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Clackamas County, in an effort to help women break the cycle of abuse, is now offering free classes on Domestic Violence designed to help women to make educated choices about their lives. Classes are open to all women residing in Clackamas County. Participants will explore patterns or behaviors operating in previous and current relationships and learn new strategies to stay safe from abusive men. The classes are designed for women who were in an abusive relationship in the past, or who are thinking of ending a current relationship. The classes are offered during the day and at night.

The class topics include:

- The cycle of violence
- The Effects of Abuse on Children
- Non-violent communications
- Safety Planning

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office provides this program through Recovery Act STOP VAWA funds from the Department of Justice's Crime Victims' Services Division. It is called the Women's Empowerment Project because one of the goals is to help women explore a variety of ways of empowering themselves within their intimate relationships. The program is dedicated to helping participants identify the early signs of abusive behaviors and how to exit an abusive relationship as quickly and safely as possible. Each class is 14 weeks long. Participants meet for two hours once a week. Every class, led by two dynamic facilitators, is engaging and interactive.

If you or anyone you know is interested in the empowerment workshops please contact Clackamas County community corrections.

Getting Creative about Getting the Word Out

Patricia Barrera, the Victim's Services Coordinator for Clackamas County, along with Barry Cadish and Katherine Anne Stansbury, the two Group Facilitators for the Women's Empowerment Project, created and posted a YouTube video to advertise the classes. The video recites the information given above about the classes and briefly provides some facts about Domestic Violence in Clackamas County.

The video is a great example of new ways organizations can use modern technological means to reach out to different populations. YouTube is not just a site for funny home movies anymore. Several organizations working specifically with Domestic Violence, within Oregon, have taken a similar approach to making information about Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence programs accessible to people via the internet. Check out Clackamas County's video as well as other videos on Domestic Violence that were found posted by other various organizations and agencies.

- Clackamas County Women's Empowerment Project:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qU1JaRALrJY>

- DVERT - Clackamas Co. Sheriffs Office:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPK-bj7JzXs>

- Raphael House of Portland:

Informational Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4g4iDW2LIOY>

Youth and Domestic Violence: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkYLubWcGIE>

- Oregon DHS

"Safety Up Front," : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huQX8Gf4I8o>

"When Do You Get Involved?" : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY7i7GMZD-0>

- Home Free: Many Voices, One Vision: Ending Domestic Violence:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxWNOyIZ28Y>

- Paths to Safety: Center Against Rape and DV in Linn and Benton County:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiuKvR1tADA>

- Saving Grace: Free From Violence in Bend Oregon:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ihXlaCoqoE>

January is National
Stalking Awareness
Month.

For information and
materials to use in
planning for National
Stalking Awareness
Month activities,
visit:

www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org

Breaking the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy in Oregon

As part of an ongoing effort, the Obama Administration is highlighting unprecedented coordination and cooperation across the entire government to protect victims of domestic and sexual violence and enable survivors to break the cycle of abuse. This effort includes new government-wide initiatives to protect victims of abuse and provide resources for families and communities to prevent abuse.

One of the initiatives announced as part of the broad, comprehensive response to reducing violence against women includes the Protect Children and Break the Cycle of Violence initiative. This initiative focuses on early intervention to reach children and young families experiencing domestic and sexual violence as a crucial element of the strategy to end violence against women. Through this initiative, the Affordable Care Act's new Pregnancy Assistance Fund, five

states will start providing help for pregnant women who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. Oregon is one of the five states (NC, NM, VA, and WA) that received funding through this program.

As part of this funding, the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) has been awarded a 3-year "Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens and Women" grant from the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Oregon's project is called the Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy Grant ("IPV & Pregnancy Grant"). The grant is intended to fund nonprofits that have expertise in providing services to victims and survivors of intimate partner violence (DV/SA) in hiring and outstationing advocates in Child Welfare and/or Self Sufficiency field offices to

provide Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DV/SA) services & expertise.

The population to be served by this grant is women and teens who are pregnant or the parent of a child less than 1 year old, who have entered the Child Welfare or Self Sufficiency systems, and who are victims of intimate partner violence. *The projects that are funded will support partnerships among nonprofit providers, child welfare or self sufficiency field offices and local public health providers.*

Applications for the funds are due on December 20th, with awards to be announced on January 18th.

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The History of National Stalking Awareness Month (January)

In January 2004, the National Center for Victims of Crime launched National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) to increase the public's understanding of the crime of stalking. NSAM emerged from the work of the Stalking Resource Center, a National Center program funded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, to raise awareness about stalking and help develop and implement multidisciplinary responses to the crime.

In 2003, the Stalking Resource Center received a call from Debbie Riddle, the sister of Peggy Klinke, who had been murdered by a stalker in California several months earlier. Riddle wanted to transform her family's painful tragedy into a force for good. She particularly wanted to help improve law enforcement's response to stalking and save lives.

Riddle's call set into motion a series of events that produced a concurrent Congressional resolution on stalking; a national program on Lifetime Television, hosted by Erin Brockovich, featuring Peggy Klinke's story; and a Lifetime video, "Stalking: Real Fear, Real Crime," to train law enforcement about the crime. In July 2003, the National Center for Victims of Crime, in partnership with Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM), and Lifetime Television, told Peggy's story at a

Congressional briefing on Capitol Hill.

The briefing focused on strategies for strengthening law enforcement's response to stalking. Featured speakers included Diane Stuart, former director of the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice; Tracy Bahm, former director of the Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime; and Mark Wynn, police officer and stalking expert. Susan Herman, former executive director of the National Center for Victims of Crime, moderated the briefing.

That same day, Representative Wilson introduced a Congressional resolution to support National Stalking Awareness Month. The following January, the National Center for Victims of Crime launched the first observance of National Stalking Awareness Month and supported communities across the nation in planning the event.

In 2009 the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime launched a new Web site, <http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org>, devoted to this annual observance. Check it out!

Stalking
resource center

www.ncvc.org/src

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR
Victims of Crime

Domestic Violence Bootcamp: Shaping up to Combat Domestic Violence

The Department of Justice held its first "Domestic Violence Boot Camp" on October 13-15 in Newport, Oregon.

Twenty-five prosecutors from eighteen Oregon counties attended the intense three-day training. The "Boot Camp" provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of Domestic Violence dynamics and additionally focused on improving the critical trial advocacy skills needed to successfully prosecute Domestic Violence cases.

There were a number of highly experienced prosecutors who worked to

create the curriculum for the conference and also presented throughout the multi-day event: Jean Kunkle and Doug Hanson, Marion County District Attorney's Office; John Wentworth, Clackamas County District Attorney's Office; and Jennifer Gardiner and Erin Greenawald, Oregon Department of Justice. Additionally, Paige Clarkson from the Marion County District Attorney's Office, Jamie Vasas, Salem PD, and Sheila Uphoff, Domestic Violence survivor, presented Ms. Uphoff's amazing story of survival and the subsequent investigation and prosecution of her abuser.

The "Boot Camp" was an unequivocal success. The ability to provide an absolutely free training of this caliber to a large number of prosecutors was made possible due to the Statewide Training Program and Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor grants; these grants have provided five quality Domestic Violence trainings to hundreds of Oregon law enforcement, prosecutors, and other allied professionals in the last eight months! And the exceptional quality of the "Boot Camp" is a direct result of the hard work of both the faculty and all of the attendees. Thank you to both groups!

ENHANCING VICTIM SAFETY: New "Restraining Order Notification Project"

One of the most dangerous times for a victim is when service of a protection order occurs. Timely notice to the victim is essential so that she can plan for their safety. Current notification requirements under ORS 107.720 state: "The Sheriff shall also provide the petitioner with a true copy of the proof of service." This is done by sending the victim a copy of the, "Return of Service" form. This can take three (3) business days. Some smaller communities may contact the victim by phone after service occurs and others may ask the victim to call them. Victims will call the Sheriff's Office, oftentimes repeatedly, to find out if service occurred, generating call volume to the Sheriff's office.

A new project developed by Oregon State Police in collaboration with the OJD and the DOJ will provide notification regarding service of a protection order via cell phone or email. This notice is an **ENHANCEMENT** to the existing process. It

is not meant to take the place of the requirement to send the victim a true copy of proof of service. The project is expected to launch around December 1st.

How it Works:

Petitioner would need to provide an email address or cell phone number on the new Confidential Information Form (CIF). This service is optional, not required. Petitioner is notified as soon as the information is entered into the Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS) by the Sheriff's Office. This is an enhancement to the existing process. This enhancement will be beneficial to the Sheriff's Office in providing more timely notification to the petitioner that the restraining order has been served.

The automatic message that will be sent to the petitioner for new protection orders states:

To petitioners' email address (if provided):

"Your protection order has been served by (agency name). Please do NOT reply to this email as it is an unmonitored mailbox. If you have any questions please contact (agency name) at (agency phone number)."

To petitioners' cellular phone:

"Your protection order has been served by (agency name)"

Additional messages will be sent out to each email address and cellular phone number on file for each protected person as follows:

-Renewal notices when a modification to the expiration date transaction is entered into LEDS.

-And 30 days prior to the expiration of an active protection order.

For more information contact:

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THEY SAID WHAT??

The Absurdity Escapes No One:

Judge Jeff Jones is featured in this month's Clackamas County Bar newsletter. He is asked whether he has an amusing anecdote to share from his experience as a judge. He says: "I handled a restraining order case arising out of an alleged assault by the respondent/boyfriend. While the respondent testified, insisting he had no anger problem, the opposing attorney noticed a tattoo on the boyfriend's neck — of a hand grenade. Counsel asked, 'Why the tattoo?' The boyfriend replied, 'My tattoo artist

recommended it.' " When asked why his tattoo artist recommended a hand grenade, the boyfriend answered, "Because it reflects my explosive personality." The restraining order was upheld.

In the Name of Love:

Defendant during interview with police officer in custody for VRO and possibly Burg 1: "I messed up, I understand that. That's why I'm here. *What does a man do when he loves a woman?*"

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!

Purple Lights Night: Cities Light Up in Recognition of DV Awareness Month



Tree Lighting in Madras

Purple Light Nights™ is a national awareness campaign during which time individuals and businesses shine purple lights for the month of October to remember victims and honor survivors of domestic violence. Saving Grace was selling strings of purple lights in Bend, Prineville, and Madras so that each community could show support.

In Madras, trees were strung with purple lights and a lighting ceremony took place October 1st at Sahalee

Park. In Prineville, businesses could purchase strings of lights for storefront windows and a lighting ceremony took place on October 6th in front of the Crook County Courthouse.

In Marion County the Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Services and the Marion County Domestic Violence Council sold purple light bulbs that could be used to light porches and business fronts during the month of October.



Crook County Courthouse
Dressed in Purple

NATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

December 10: (Online or Live in MN, 1:30-4pm) - Free Event!

"Seeking Safety Across Borders: Cases involving domestic violence and The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction"

To register for the LIVE IN-PERSON event go online to:

http://westlegaledcenter.com/program_guide/course_detail.jsf?courseId=32481550

To register for the LIVE WEBCAST event go

online to:

http://westlegaledcenter.com/program_guide/course_detail.jsf?courseId=32481777

December 14: (Webinar, 2:00 pm ET)

"Lifecourse Effects of Trauma in the Lives of Girls: Findings from the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study."

<https://services.choruscall.com/links/womenshealth.html>

December 14: (Webinar, 1:00-2:30pm ET)

"Screening for

Consumer Issues: A Tool for DV Advocates and Attorneys"

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/415985184>

January 9-11: (Austin, TX)

"Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness"

(See website for Host information)

http://www.ncdsv.org/expertwitness_dv_2011.html

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

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

In recognition of Stalking Awareness Month, here are a few websites with great information on stalking:

-National Network to End Domestic Violence

<http://nnedv.org/resources/safetynetdocs.html>

- Stalking Resource Center

www.ncvc.org/src/

-National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

http://www.ncdsv.org/publications_stalking.html

New strangulation resource material:

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.



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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 eight 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://lists.mart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/dv_listserv**

Working together can only help us work better.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!



'Tis The Season for Giving



This holiday season consider donating to one of the many shelters around the state that provide support for women and victims of Domestic Violence. Below is a list of shelters that have holiday gift giving programs and/or year-around "wish lists" of items that are needed at the shelter and are listed on their websites.

Monetary donations can usually be made online at the shelters' website as well.

- Coos Co.: Women's Safety and Resource Center

www.womensafety.org (wish list)

- Lincoln Co.: My Sister's Place

www.mysistersplace.us (wish list)

- Benton Co.: Center Against Rape and DV

www.cardv.peak.org (holiday gift program)

- Lane Co.: Womenspace

www.womenspaceinc.org (donate online)

- Marion Co.: Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service

www.mvwcs.com (wish list)

- Polk Co.: SABLE House

www.sablehouse.org (wish list)

- Yamhill Co.: Henderson House

www.hendersonhouse.org (wish list)

- Portland Metro: Bradley Angle

www.bradleyangle.org (wish list)

- Clackamas Women's Services

www.cwsor.org (wish list)

- Columbia Co. Women's Resource Center

www.noexcuse4abuse.com (wish list)

- Domestic Violence Resource Center

www.dvrc-or.com (wish list)

- NAYA Family Center Healing Circle

www.nayapdx.org/services/family-services/healing-circle.php (wish list)

- Portland Women's Crisis Line

www.pwcl.org (wish list)

- Raphael House of Portland

www.raphaelhouse.com (holiday program)

- YWCA—Yolanda House

www.ywca-pdx.org (holiday gift drive)

- Wasco Co.: Haven From DV

www.haventhedalles.org (wish list)

- Crook Co.: Saving Grace

www.saving-grace.org (wish list)