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<div>December 2011</div>	
Join Our Mailing List!	<p>Dear Suzanne, 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.</p>
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US Department of Justice Special Report	U.S. Department of Justice Releases Special Report: Use of Victim Services Agencies by Victims of Serious Violent Crimes
Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act	<p>In August of 2011 the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics released a special report on the use of victim service agencies by victims of serious violent crimes from 1993-2009. They defined victim service agencies as organizations that offer recovery (emotional and physical), system guidance, restitution, and prevention services to victims. These agencies receive both public and private funding. Overall, around 9% of victims of all types of violent crimes received some type of victim service agency assistance from 1993-2009. From 2000-2009 female victims of all serious violent crimes were more likely than males to receive assistance from a victim service agency; 15% compared to 6%, respectively. Findings illustrate that victims who reported the crime to law enforcement were more likely to receive direct assistance from a victim services agency than victims who did not report their crimes. Interestingly, there was a slightly greater use of victim service agencies by victims living in rural areas (12%) than victims living in urban areas (8%).</p> <p>There were some important findings in the areas of intimate partner violence. There was a higher reported use of these service agencies from victims of serious intimate partner violence (23%) compared to the percentage of victims of all other types of serious violent crime (8%). Furthermore, the findings show that about 1 in 5 victims of rape or sexual assault got services from these agencies. Findings may also suggest that when compared to other types of violent crime (robbery 4%, aggravated assault 3%) rape or sexual assault victims (9%) are more likely to be referred to victim service</p>
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Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council meets on the 2nd Friday of every month. Upcoming meeting dates are:

Dec 9, 2011

Jan 13, 2012

Feb 10, 2012

agencies through organizations outside of law enforcement (hospitals, counselors, etc.) or that they choose to seek services out on their own behalf. Similarly, a greater percentage of victims of unreported crimes that were perpetrated by an intimate partner accessed victim services without a channel through law enforcement than victims of crimes committed outside of intimate relationships.

This report demonstrates the great impact that victim service agencies and advocates can have on victims of crime. Furthermore, it illustrates how particularly powerful and important these services are in the fields of sexual and intimate partner violence.

For more information, or to see the special report please visit: <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/uvsavsvc9309.pdf>

Quick Links

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[Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office](#)

Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

The Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Pat Leahy (D-Vermont) and Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). VAWA has transformed the nation's response to domestic violence and sexual assault. It has provided funding to states and local communities to develop specialized law enforcement units, provide services to victims, and improve prosecution of these crimes. Since the passage of the Act, the annual incidence of domestic violence has dropped by more than 50%.

While progress has been made, violence is still a significant problem facing women, men, families, and communities. Domestic violence shelters are still full, hotlines are ringing, and for every victim who has come forward, many more are suffering alone. And it's the nation's youth who are most at risk - young women between the ages of 16-24 suffer from the highest rates of dating violence and sexual assault. For more information on VAWA and to read this post in its entirety visit the Council on Women and Girls website <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/11/30/reauthorizing-violence-against-women-act>

Trainings

December 8th, 2011 (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 an ongoing monthly meeting that focuses on community networking and resource sharing. If you have questions contact Susan Montgomery at (505)988-3064 ext. 24304.

December 19, 2011 (9am-2pm): FREE Trauma Informed Practice Training, Oregon Zoo (Vista room). Topics covered include: Trauma Informed Care, Using trauma knowledge to improve practice in criminal justice and dependency systems, Historical and Generational Trauma of Native Americans, Historical and Generational Trauma of African Americans. Registration is

Generational Trauma of African Americans. Registration is required to receive materials and lunch. questions contact: Amy Scholerman at 503.986.5618 or register by Thursday, December 8, 2011 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011MultnomahRegionalTraining>
Lunch is provided.

January 17th, 2012 (10:00am-12:00pm): "Impact of Trauma on the Developing Brain." Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Monthly Training, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave, Portland OR 97202. Erin Fairchild, MSW, will provide this training. In this training, participants will look beyond the "bad behaviors" and learn about how trauma actually impacts brain development. We will also look at immediate interventions that support participants work with families. Registration is not required. For more information please contact Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-4114 or vanessa.timmons@multco.us

2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters to be held on February 27 - March 1, 2012! You can [register now](#) for the 2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters (WCWS), which will bring together shelter advocates and grassroots activists working to end violence against women across the world. The registration cost is determined by your profession (student, NGO delegate, standard) and the country from which you are travelling. [Click here for the cost breakdown.](#) The conference will have a limited number of scholarships available.

SAVE THE DATE: April 30-May 1: Domestic Violence & African American's: Unpacking the significance of our diversity, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community Annual Conference. Sheraton Norfolk Water Side, Norfolk VA. <http://www.idvaac.org/>

SAVE THE DATE: June 4-8, 2012: State Victims Assistance Academy, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Please direct all questions regarding this training to Mary Sasaki, SVAA Coordinator mcsasakior@comcast.net

Note: We would love to include your next training in our training list. If your organization sponsors a conference or training and you would like to have it listed in the Update Send conference/training information to Update editor Vanessa Timmons via email: vanessa.timmon@multco.us or fax: 503-988-3710. Be sure to include registration deadline and name of person to contact for additional information.

Announcements:

Holiday Schedule for Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services: These are the days the Gateway Center is planning to be closed for the upcoming holidays:

- December 26 Monday, Day after Christmas.
- January 2, Monday, Day After New Year.

Please make a note of these dates when you refer clients for drop in services. If you have any questions, contact Diana Lee, 503-988-6400

National Task Force To End Domestic Violence
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toolkit, the National Task Force has put together the a electronic toolkit that will help mobilize the effort to reauthorize VAWA. Follow this link to obtain toolkit. http://www.biscmi.org/VAWA_Reauth_ToolKit_Final_11_28_11.pdf

NEW RESOURCE: Voices Set Free: Battered Women Speak from Prison. Download a free copy of this book detailing the real life stories of abused women who were charged with felonies. Survivors tell their stories of the physical, psychological, emotional and sexual battering they endured. <http://www.voicesetfree.org/files/vsfbook.pdf>

Moving Upstream 7-2 is the second of a two-part series designed to help primary prevention practitioners think critically about how people experience prevention theory, and strategically build program components to make prevention initiatives effective. download a free copy at: <http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/Moving%20Upstream%207-2.pdf> To view the previous issue (Part 1 of this series), go to: <http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/Moving%20Upstream%207-1.pdf>

Information for Domestic Violence Shelters about Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws:The National Center now has two tip sheets available that provide information about shelter compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act laws that apply to domestic violence shelters. The first tip sheet contains recommended practices for shelter qualification and intake processes. The second contains recommended practices during the provision of services to survivors of domestic violence residing at a shelter. Click to download: [Tip Sheet #1: Shelter Qualification and Intake](#) and [Tip Sheet #2: Provision of Services](#).

The F.C.C. has [a guide to using 911 services on a wireless phone](#) online, with a PDF version designed for printing available for download. The agency is also working on modernizing the 911 system to include texting, video and other types of information that can be used to request help. Julius Genachowski, the chairman of the F.C.C., [outlined the future plans for 911](#) late last year. Because of the 911 service requirement, many organizations collect used cell phones to distribute to individuals who may need emergency services, like senior citizens living alone or victims of domestic violence. Sites like the [Volunteer Guide](#) and the [911 Cell Phone Bank](#) have more information.

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 via email: vanessa.timmon@multco.us or fax: 503-988-3710.

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From: **Marjorie A ARIGBON** <marjorie.a.arigbon@state.or.us>

Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2011 at 8:45 AM

Subject: Re: FVCC Newsletter

To: Family Violence Coordinating Council <vanessa.timmons@multco.us>

I have retired and will not be responding to email. Thank you

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