



Crime Victim Services In Multnomah County

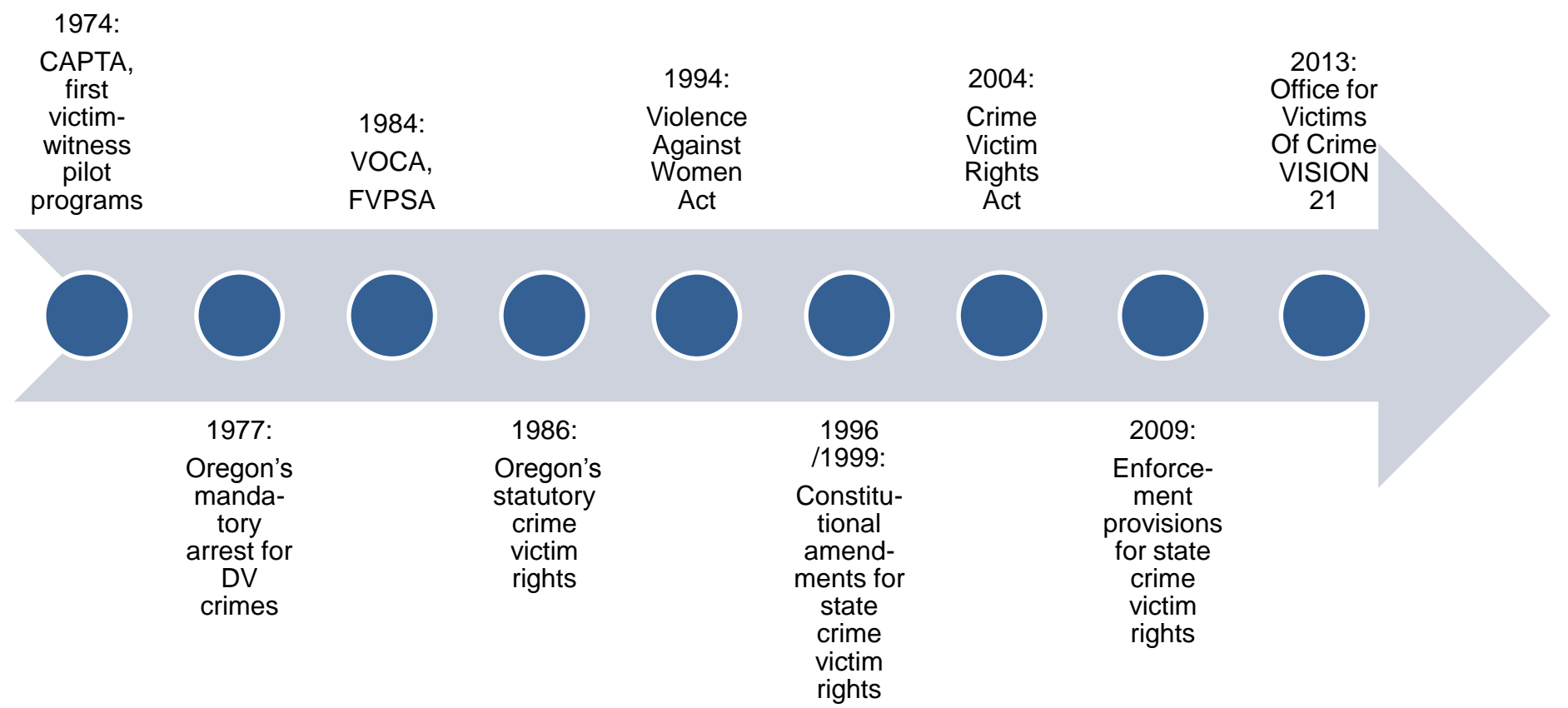
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History // Crime Victim Rights



District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program



VAP & Crime Victim Rights:

- Meaningful role in the criminal & juvenile justice system
- Provide victims due dignity and respect
- Maximize involvement at every possible stage of a criminal case
- Fully implement victims' rights as embodied in the law
 - Legal rights are guaranteed by both the Oregon Constitution and Oregon Revised Statutes.



- Upholding Victim Rights
 - Notification, safety planning, information about justice system, court accompaniment, linkages to community resources
- Crime Victim Compensation
 - Medical expenses, counseling, lost wages, funeral costs
- Restitution Unit (RU)
 - Helps victims of crime recover out of pocket monetary losses that are incurred as a result of the crime.
- Other Support
 - U-Visas: supporting immigrants that are victims of crime
 - Violation of Restraining Orders (VROs)



- Every DV case & all VROs assigned a VA
- Homicides rotate
- .5 FTE at Juvenile
- 1 VA at Gateway
- 1VA at MDT
- 2 VAs are Spanish speakers
- Caseload: 80-120

➔ VAP Staff:

- 8.5 victim advocates
- 2 front desk OAs
- 2 restitution clerks
- 1 coordinator
- 60 Volunteer Rape Victim Advocates (RVAs)



DA's Victim Assistance Program // 2013 Front Desk Activity

| Month | Letters Out | Sent Resource Info | Calls | Walk Ins |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| January | 119 | 121 | 790 | 352 |
| February | 105 | 95 | 673 | 539 |
| March | 110 | 99 | 630 | 407 |
| April | 113 | 101 | 837 | 411 |
| May | 111 | 106 | 804 | 369 |
| June | 125 | 117 | 493 | 399 |
| July | 128 | 143 | 702 | 433 |
| August | 120 | 159 | 715 | 379 |
| September | 104 | 109 | 699 | 396 |
| October | 122 | 103 | 724 | 419 |
| November | 97 | 92 | 30 | 450 |
| December | 110 | 129 | 645 | 467 |
| Total | 1,364 | 1,374 | 7,742 | 5,021 |



DA's Victim Assistance Program // 2013 Rape Victim Advocate Response

| Month | RVA Volunteers | RVA Staff (Advocates) | Total |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| January | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| February | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| March | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| April | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| May | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| June | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| July | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| August | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| September | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| October | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| November | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| December | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| | | Grand Total | 182 |



- Rape Victim Advocates (RVAs)

Responding to Sexual Assault in Multnomah County

- 60 volunteers (nights, weekends & holidays)
- 18 hours of training by VAP & Partners

Upcoming Training

Oct 28, 29, & 30 and Nov 4, 5, & 6

Ila Christy, Volunteer Coordinator

503-988-5598



Department of Community Justice

Crime Victim Services Unit



2011-2013 Strategic Plan

- Commitment to victims & community
- Culturally appropriate services to enhance accessibility for victims & community members
- Collaborate with criminal justice agencies, professionals and schools on meeting victim needs
- Provide victim services and support community efforts in providing services to victims and their families
- Make all reasonable efforts to collect victim restitution and court costs



- Staff
 - Denise Pena, CJM (April 2013)
 - Zara Stevens, Victim Services Coordinator
 - Anita Davis, Office Assistant Senior
 - Sarah Ohlsen, CSEC Collaboration Specialist
 - Two volunteers
- Contracted services
 - 1 FTE community-based domestic violence advocate



DCJ Crime Victim Services Unit // 2014 Victim Contacts

| Month | Letters | Victim Notification Requests |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| January 2014 | 108 | 22 |
| February 2014 | 121 | 22 |
| March 2014 | 263 | 43 |
| April 2014 | 72 | 26 |
| May 2014 | 167 | 26 |
| June 2014 | 133 | 35 |
| July 2014 | 120 | 40 |
| 7 MONTH TOTALS | 984 | 209 |



- Crime victim notification
 - Collaboration with DA's office
 - Provide victims with contact information for probation officer and general information about supervision
 - Notification of violation hearings
- Bring victims' perspective into supervision
 - Intake staff note initial victim information
 - File notations about victim, restitution ordered
 - Case staffings



- Trainings
 - Monthly DV unit training on victim issues
 - *In Her Shoes* training for DV & gang units
 - Gender-specific team meetings
 - Best practices for PO's working with victims
 - Confidentiality
 - Impact of Trauma
- Victim services coordinator
 - Office hours at field offices



- Restitution
 - Treat restitution as a need, not a want
 - Educate probation officers on restitution
 - Provide financial information to probation officers
 - Document restitution orders
 - OJIN/Odyssey



- CSEC Steering Committee

A victim-centered multidisciplinary collaboration to address the issue of child sex trafficking in Multnomah County, chaired by Commissioner McKeel

- Identify opportunities for system improvements
- Consultation & assistance to other involved agencies



- Juvenile services gap analysis
- Collaboration between DA & DCJ
- Post-prison/Department of Corrections efforts



Department of County Human Services Domestic Violence Coordination Office

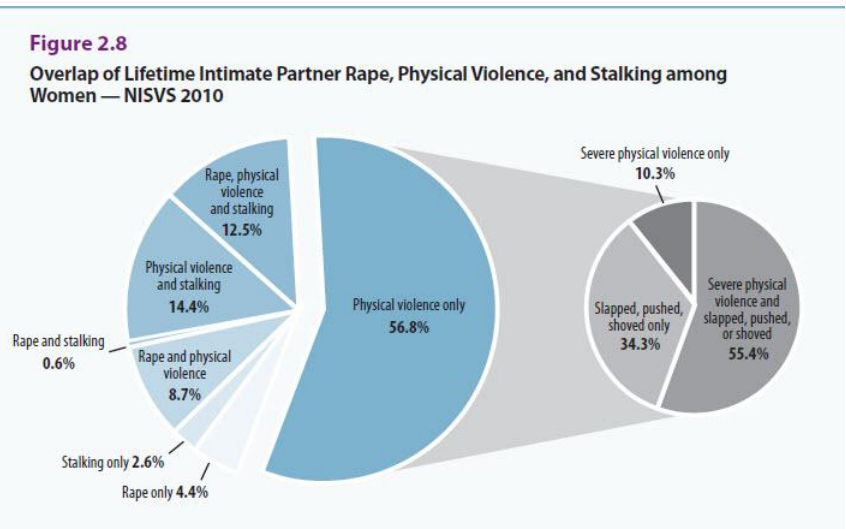


- Prevalence

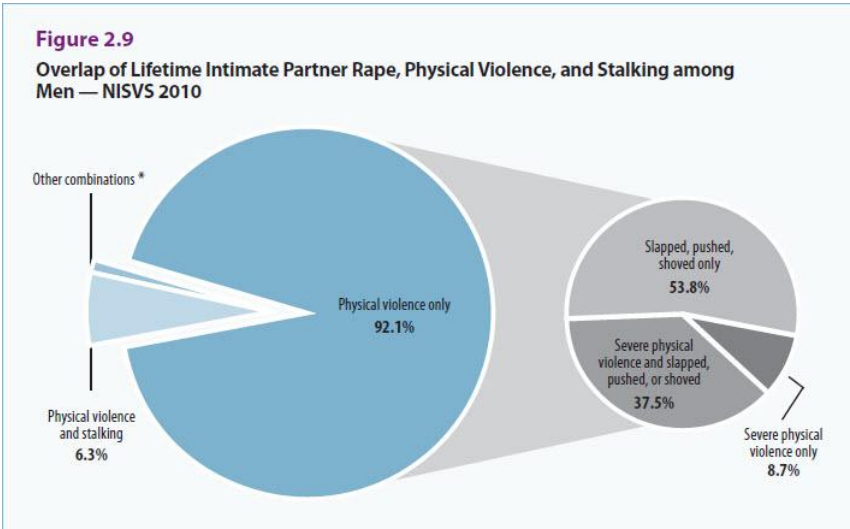
- 1 in 4 women & 1 in 7 men experience “severe” domestic violence in their lifetimes
 - *Intimate Partner Violence In the United States – 2010 (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014)*
- Makes up 1 in 5 violent victimizations in U.S.
 - *Report on Nonfatal Domestic Violence, 2003–2012 (Bureau of Justice Statistics, NCJ 244697)*
- Accounts for 1 in 4 homicides in Oregon
 - *Homicide In Oregon Related to Intimate Partner Violence (Oregon Public Health Division, 2012)*
- Broad impacts on victims’ lives
- Intertwined lives, unique risks



IPV Experienced by Female Victims



IPV Experienced by Male Victims



Source: Breiding, M.J., Chen J., & Black, M.C. (2014). *Intimate Partner Violence in the United States — 2010*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



- Health
- Mental health
- Housing instability & homelessness
- Children & parenting
- Civil legal issues
- Employment
- Economic impacts
- Social support



Emergency Services

3 Emergency shelters
(33 households per night)

Motel vouchers
(5-7 households per night)

24/7 Crisis Support

Community-Based Supports

Gateway Center for DV Services

Advocacy & System Navigation Assistance

Supportive Services

- Culturally specific
- Support groups
- Children's services

Professional Services

- Civil legal assistance
- Mental health consultants

Housing & Stabilization

Rapid Rehousing

Eviction Prevention

Shelter diversion

Economic Empowerment



Multiple Service Settings:

- Mobile: meet survivors where they are
- Portland Police Bureau, DVERT
- Courthouse
- Dept. of Community Justice DV Unit
- DHS Child Welfare & Self Sufficiency
- Home Forward
- Health Clinics



Conclusions



- Office for Victims Of Crime, *Vision 21*
 - Domestic violence
 - Child abuse
 - Sexual assault
 - Elder abuse
 - Victimization in Indian Country
 - Victimization of young African American males
 - Victimization of individuals with disabilities



- Office for Victims Of Crime, *Vision 21*
 - Changing demographics
 - Advances in technology & related crime
 - Services for human trafficking victims & youth victims of commercial sexual exploitation
 - Growing impact of social media
 - Capacity, flexibility & diversity in victim-serving organizations
 - Strong collaborations to further victim rights & victim services



- Local Gaps
 - Community-based services for all victims
 - Resources for crisis needs
 - Legal services for victims
 - Trauma-specific mental health resources
 - Information clearinghouse for victims not connected to justice system
 - Nonreporting, bench probation, post-supervision



- Emerging issues
 - Trauma-informed justice system
 - Children's exposure to violence
- Opportunities
 - New courthouse design
 - HB 3194 funding for nonprofit victim services

