two counts of assault and two counts of physical harassment after an altercation with his former girlfriend. In March he pled guilty to one count of physical harassment and was sentenced to probation and ten days jail, which he never ultimately served. For his abuse, the season opener is the only game he will miss as a consequence of his criminal actions during the off season.

Or, follow the story of Lance Stephenson, the Big East's Rookie of the Year in 2010, selected as the second round draft pick by the Indiana Pacers of

June's NBA draft. Stephenson, now 19, was arraigned in August of this year on charges of felony assault, menacing and harassment in New York City for allegedly pushing his girlfriend, also the mother of his child, down a flight of stairs in her New York apartment and then picked up her head and slammed it on the bottom step.

You may be thinking, how were the Pacers supposed to prevent this? If you dig a little deeper, you will find that just two years earlier, Stephenson, while playing high school basketball and being recruited by some of the top sports schools, was arrested for allegedly sexually abusing a 17-year-old girl.

Luckily, for Stephenson, he was a basketball prodigy, on his way to breaking the record for all-time leading scorer in New York state history. A felony assault conviction would have completely destroyed his collegiate and professional potential.

Instead, Stephenson was allowed to plead guilty to the lesser offense of disorderly conduct and accepted a scholarship to play basketball at the University of Cincinnati. The media sympathies went to the Pacer's for the team's loss of a potential star and \$700,000 guaranteed to him for the 2-year contract he signed. No one mentioned the pain it must have caused Stephenson's first victim, the young 17 year-old-girl, to watch Stephenson rise to the star he is today, as if the incident in their high school had never even happened.

The failure of coaches, schools, and professional athletic organizations to take a stand against abusive athletes does neither the athletes themselves or their teams and sports organizations any good. The problem does not disappear just because the headline is no longer in the newspaper. There must be an adoption of a zero-tolerance policy for violent crimes in all phases of an athlete's career to change this pattern of criminal behavior among professional and collegiate athletes.

-By Gillian Fischer



## Jefferson County DV Team: A Rural Community's Response to the Fight Against Domestic Violence

Prior to receiving a Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization grant, Jefferson County had only one victim's advocate working out of the District Attorney's office. Today, through coordination of grant funds, the County was able to fund a Domestic Violence prosecutor, a DV investigator in the DA's office, a DV probation Officer, a Child Advocate and Women's Advocate in the Victim's Assistance Office. Since the grant ended in October 2009, all the positions were gradually absorbed by local agencies and are now headed by Annette Hillman, Chief Deputy DA.

Several short term immediate projects were made possible and completed thanks to the grant funding:

- The creation of a DV protocol for law enforcement that was signed off on by all law enforcement directors;
- The distribution of DV newsletters developed by the DV Team and the Warm Springs Victims of Crime office;
- Specialized training for local patrol staff and community partners;
- A safety audit;
- A DV victim survivors' panel.

In addition to the accomplishments mentioned above, there are two long term projects that were implemented. The DV Team and the DV Council are two groups that will continue to assess and improve the Domestic Violence response and prevention in Jefferson County.

The DV Team meets every two or three weeks and is comprised of the Chief Deputy DA, the DV Investigator, the DV Probation Officer, the Director of Victim's Assistance, Saving Grace (regional women's advocate office) staff, DHS Child Welfare Staff,

and Bestcare Treatment Staff (the local batterers intervention program provider). The group is led by the Chief DDA and focuses on DV investigations. New cases are staffed and open cases are monitored throughout all phases of the case until it is closed. The Team also works closely with DHS Child Welfare to closely monitor any cases involving children and work to educate parents about the negative impacts of Domestic Violence on children and their family.

The DV Council is made up of community partners in Madras and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The focus of the council is on education and community outreach events. Guest speakers on different Domestic Violence topics are usually hosted each month at the meetings and any DV related community events are shared with the group.

Progress towards better DV practices continues in Jefferson County. There is a new process in place that changes how all DV cases are handled in the different agencies. All new DV arrests are screened by Annette Hillman, immediately. If additional investigation is needed, she will notify the DV investigator. Most DV cases are resolved in court within 90 days of the arrest. In some DV misdemeanor cases, the defendant will be sentenced to supervised probation, which is a unique practice in Jefferson County. The Probation Office has absorbed the costs of continuing to supervise these misdemeanor cases without additional funding to do so.

The success in the community continues with dedicated staff and a commitment by all agencies to effectively prosecute all DV cases, supervise offenders closely, and keep all victims safe. We have found that this model works very well for our community. We encourage others to work together to reduce the violence in their communities, as well.

By Brad Mondoy, Jefferson Co.  
Parole and Probation Officer

## SPOTLIGHT on Volunteers of America: Domestic Violence Program "Home Free"

By Shannon Reskin, DV Response Team

Volunteers of America's Domestic Violence Program, *Home Free*, offers many resources to survivors and their children in the Tri-County Portland Metropolitan area. In all of its programs, Home Free is committed to providing survivor-driven services that help empower survivors to affirm individual strengths and discover new resources.

Home free is comprised of 4 often-overlapping service areas: Emergency Services, Transitional Services, Child and Youth Advocacy Services, and Outreach Services. Within each individual area there are a variety of services that address the needs of that area.

The area of Emergency Services provided by Home Free includes a crisis hotline, assistance with relocation and confidential address programs, temporary emergency housing, one-on-one emotional support, referrals, and help with navigating

community resources.

Home Free's Transitional Services program provides a broad range of ongoing services aimed at supporting a survivor's move towards a full life no longer defined by domestic violence. Services include permanent housing support, long-term one-on-one advocacy, home visits, accompaniment to court and appointments, and goal planning for personal, financial, and educational objectives.

Located at the new Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services, *Home Free* helps children, teens, and the safe adults in their lives create caring, safe homes through the group and individual services of its Child and Youth Advocacy program. "Safe Spaces" provides information and skill-building support for children exposed to Domestic Violence. Other services aimed at children and youth include girls' empowerment groups, one-on-one age

appropriate advocacy, parenting & domestic violence support groups, referrals to educational, recreational, and community programs, and intervention with families involved with child welfare.

These programs are examples of the ways Home Free identifies and responds to the barriers many survivors face by offering support in a number of community settings. We have advocates stationed at child welfare and self-sufficiency offices, the restraining order room at the Multnomah County Courthouse, Portland Police Bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, Inverness jail, and within the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team.

For more information on what we do, please visit our website at [www.voar.org](http://www.voar.org). To refer a participant to our program, please have them call our crisis line at (503) 771-5503.

## Did You Know??

### Oregon law Provides Protection for Employees Who are Domestic Violence Victims

One of the laws passed by the 2007 Oregon legislature was deemed so important that it actually took effect almost immediately. The Oregon crime victims leave law protects employees who are also victims of certain crimes.

This law applies to employers with six or more employees, and it protects employees who:

- worked an average of 25 hours or more per week for at least 180 days immediately before taking leave, and
- are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, or are parents of victims,

The crime victims' law requires employers to grant an eligible employee a "reasonable" leave of absence if the employee or the employee's minor child or dependent needs time off to deal with issues of domestic

violence, sexual assault, or stalking. These arrangements might include such things as seeking medical treatment, obtaining counseling, relocating, getting legal advice or contacting law enforcement personnel.

The employer may require the employee to give reasonable notice of the need for leave, unless that is not feasible. The employer can also require that the events leading to the need for leave be documented. This documentation could include police reports, medical and/or counseling documentation, attorney records, etc. All of that information must be kept confidential by the employer.

There is no fixed time period for this leave. Employers may only limit the length if the employee's absence creates an "undue hardship," causing significant difficulty or expense for the employer.

Like the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA) and the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), crime victims' leave is unpaid.

However, as with OFLA and FMLA, the employer must allow an eligible employee to utilize vacation time or other paid leave for this purpose.

As with all other kinds of protected leave, an employee must be able to use this time without it counting against him or her. An employer cannot retaliate against an employee for using the leave, and the leave time cannot be used for disciplinary purposes.

For more information on this and other important issues affecting Oregon employers, please visit their website at [www.boli.state.or.us](http://www.boli.state.or.us). You can also call us at 971-673-0824.

To view the law in its entirety, please click the link below.

<http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/LEGAL/Rules009CrimeVictims.pdf?ga=t>

## THEY DID WHAT??

A gunman enraged over how his wife cooked his eggs in rural eastern Kentucky shot five people dead with a shotgun before killing himself, a relative of two of the victims said.

Trooper Jody Sims of the Kentucky State Police said 47-year-old Stanley Neace killed five people in two mobile homes around 11:30 Saturday morning, then went to his home and turned the gun on himself.

Sims said that when state police arrived about an hour after the gunfire began, they heard a single gunshot and found Neace's body on the porch of his home in the mobile home park outside Jackson in Breathitt County. The county is home to about 16,000 people in the rugged eastern part of the state.

Sherri Anne Robinson, a relative of two of the victims, said witnesses to the shootings told her that Neace became enraged

when his wife did not cook his breakfast to his liking.

Robinson said that when his wife fled to a neighbor's trailer, Neace followed and shot his wife, his stepdaughter and three witnesses. Robinson says he allowed a young girl to flee to a neighbor's home.

"He just got mad at his wife for not making his breakfast right and he shot her," said Robinson, who answered at a phone listing for Neace.

### SEEN, HEARD, NOTED, AND QUOTED:

There is no job more interesting than the one that we do. And as they say, truth is stranger than fiction. So, if you have a funny anecdote you'd like to share, send it my way!

## Lots Of Learnin'

In collaboration with the Salem Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon Department of Justice held its first Domestic Violence Conference, July 20-22. The multi-disciplinary Conference was a big success. With over 110 attendees present, there were representatives from twenty-nine different law enforcement agencies, eight different county District Attorney's offices, and over twenty other Domestic Violence related organizations.

The conference kicked off on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> with an inspiring welcome from Attorney General, John Kroger. Dr. Jenifer Markowitz, a Medical Advisor for AEquitas: The Prosecutor's Resource on Violence Against Women, presented the first half of the day on the topic of Strangulation and Forensic Medical Examination. Dr. Markowitz has been a forensic nurse examiner since 1995 and has an extensive background in the field, including national activities, such as assisting in developing a national protocol and training for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations. Dr. Markowitz explained Strangulation, a medically technical topic and one generally challenging in the area of Domestic Violence prosecution, in a way that was manageable and easily comprehensible for attendees.

Following Dr. Markowitz in the afternoon was Sherry Ramsey, Director of Animal Cruelty Prosecutions for The Humane Society of the U.S. with a presentation on Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse. Ms. Ramsey is a licensed attorney in NJ and NY and in addition to her position with The Humane Society, she is an adjunct professor teaching Animal Law and New York Law School. At the conference Ms. Ramsey spoke about the

correlation between Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse. Her presentation highlighted the importance of recognizing the relationship between victim's and their animals as well as the warning signs Animal Abuse may present in a case of Domestic Violence.

The second day of the conference started off with Dottie Davis, Deputy Chief of Northeast Division, Fort Wayne Police

weak areas in agency responses and investigation of both officer involved Domestic Violence as well as Teen Dating Violence around the nation.

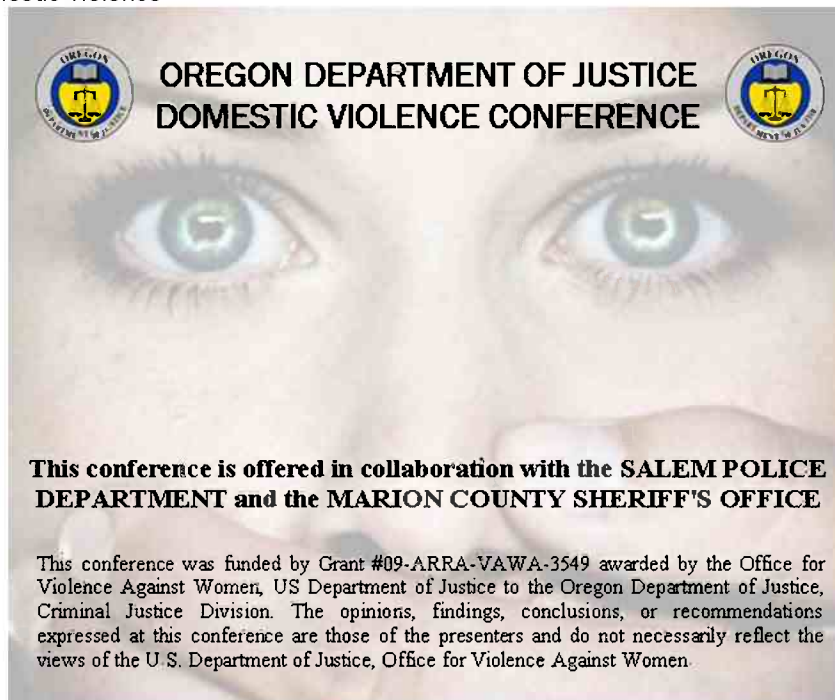
Jessamyn Tracy of the Stalking Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime closed out the second day of training and opened the morning of the Conference's third and final day. Ms. Tracy's presentations on stalking focused

both on Stalking and Intimate partner Violence and Stalking and Technology. Ms. Tracy has over 14 years of experience in working with the criminal justice system and provided the conference attendees with an extensive and slightly frightening overview of the technological capabilities available to stalking perpetrators. Her training included examples of commonly used technologies, as well as resources available to law enforcement agencies and deputy district attorneys to assist in detecting different devices and technological stalking tactics. Ms. Tracy and Erin Greenawald finished off the conference with an in-depth analysis of Oregon's Stalking laws and Stalking Orders.

In addition to free registration for the conference, the Department of Justice was able to reimburse travel, lodging and dining expenses for attendees residing more than fifty miles away and the conference was approved for over 15 CLE credits for attorneys in attendance as well as DPSST credits for officers. With our first successful Domestic Violence Conference now behind us, we look forward to providing new information and resources in the conferences to come.

If you would like the presentation materials from the conference, please contact Erin Greenawald at:

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Department, Indiana, with a presentation on Officer-Involved Incidents of Domestic Violence and Teen Dating Violence. Deputy Chief Davis has received many awards and accomplishments in both the law enforcement field and Domestic Violence arena. She has spoken at numerous conferences throughout the country and has trained thousands of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, advocates, and judges throughout the nation. Her extensive knowledge and personal experience with officer involved Domestic Violence was evident in her presentation of national case studies and various strategies implemented by different law enforcement agencies around the country to address this issue. The presentation highlighted common



## READY, SET, LEARN: LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Each issue of the newsletter will provide a brief review of the trainings that have recently taken place and those that are scheduled for the future. Read about what you've missed and what you can still attend. Look ahead and mark your calendars!

**October 13th-15th:** Newport, Or  
Domestic Violence Boot Camp

-Hosted by the Dept. Of Justice

**October 22:** McMinnville, Or

Yamhill County DV Summit

**October 29:** Salem, Or (DOJ)

ODAA—Prosecution of Child Abuse  
Cases Involving Children with  
Disabilities

"I am only one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I  
can do something. And I will  
not let what I cannot do  
interfere with what I can do."

-Edward Everett Hale

## NATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**October 5:** National Day of Unity—  
Conference call

- Hosted by the Domestic Violence  
Awareness Project

<http://pubs.pcadv.net/nrcdv/NationalCallforUnity2010.html>

**October 6:** (Webinars)

(11:00—12:00 PT) Providing Domestic  
Violence Services in Health Programs—  
Hosted by Family Violence Prevention

Fund—

[http://endabuse.org/section/programs/health\\_care/\\_webinars](http://endabuse.org/section/programs/health_care/_webinars)

(2:00-3:00 CT) Respect Works— Hosted by  
Break the Cycle—

[http://www.ncdsv.org/images/BreakTheCycle\\_RespectWorks\\_10-6-2010.pdf](http://www.ncdsv.org/images/BreakTheCycle_RespectWorks_10-6-2010.pdf)

**October :** Domestic Violence Awareness  
Month

There are several webinars offered

throughout October, see the website below  
for a list of offerings. —  
[http://www.ncdsv.org/ncd\\_upcomingtrainings.html](http://www.ncdsv.org/ncd_upcomingtrainings.html)

**Nov. 8-9:** San Diego, CA

A Criminal Justice Summit on Domestic  
Violence: Improving the Large Jurisdiction  
Response—Hosted by Battered Women's  
Project

<http://conferences.bwjp.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=39>

## INFO, INFO, INFO: RESOURCE IDEAS FOR THE DV DDA

Check out the variety of interesting  
websites and tools available to you  
completely free!

**AEquitas:** Their Newsletter "Strategies"

<http://www.aequitasresource.org/publications.cfm>

**NDAA:** Their website has collection of  
articles on a variety of DV topics. Check out  
some of the links below for a few examples:

-An article on introducing expert testimony  
to explain DV victim behavior:

[http://www.ndaa.org/pdf/pub\\_introducing\\_expert\\_testimony.pdf](http://www.ndaa.org/pdf/pub_introducing_expert_testimony.pdf)

-The role of a sexual assault nurse in the  
prosecution of DV cases

[http://www.ndaa.org/pdf/pub\\_role\\_sexual\\_assault\\_nurse\\_examiner.pdf](http://www.ndaa.org/pdf/pub_role_sexual_assault_nurse_examiner.pdf)

**New strangulation Resource:**

This brand new comprehensive training  
video features national experts on the  
subject of strangulation from detection  
through prosecution of strangulation cases.  
It's a "must-do" training for any professional  
who works with victims of Intimate Partner  
Violence.

This CD is available to be loaned for training  
free of cost from the DOJ.

**New DV Resource Just for You:**

Domestic Violence Documentary DVD's

The DOJ Criminal Division has purchased  
the three part series on Domestic Violence  
described below. They are available to you  
as an educational or outreach tool and may  
be borrowed free of cost from the DOJ.

**Power and Control: Domestic Violence in  
America.** The documentary provides a

comprehensive exploration of the complex  
issues that surround domestic abuse told  
through the story of one woman, Kim, in her  
journey through domestic violence. Filmed  
in Duluth, MN, the film also tells the history  
of the "Duluth Model" of domestic violence  
policies used around the world.

**Domestic Violence Law Enforcement: It  
Started in Duluth:** A short film that provides  
an informative look at how the best police  
departments in Duluth, Baltimore, and New  
York respond to domestic violence.

**Domestic Violence and Health Care: Best  
Practices in Action:** A look at Baltimore's  
Mercy Medical Center's best practices for  
screening for domestic violence among its  
patients.

**NCVLI:** Lewis and Clark based Victims' Issue  
Resource program—Can help with any  
victim issues you have. <http://www.lclark.edu/law/centers/>



## **HELP ME HELP YOU!**

The Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor position can more effectively assist you and your law enforcement agencies if I know what the specific needs are for your office, county, and community.

Over the last six months I've had the opportunity to speak to many local prosecutors and even meet quite a few of you in person. These contacts have allowed me to better understand how the DVRP position can help DDAs and law enforcement; Keep the suggestions coming!

Also, remember to SIGN up for the listserv. I am including the website link here: **[http://](http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/dv_listserv)**

**[listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/dv\\_listserv](http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/dv_listserv)**

Working together can only help us work better.

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## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events and Fundraisers**

**October 1st–31st:** Purple Light Nights (Saving Grace, Bend, Or and surrounding areas)

**Oct. 6: Lighting Ceremony, 7pm:** Prineville, Or, trees will be strung with purple lights and businesses can purchase strings of lights for storefront windows. The lighting ceremony will be in front of the Crook County Courthouse.

<http://www.saving-grace.org>

Both Bend and Madras held Purple Light Nights ceremonies in honor of DVAM.

Purple Light Nights® is the inspiration of the Covington Domestic Violence Task Force, King County, Washington. The goal is to have all residents shine a purple light on every front porch; hang a string of purple lights in every business window; and decorate each downtown street tree with purple lights, to send the message that "Domestic Violence Has NO Place In Our Community". The outcome of Purple Light Nights® is to increase the awareness of domestic violence issues and it's affect upon children and families.

**October 8th:** 6:00–10:00 pm (Beaverton, OR)

Autumn Affair 2010—A Celebration of Oregon Wine, Beaverton, Or

3rd Annual wine tasting event and silent auction to benefit the Domestic Violence Resource Center

<http://www.dvrc-or.org>

**October 9th:** 9:00 am (Salem, OR)

2010 Domestic Violence Awareness Walk/Run:

4th annual domestic violence awareness 5k or 10k walk/run event at Minto Brown Park, Salem, Or.

<http://www.mcdvcouncil.org>

**October 30th:** Newport, Or (Salishan Resort)

2nd Annual Wine and Fleas

Wine tasting event and silent auction to benefit My Sister's Place DV shelter and pet kennel.

<http://www.mysistersplace.us/>