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## Family Violence Coordinating Council Newsletter

**October 2011**

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**5th Annual Judge Herrell Awards Celebration**

**October 14, 2011  
Multnomah Building  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd  
Board Room**

### **2011 Meeting Schedule**

Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council meets on the

**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.

### 5th Annual Judge Herrell Awards Celebration!



Please join us for a light lunch in honor of this year's recipient **Chiquita Rollins**, Former Coordinator of Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office on October 14th at the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, from 12:15-1:30pm.

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month Celebrating 17 years of the Violence Against Women Act.

The following post appears courtesy of Susan B. Carbon, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women

Marking the 17th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) helps us both appreciate the great strides that have been made in addressing all types of violence against women and recognize the fact that more needs to be done to create a society free from domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) remains committed to addressing these crimes in a broad and comprehensive manner.

The concept of a coordinated community response is one of the most

2nd Friday of every month. Upcoming meeting dates are:

**October 14** -Annual Judge Herrell Awards

**November-11** No meeting due to Veteran's Day Holiday

**December 9**

critical and visible achievements of VAWA. In the years since VAWA's enactment by Congress in 1994, we have witnessed a sea-of-change in the ways that communities respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. VAWA encourages communities to bring together stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to share information and to use their distinct roles to improve our responses to and prevention of violence against women. These groups include, but are not limited to: victim advocates, police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation and corrections officials, health care professionals, leaders within faith communities, and survivors of violence. New programs and amendments have strengthened the law and enhanced our work.

We continue to be grateful to this administration and its role in bringing greater attention to and awareness of these crimes. The ongoing support of the President and Vice President inspires and encourages us in our day-to-day work. In his Proclamation marking the 15th Anniversary of VAWA, President Obama described some accomplishments and important tasks ahead.

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### **His words continue to strengthen inspire resolve:**

...Communities recognize the special needs of victims and appreciate the benefits of collaboration among professionals in the civil and criminal justice system, victim advocates, and other service providers. With the support of VAWA funds, dedicated units of law enforcement officers and specialized prosecutors have grown more numerous than ever before. Most importantly, victims are more likely to have a place to turn for help - for emergency shelter and crisis services, and also for legal assistance, transitional housing, and services for their children.

Despite this great progress, our Nation's work remains unfinished. More families and communities must recognize that the safety of our children relates directly to the safety of our mothers. Access to sexual assault services, especially in rural America, must be increased. American Indian and Alaska Native women experience the highest rates of violence, and we must make it a priority to address this urgent problem. We must also work with diverse communities to make sure the response to violence is relevant and culturally appropriate. We must prevent the homicide of women and girls who have suffered from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Far too many women in our communities and neighborhoods, and across the world, continue to suffer from violence. Inspired by the promise and achievement of the Violence Against Women Act, our Nation stands united in its determination to end these crimes and help those in need.

**Join the effort to put an end to violence against women. Specific opportunities are available in many communities during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For more information about OVW or these awareness months, please visit [www.ovw.usdoj.gov](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov).**

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events:

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

(DVAM). DVAM is observed across the country with educational programs, memorial ceremonies, and community outreach events. Local Domestic Violence advocates and their community partners are organizing DVAM events and activities in our area. Events are free unless otherwise stated.

**October 12, 7 pm Cinema 21 (616 NW 21st Ave. Portland):** "Crime after Crime" Documentary Screening. Watch this story of abuse and incarceration, and the inspiring efforts of one survivor and her supporters. Film will be followed by a panel discussion with Q&A. Proceeds to benefit YWCA Yolanda House.

**October 18, 7:30pm (YWCA, 1111 SW 10th Ave, 3rd floor Conference Center):** "The Untouchable Girls" Screening. Watch this fun, informative biopic about lesbian twin sisters a folk music duo from New Zealand! In partnership with Raphael House and Bradley Angle. More information on the film here: <http://topptwins.com/tv-and-film/untouchable-girls>

**October 20, Portland Women's Crisis Line's Candlelight Vigil:** Join the vigil honoring people from our community who have been killed by family or loved ones in domestic violence situations during the past year; visit [www.pwcl.org](http://www.pwcl.org) or contact Rebecca at 503-872-8627 for specific time and location information.

**October 27, All Day, multiple locations, Dine4DV:** Dine at participating restaurants throughout the day and a percentage of the cost of your meal will benefit services to survivors at YWCA Yolanda House, Listen to Kids, Portland Women's Crisis Line, and the West Women's and Children's Shelter! View list of restaurants and plan your meals at [www.ywca-pdx.org/dine4dv.html](http://www.ywca-pdx.org/dine4dv.html).

## Trainings

**October 13th, 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.

**October 18th, 2011 (9:00am-12:00pm): Advocate Forum, women's use of force. Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Monthly Training, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave, Portland OR 97202.** Come watch the documentary film, "Every F\*\*\*ing Day of My Life" and participate in a facilitated discussion on survivors use of force and the strategies for working with survivors who have used force. The film follows Oregon woman Wendy

Maldonado and her family in the days before she begins serving a ten-year sentence. Registration is not required. For more information please contact Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-4114 or [vanessa.timmons@multco.us](mailto:vanessa.timmons@multco.us)

**October 19, 2011(12pm): Twitter Town**

**Hall, #reachyouth.** How can we make "healthy relationships" cool for youth? Sharing strategies and lessons on the use of language and generational accessibility. Simply go [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) and set up an account. To participate in this Twitter Town Hall, log in to [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) at the date and time above, and do a search for #reachyouth. You'll be able to tweet your comments by adding this hash tag (or #) to your posts. For additional support or questions related to this event, contact Kenya Fairley [kmf@pcadv.org](mailto:kmf@pcadv.org) or Casey Keene [ck@pcadv.org](mailto:ck@pcadv.org).

**November 1 & 2, 2011: Arte Sana's Fourth Nuestras Voces (Our Voices) National Conference, South Padre Island, TX.**

Join a national gathering of Latina victim advocates, prevention specialist, survivors, and allies promoting the engagement of Latinas as agents of change in addressing gender-based violence. Visit [http://arte-sana.com/arte\\_sana.htm](http://arte-sana.com/arte_sana.htm) for registration information

**November 5th, 2011(9:00am-3:30pm): Peace in the home, Newberg Church of Christ, 2503 Haworth, Newberg Oregon.**

Free seminar on domestic violence. Ron and Lori Clark planted the Agape Church of Christ in Portland. Ron served on the Oregon Attorney Generals' Sexual Assault Task Force and Community against Domestic Violence. Participation is free and open to the public. To pre-register call, 503-538-4789.

**El Programa Hispano Proyecto UNICA: Training in Spanish To Work with Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Assault. This training is for individuals who are proficient in Spanish and who are interested in volunteering or working with survivors.**

The training is 30 hours and covers themes such as Oppression, DV101 and 102, SA 101 and 102, Legal Advocacy and the impact of DV on children. Training begins in October and will be from 6pm-9pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays for three weeks. Contact

[dcamarillo@catholiccharitiesoregon.org](mailto:dcamarillo@catholiccharitiesoregon.org) or call Diana Camarillo at 503-688-2503 for more information.

**Free Online Training: Domestic Violence: Fundamentals for Community Corrections Practice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA).**

This training provides critical information and supervision strategies to community corrections professionals who supervise domestic violence cases. For more information about the training, including registration instructions, please visit: <http://www.appa-net.org/dv/index.htm>

**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](mailto: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:

### **Abuse Recovery Ministries (ARMS):**

ARMS is looking for facilitators, who would be interested in leading domestic violence intervention groups from a Christian perspective in the Gresham area. Please call Stacey Womack, ARMS Executive Director at 503-846-9284 or visit the website [www.armsonline.org](http://www.armsonline.org)

### **Mandatory Furlough Dates Announced:**

Due to state budget cuts, state courts will be closed on the following days (no restraining orders, no grand juries or arraignments, etc). These dates coincide with other state office closures due to mandatory furlough/closure days. 2011-13 OJD Mandatory Fixed Furlough Dates as currently planned are:

2011

Friday, November 25, 2011

2012

Friday, March 23, 2012

Friday, May 25, 2012

Friday, August 17, 2012

Friday, October 19, 2012

Friday, November 23, 2012

2013

Friday, January 18, 2013

Friday, April 19, 2013

Friday, May 24, 2013

### **Domestic Violence Coordination Office offers a new version of the Domestic Violence Resource Manual:**

This version of the manual is focused on Vulnerable Populations and provides information and resources for working with vulnerable survivors of domestic violence. The manual includes information on safety planning with vulnerable survivors and working with vulnerable perpetrators. For more information contact Vanessa Timmons at [vanessa.timmons@multco.us](mailto:vanessa.timmons@multco.us)

### **Online compilation of articles on gendered nature of**

**DV:** This compilation of free articles addresses the issues

of woman's domestic violence against men. To access the collection visit the site Domestic Violence and Gender: An XY collection <http://www.xyonline.net/content/domestic-violence-and-gender-xy-collection>

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](mailto:vanessa.timmon@multco.us) or fax: 503-988-3710.

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