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Meeting Agenda

**February 11,
2011**

**Portland Building,
1120 SW 5th Ave,
Room 2b**

**12:15-12:30
Introductions and
Announcements**

**12:30-12:45
US Attorney's
Initiative on Guns
and DV**

Dear Multnomah,

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.

Multnomah County receives national grant as one of eight sites in the country to develop the Defending Childhood Initiative

This October, the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator's office was given the opportunity to participate in a new federal demonstration project through the Office of the Attorney General. The Defending Childhood Initiative, launched by Attorney General Eric Holder in response to the findings of the National Survey on Children's Exposure to Violence, seeks to address violence exposure by raising awareness of the problem of children's exposure to violence, helping to prevent exposure, and providing effective services and treatment for children who have already experienced violence.

In October of 2010, eight sites began their Defending Childhood Initiative demonstration projects. Since then, an expansive collaborative effort has been launched throughout Multnomah County to engage state, county, and city agencies, service providers, school districts, non-profits, and community members in a strategic planning process. This collaborative will work to develop a comprehensive and coherent approach to enhance prevention, intervention, and awareness of children's exposure to violence that builds on our existing foundation of services to children and families. There is an opportunity for additional on-going funding after the demonstration project is completed, and Multnomah County will be pursuing these funds for the implementation of our

**(Fred Weinhouse,
Assistant US
Attorney)**

**12:45-1:30
History and Future of
DV Interventions in
Multnomah County
(Chiquita Rollins)**

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strategic plan.

The issue of children's exposure to violence is a national crisis. According to the findings of the National Survey, over 60% of America's youth have been exposed to at least one form of violence in the past year, and nearly 40% have been exposed to multiple forms of violence. In light of these findings, the Defending Childhood Initiative has become a priority for the Attorney General, and Multnomah County hopes to do its part to help reduce childhood exposure to violence in our community.

For more information on this initiative or to get involved, please contact Rita Moore, Project Coordinator, at rmoores@multco.us or 503-988-4995.

National Survey on Children's Exposure to Violence: Witnessing Domestic Violence Is Associated With Other Forms of Childhood Victimization

The recent National Survey on Children's Exposure to Violence (NatSCEV) investigated children's exposure to a wide range of violence, including conventional crime, child abuse, sexual victimization, peer and sibling victimization, dating violence, and witnessing domestic violence. This study found that over 60% of children ages 0 to 17 will experience some form of direct or indirect victimization during their lifetimes, and almost 40% are exposed to multiple forms of violence. It also found that domestic violence is one of the most common forms of direct or indirect violence experienced by children, with approximately 1 in 10 children witnessing domestic violence during the past year. Although significant numbers of children in all age groups witnessed domestic violence, not all suffered significant trauma symptoms.

The NatSCEV study confirmed the already well-documented association between domestic violence and child abuse. Looking at past-year exposure to violence, the NatSCEV study found that 1 in 3 children who witnessed domestic violence were also victims of child abuse/maltreatment, compared to 8.6% of nonwitnesses. Looking at lifetime rates, the study found that more than half (56.8%) of children and youth who witnessed domestic violence also experienced some other form of child maltreatment in their lifetimes. As found in previous studies, the NatSCEV study found that physical child abuse had a particularly strong association with domestic violence, with nearly 1 in 3 children/youth who witness domestic violence also experiencing physical abuse compared to fewer than 1 in 20 for children/youth who have never witnessed domestic violence.

The study also found that some specific types of victimization have uniquely strong associations with witnessing domestic violence. Three-quarters of children who experience custodial

interference, for example, have also witnessed partner violence. Put another way, about 1 in 5 children and youth who experience custodial interference have a lifetime history of witnessing domestic violence, compared to only 1.5% of children who have never witnessed partner violence. A similar strong association was found with sexual abuse by a known adult. More than 70% of children and youth sexually abused by a known adult had also witnessed domestic violence. The risk of dating violence is also significantly higher for youth who have witnessed domestic violence, with a nearly fourfold increase in lifetime risks for dating violence.

While this and previous studies consistently demonstrate that domestic violence frequently overlaps with child abuse, this national survey found that, surprisingly, domestic violence was also associated with virtually every form of child or youth victimization, even forms of violence that are very different from domestic violence such as property crime. In general, children who witness domestic violence are 3 to 9 times more likely to experience some other form of violence than children who do not witness domestic violence. However, it is important to note that despite this significant overlap, it should not be assumed that children who have witnessed domestic violence have also experienced other victimizations, nor should it be assumed that children who have experienced other victimizations have also witnessed domestic violence.

Multiple victimization experiences can have significant consequences for children. This study found that children who experience many different types of violence tended to have worse trauma symptoms than children who experience only one form of violence, even if that single form of violence is severe and chronic. Thus, a child who is exposed to only domestic violence - even if it is chronic and severe - is likely to fare better than a child who is exposed to multiple types of violence, even if those multiple types of violence are less severe. The researchers also suggest that exposure to domestic violence may be a key component in creating conditions that lead to other forms of victimization, and recommend that services for both adult domestic violence victims and child victims be better integrated and take these overlapping risks into consideration. Finally, the researchers recommend that collaborative efforts and service models that emphasize help and protection for both the child victim and the adult victim should be the norm.

Summarized by Annie Neal, Mult. Co. Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office

Sources:

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Homicides Related to Intimate Partner Violence in Oregon: A Seven Year Review

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) recently released their report of Homicides related to IPV in Oregon. NVDRS Oregon collects data from several data sources: Oregon Medical Examiners' reports, Oregon Crime Lab reports, Oregon Law Enforcement Data System Uniform Crime reports, the Homicide Incident Tracking System, local law enforcement reports, Death Certificates, and Child Fatality Review Reports.

Key Findings:

- Approximately one in five homicides in Oregon was related to IPV.
- Intimate partners committed 46% of the homicides among females ages 15 and older. Women were more likely than men to be killed by an intimate partner; 80 percent of female victims were killed by their current husbands or boyfriends in the incidents of IPV-related homicide.
- Men in the incidents of IPV-related homicide were far more likely than women to be killed by someone other than an intimate partner.
- Approximately two thirds of victims who were killed by an intimate partner were living with their perpetrators when the incident occurred.
- More than 40 percent of the incidents of intimate partner homicide were followed by a suicide or suicide attempt.
- Three in four homicide-suicide events were related to IPV.
- Gunshot wound was a predominant mechanism of death in the incidents of IPV-related homicide.
- Sixty-five percent of victims who were killed by an intimate partner were at her/his own home when the incident occurred.
- The city of Portland had the largest number of IPV-related homicides, followed by the cities of Beaverton, Eugene, Milwaukie, and Salem.
- The number of intimate partner homicides in Oregon remained relatively stable between 1997 and 2009.

View full report at

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipe/nvdrs/index.shtml>

Domestic Violence Counts!

The National Network to End Domestic Violence recently

released the results of the 5th annual Domestic Violence Counts: a 24 hour census of Domestic Violence Shelters and Services. For the full 2010 report and state summaries please go to www.nnedv.org/census
IN JUST ONE DAY:

- A record 1,746 (91%) participating local domestic violence programs participate
- Assisted 70,648 adults and children through shelter, transitional housing, and advocacy
- Answered 22,292 hotline calls, over 16 calls every minute
- Trained 30,134 attendees at 1,240 community education sessions
- Unfortunately, 9,541 requests for services went unmet because of a lack of resources or staffing. Sixty percent (60%) of the unmet requests were for emergency shelter or transitional housing and 40% of the unmet requests were for non-residential services.

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 1,441 (82%) programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time, 1,351 (77%) of programs reported a decrease in funding.

What About Multnomah County? Local information from the National Domestic Violence Census

To get a snapshot of domestic violence services and needs in Multnomah County, domestic violence victim services providers in Multnomah County also shared their National Domestic Violence Services Census data with Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office. These 13 programs reported the following services provided on a single day in September 2010.

- Emergency Shelter: 54 households with 61 children received emergency housing services through shelters and motel vouchers.
- Transitional Housing: 137 households with 210 children were housed in a transitional housing program.
- An additional 401 households including at least 91 children received other domestic violence advocacy and support services.
- Combined, these 13 agencies provided 10 separate trainings and responded to 226 hotline calls. The most frequent need that could not be met was emergency shelter, with 89 requests for emergency housing turned away due to lack of space or funding.

Multnomah County Census information compiled by the Domestic Violence Coordination Office

For more information, including the full report with compelling quotes from advocates, state-by-state data summaries, and Frequently Asked Questions, go to www.nnedv.org/census

Announcements & Resources:

Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force has released the 2011 Call for Workshop Proposals for *Roots of Change: Social Justice and Media*. This is the 3rd biennial Roots of Change conference and is offered in partnership with Men Can Stop Rape. Downloadable application is available on their website <http://oregonsatf.org>. Or contact Ashley Maier at ashleymaier@oregonsatf.org or 503-990-6541

Research Article available online "Serving Women Who Use Force in Their Intimate Heterosexual Relationships" can be downloaded at [Larance2006ServingWomenWhoUseForce.pdf](#). This article explores the author's practice observations while working with women who use force (WWUF) in their intimate heterosexual relationships. The program's approach to assessment, education and support, and advocacy frames a description of the impact services have had on the lives of WWUF.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics has just released "Crimes Against People with Disabilities, 2008," which found that people with disabilities are twice as likely to be victims of violent crime as people without disabilities. There is lots of good data in this new publication, which can be accessed at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2019>.

U-visa Toolkit

When Congress created the U-visa in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, its intent was to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies to detect, investigate, and prosecute cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crimes; and to offer protection to victims of such crimes. The following link will take you to new U-Visa Materials and [Tool Kit for Law Enforcement Use of the U-Visa](#), created by Legal Momentum and the Vera Institute.

This tool kit is designed to assist law enforcement agencies develop U-visa certification policies/protocols to enable immigrant victims of crime to access the U-visa. The tool kit was created with input from law enforcement officers and contains legal info, sample policies, FAQs, and other information we hope you'll find helpful in your advocacy efforts.

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.

Trainings

February 8-10, 2011: Joint Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prosecutor Training. Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force, Salem Conference Center, Salem, OR, Training will Include: Dynamics of Sexual and Domestic Violence, Witness Interviews, Case Preparation, Motion Practice, Victim Rights, Jury Selection And Much More! For more information: Christine Herrman, christineherrman@oregonsatf.org or (503)990-6541

February 10th, 2011 (8:30-10:30am): Recovery Networking Breakfast For Women's Services, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave., Portland OR 97202. In addition to the usual focus on community networking and resource sharing, there will be a training presentation "HIV Prevention: Not Just for the Young Anymore... How Everyone Can Spread the Word" by Jacki Gethner, LMT, CADC-I, recipient of the 2009 national Kaiser Permanente HIV/AIDS Diversity Award. If you have questions contact Susan Montgomery at (505)988-3064 ext. 24304.

February 11, 2011: Preventing & Addressing Discord in the Home: A Faith Based Response To Intimate Partner Violence This workshop takes place from 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM at East County Church of Christ 24375 SE Stark Gresham, Oregon 97030. Pre-register by February 3, 2011 Contact (503-666-8485) or info@ecochurch.com) There is no charge for this workshop. For more information visit view the [workshop flyer](#) or Agape Church of Christ www.agapecoc.com

February 15th 2011 (10:00am-12:00pm): Communities of Color in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile. Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Monthly Training, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave, Portland OR 97202. This months training detail the key findings on the depth and breadth of racial disparities in the region and document the recommendations for reform. Ann Curry-Stevens, will provide the research presentation and share thoughts about how domestic violence organizations can be effective allies in pressing for change. For more information please contact Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-9166 ext. 26266 or vanessa.timmons@multco.us

February 15th 2011 (11:00am PST): Prevent Connect Webinar. Changing the public perception about violence against women. This free web conference will highlight the national Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) work with the FrameWorks Institute to research how the general public in the United States thinks about sexual violence and its prevention. Register on line at : <http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=320&ionID=248>

February 16th 2011: Crime Victims Compensation Program training and Address Confidentiality Program Training. Crime Victims Services Division in Salam. Trainings

are free. Directions and any other pertinent information will be sent to attendees a week prior to training. For those interested in becoming ACP Application Assistants, please note that there is a requirement of at least 40 hours of domestic violence and/or sexual assault training. For more information or to register contact Valerie Smith at (503) 378-5348 or Valerie.smith@state.or.us

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@multco.us or 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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