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# UPDATE

Dear Suzanne Guy,

July's *Update* reviews recent budgets adopted by both the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Several programs and services impacting survivors of domestic violence were impacted. We'll take a look at how.



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### Upcoming FVCC Meeting

#### **Next FVCC Meeting:**

Friday, July 12th, 2013  
1120 SW 5th Avenue  
Room 2C  
12:15-1:30

#### **Agenda**

To Be Announced

### Breaking Down City & County Budget Changes

June marked the end of another fiscal year for local governments and, of course, that indicates a time that can be of great concern for many of us - budget planning time. As the final budgets were adopted by both the City of Portland and Multnomah County, a few key components have stood out as particularly significant to the work of the FVCC and our partners. Let's take a look.

**First up, we're spotlighting the exciting continuation of funding for the Domestic Violence Response Advocate program. Thank you to DVERT Program Coordinator Becky Bangs for providing an overview of this program and how important this budget victory is!**

On June 6th the Multnomah County Commissioners approved their Fiscal Year 2014 budget. We are pleased to announce that included in this budget is on going funding for the Domestic Violence Response Advocate (DVRA) program which was a pilot project created in partnership with Portland Police Bureau, Volunteers of America Home Free and the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) Project (a program of the Domestic Violence Coordination Office).

The DV Response Advocates provide in-the-moment crisis response to individuals who have been identified as victims of domestic violence by Portland Police Bureau Officers. The advocates are sited within the Portland Police Bureau precincts and are available to officers from 2 PM to Midnight, Tuesday through Saturday.

From March 2012 to May 2013, the DVRA's have received over 600 calls and referrals from Portland Police Bureau. The advocates were able to make contact with survivors on 87% of the call outs. Of those cases that they made contact on, 88% of survivors requested additional follow up, advocacy and support beyond the initial crisis response.

We are currently expanding the DVRA program to 7 days a week and are looking into the possibility to expand beyond Portland Police Bureau into other parts of Multnomah County.

Thank you!

~ Becky Bangs  
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**The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services** - The 'One-Stop' center for survivors in our area was being threatened with funding cuts from the City of Portland that could have resulted in a potentially devastating reduction in services. Fortunately, an agreement between the City and Multnomah County was able to be worked out, presevering the current level of services being offered.

**Trafficking Programs & CSEC** - Programs funded by Multnomah County approved and ongoing into the next fiscal year include support for the Human Trafficking Taskforce, the in-jail Human Trafficking Sergeant, key staff positions within DCHS and DCJ, and CSEC Housing programs. Unfortunately, New Options for Women (NOW), a Lifeworks NW program, and Janus Youth Services both received significant cuts to their funding from the City's final budget.

**Commissioner Fritz's Statement** - At the final City meeting to vote on the proposed budget, Commissioner Fritz made an impassioned statement regarding the crucial nature of services and programs being cut. If you missed it, you may want to take a look. The full text of her speech can be found [here](#), as linked to from her blog.

On The Net...



**Do you collaborate or work with law enforcement on behalf of survivors?** If so, you might want to check out and pass along this newly released [Law Enforcement Guide to Safety and Economic Security for Victims of Violence Against Women](#) released by WOW (Wider Opportunities for Women).

**A flurry of media coverage has taken place around the release of a comprehensive report by the World Health Organization (WHO) on June 20th.** The report, *"Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence"*, represents the first systematic study of global data on the prevalence of violence against women - both by partners and non-partners. Of note in the findings is data that supports what many advocates have long known to be true, "Some 35% of all women will experience either intimate partner or non-partner violence. The study finds that intimate partner violence is the most common type of violence against women, affecting 30% of women worldwide." NPR has a [brief overview of the study](#) or link directly to [WHO's website](#).

**Fired for being a victim of domestic violence?** If you haven't heard this story out of California, you might want to [check it out](#).

Announcing...



**On June 6, 2013, Governor Kitzhaber signed into law House Bill 2903, which amends an employee's eligibility to take leave under Oregon's domestic violence leave law.** This huge step forward expands upon existing laws, now providing protections to parents and guardians of minor victims and for newly hired employees. [Read more.](#)

**And, more good news for working survivors of violence came on June 19th, when the Oregon House of Representatives voted to allow state employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and harassment to take paid leave to address safety.** The bill, HB 3263-A, also requires state employers to provide notice each year to employees of the safety accommodations and workplace protections available to them. [More details here.](#)

**The Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Council (IPVPC) has extended an invitation for materials related to promoting primary prevention of intimate partner violence.** IPVPC "envision[s] a future in which a multitude of agencies and organizations at the local, state, territory, tribal and national levels are engaged in collaborative and sustained primary prevention activities leading to social change that addresses the root causes of intimate partner violence in our culture. To that end, one of our primary strategies is to develop a web-based repository of prevention resources and packages of adaptable models and tools to support primary prevention work." To participate and share your own amazing materials, complete a [submission form](#). To read more, visit the [original announcement](#).

**May hosted the annual Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation's annual gun turn-in event.** As a follow-up to last month's FVCC Update feature on the relationship

between guns and domestic violence, we are highlighting that the May event looks to have been a success with over twice as many guns turned in than the previous year. Details about the event or where to safely surrender a gun at any time can be found on the [Foundation's webpage](#). Multnomah County also has a great FAQ about firearm surrender in restraining order cases. [Take a look](#).

### Save the Date...



### Next FVCC Training...

**July 16, 2013, 10 am - 12pm | Student Survivors: Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Campus** | In this training we'll discuss the unique barriers faced by survivors who are attending college - including how domestic violence impacts academic success, university housing, and the financial implications of failing classes or having to withdraw - along with perpetration strategies abusers may use to target a student survivor. We'll also cover reporting options for students, how survivors can access confidential services on campus, and safety planning strategies. University rules regarding mandatory reporting and what survivors need to know

about privacy versus confidentiality, as well as action colleges are required to take to support student safety will be addressed.

Trainer: Jessica Amo, M.P.A., is the Director of the PSU Women's Resource Center.

Monthly trainings sponsored by the Family Violence Coordinating Council: 3rd Tuesday of each month, Location: SE Health Center, basement conference room, 3653 SE 34th Ave (just south of Powell Blvd.), Portland, OR. Street parking is available. *Please refrain from using the Health Center's parking lot, as it is reserved for patient's accessing health services.*

### Other Trainings...

**July 10th, 2013, 12:00pm - 1:30pm (Webinar) | Safety and Sobriety: Working with Women with Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Issues** | Working with women who are experiencing violence and substance abuse is challenging for domestic violence programs and shelters. This webinar will show how using a trauma informed approach advances our knowledge around the issues, raises awareness around our own biases and prejudices and helps us avoid re-victimizing women. This webinar will show us how to develop appropriate responses and appropriate reactions in working with women. Presented by the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. [Register here](#).

**August 8, 2013, 11:00am - 12:30pm (Webinar) | What Do Birth Plans & Stealth Birth Control Have To Do With Advocacy? Innovative Strategies for Addressing the Reproductive Health Needs of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors** | The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) and the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV) have been involved in a three-year project to enhance services for pregnant and parenting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In this webinar, we will share exciting new developments that impact advocacy practice and enhance our understanding of the reproductive health needs of all survivors. [Register here](#).

**September 5, 2013, 8:30am - 5pm | Elder Abuse Training for Law Enforcement | Sponsored by Clackamas County Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response Team** | The purpose of this training is to provide law enforcement officers with an overview of elder abuse and information about investigative strategies, possible charges, and local resources or services available to assist officers and victims of elder abuse to enhance older victims' safety and hold offenders accountable.

The target audience includes front line (first responding) officers, field training officers, and others who respond to and investigate cases of alleged or suspected elder abuse, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence; neglect and financial exploitation.

The training is a free training and is open to individuals and agencies outside of Clackamas County. Space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Ashley Carroll at [acarroll@clackamas.us](mailto:acarroll@clackamas.us).

#### Other Events.....

**October 26th, 2013: SAWERA (South Asian Women's Empowerment & Resource Alliance) has announced the date for their annual gala.** The event will be held at The Governor Hotel and will feature music, performances, food and drink. It is sure to be a fantastic event, supporting a wonderful organization in our community. To learn more or get your ticket, [click here](#).



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