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UPDATE

Dear Suzanne Guy,

In this edition - for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are honoring the late Judge Stephen B. Herrell who championed the needs of women and children in Multnomah County and throughout Oregon. This is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the domestic violence movement and look to the future of our efforts in domestic violence intervention and prevention.



**Judge Herrell
Award Presentation**

12:15-1:30, Friday, October 12

**Multnomah Building, Board Room
501 SE Hawthorne**

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Upcoming FVCC Meeting

Next FVCC Meeting:
12:15-1:30, Friday, November 9
1120 SW 5th Avenue Room 2C

Domestic Violence: Milestones

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#). In a recent email, Futures Without Violence asks, "When do you look at the issue and declare victory? Answer: From the early '80s to now, we have seen over a 50 percent reduction in the number of adults who experience domestic violence in a given year. When we started, there wasn't even the language for this." Here are some of the

accomplishments over the years.

1405 - [Christine de Pizan](#) complained of the "harsh beating" of women.

1850 - [Tennessee](#) becomes first state to outlaw wife beating.

1975 - [Bradley Angle](#) is first domestic violence shelter on the West Coast.

1977 - [Raphael House](#) is founded as a multi-faceted domestic violence agency.

1978 - [Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) is founded.

1987 - The [Family Violence Coordinating Council](#) (FVCC) is established as a multi-agency, a multi-jurisdictional forum with first staff member.

1994 - Multnomah County and City of Portland jointly fund [Family Violence Coordinator](#).

1996 - [Governor's Council on Domestic Violence](#) in Oregon is established.

1997 - Family Violence Intervention Steering Committee initiates [informal domestic violence fatality reviews](#).

1999 - [Judge Stephen B. Herrell](#) retires and Family Violence Intervention Steering Committee names him "Most Valuable Player"

2004 - Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) is established with United Way grant.

2005 - Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews are initiated, and Legislature passes authorizing legislation.

2006 - Multnomah County's [Domestic Violence Court](#) began - consolidating several existing criminal and family law dockets.

2010 - [Gateway Center](#) for Domestic Violence Services opens as a collaboration of City of Portland and Multnomah County stakeholders.



Domestic Violence Movement: Challenges and Next Steps

In exploring what's next for domestic violence efforts, the authors of *The Succession Planning Lens: Looking to the Future of Domestic Violence Organizations* report, "Some of these challenges and opportunities affect domestic violence organization in unique ways as further described below."

- Crisis response orientation: One challenge specific to domestic violence organizations as providers of critical direct services is that they are accustomed to respond to urgent need.
- Sustainability: The urgent nature of the work also has a direct impact on the individual well-being of those working in the field and their ability to lead in a healthy and sustainable way.
- Generational differences: we are in the midst of a generational change in non-profit leadership, and this shift is especially salient for domestic violence organizations. Founding leaders who essentially created the field are nearing traditional retirement age, but do not yet see themselves as leaving the organization in which they have invested so much.
- Organizational identity: One of the emerging leaders we interviewed acknowledge an existential question that is facing the domestic violence field, 'Some organizations are moving to a more professional model, while others are resisting - I think the look of the movement is going to change significantly, depending on how that plays out.'

Judge Herrell Award



The Judge Stephen B. Herrell Award was named after a 19-year Multnomah County family court judge who championed the needs of children and families. The Oregon State Bar highlighted some of his [accomplishments and contributions](#).

- Judge Herrell crusaded against domestic violence.
- Judge Herrell founded Oregon's first chapter of Court Appointed Special Advocates in 1986 and was a vice president of its national organization.
- Judge Herrell served as president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and a long association with

them.

- Judge Herrell founded of the Oregon chapter of CASA.
- Judge Herrell is credited with developing special domestic violence units in the district attorney's office, the Portland Police Bureau and Multnomah County's Department of Community Justice.
- He married Alice Malankowski in 1967. In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, two daughters and his mother.

To honor Judge Herrell, the Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) annually invites community members to nominate individuals or teams who have made significant contributions to our coordinated community response to domestic violence in Multnomah County.

These are the honorees for 2012 (in alphabetical order):

Oregon Law Center: The staff of the Oregon Law Center have worked legislatively and systemically to provide civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Their accomplishments include:

- Testifying before state legislature and other work to help pass laws to improve the lives of survivors and their children on a day-to-day basis - the laws which establish a web of important legal rights for victims that did not exist ten years ago
- Building relationships with domestic violence advocates and survivors in Multnomah County and throughout the state and consistently involved advocates and survivors to ensure meaningful and workable solutions.
- Reaching out to key partners who are part of Oregon and Multnomah County's coordinated community response to domestic violence - from law enforcement officers to private employers from DHS case-workers to service organizations

The Oregon Law Center is a non-profit law firm whose mission is to achieve access to justice for low-income Oregonians by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services throughout Oregon with offices located in 10 communities. OLC and other legal aid programs prioritize the provision of civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence and their children. OLC attorneys also advocate to improve administrative, judicial, legislative, and local community responses to domestic violence. Staff include Sybil Hebb, J.D., Director of Legislative Advocacy, Oregon Law Center and Robin Selig, Attorney, Family Law Unit.

Oregon Law Center

Stacey Womack is the founder and executive director of Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services (ARMS). In 1997, she started this ministry out of her home to those who have experienced abuse.

That first year she held with a few small awareness luncheons and gave phone support to a handful of victims of domestic violence. Fifteen months later she began the first "Her Journey," victim recovery class with three women.

It wasn't long before Stacey realized there needed to be a domestic violence intervention program for men who wanted a faith-based approach. She and her husband, Jerry, trained with four different batterer intervention programs and began their men's program in Oct. 2001. They have served four counties and hundreds of men. Since then a secondary aggressors program for women, a domestic violence focused parenting program, and youth violence prevention programs have been added.

Stacey is a respected member of the domestic violence intervention community and has chaired the Washington County Domestic Violence Intervention Council for two, two year terms. Along with the Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council, she is involved in other batterer intervention associations and is currently on the Multnomah Fatality Review Committee.



Columbia County Court Update

[Invasive Discovery Request by Defense Counsel Denied in Columbia County](#)

By Cristina Damiani

"A Columbia County Circuit Court judge today [Aug. 15] told a criminal defense attorney, in no uncertain terms, that a civil child-custody case was no place to go looking for discovery to assist in a criminal case.

"Civil cases are not to be used as a tool for discovery in criminal cases," Judge Jenefer Stenzel Grant said at a hearing on the attorney's request to be allowed to depose his client's 12-year-child and her mother and to obtain certain documents from them in the child-custody case."

The judge went on to say, "Now, what you are left with is what you are entitled to under the criminal discovery rules. I think you are entitled to discovery from the State. I'm not aware that you are entitled to discovery from the *victim*." (Source: dv_listserv@listsmart.osl.state.or.us)

Although this was not a domestic violence case, it does have implications for these cases.

On The Net...



1. [Danger Assessment](#): This app is provided free of charge and anonymously - compliments of the One Love Foundation where it can be downloaded (iPhone or Android versions). The assessment can also be taken online.
2. [Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence](#), Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder: This site includes links to other websites including state and national domestic violence coalitions, alcohol and [other] drugs, bullying, child abuse, exposure to violence, funding sources, state and federal legislation, statistical agencies and more.
3. [Measuring Effectiveness Initiative, Violence Against Women](#): VAWA MEI helps the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the U.S. Department of Justice document and measure the work of thousands of OVW grantees nationwide that address violence

against women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Since 2001, VAWA MEI has worked with OVW to develop and implement a state-of-the-art, multi-method approach to measuring the effectiveness of the work funded by OVW NCDVTMH - Center - 1st edition

Announcing...



need."

1. **Presidential Proclamation:** On October 1, 2012, President Obama proclaimed, "For far too long, domestic violence was ignored or treated as a private matter where victims were left to suffer in silence without hope of intervention. As we mark the 18th anniversary of the landmark Violence Against Women Act, authored by Vice President Joe Biden, we reflect on how far we have come.... This month, let us renew our efforts to support victims of domestic violence in their time of greatest needs, and to realize an American where no one lives in fear because they feel unsafe in their own home.... I call on all Americans to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they

2. **Center Quarterly:** Read the first edition posted September 2012. The national Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health describes this newsletter: "Written for domestic violence advocates, direct service providers, policymakers, and anyone else with an interest in working to improve agency and system responses to domestic violence, the Center Quarterly will provide updates and analysis on the latest news and research related to trauma, domestic violence, mental health, and substance abuse, as well as updates on our work at the National Center."

3. The **Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Care Coverage:** *Sarah Steverman, Director of State Policy, Mental Health America, states, "Access to health and mental health care is a critical issue for survivors of domestic violence, many of whom experience the health and mental health consequences of abuse. The Affordable Care Act (ACA)-while it does not guarantee comprehensive healthcare coverage for all Americans-has the potential to make some significant improvements in access to mental health coverage as well as to increase access to health care for people diagnosed with mental illness or who are experiencing psychiatric disability. It is therefore important for those working in the DV field to stay informed of the potential benefits of the ACA for survivors as well as to partner with mental health advocates to take advantage of opportunities created by the ACA to advocate for health and mental health care.*

4. Assurance Wireless offers a "**Lifeline Phone Program.**" Here's how it works: get 250 free voice minutes and 250 free texts added automatically, add money if you decide to choose the \$5, \$20 or \$30 plan and to pay for any services, like additional minutes, additional texting or international calls; buy Virgin Mobile Top-Up cards from thousands of stores across the country, or use credit, debit or PayPal. According to etoengineering.com, "Starting in 2005, the Federal Government, in a partnership between the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), started the Lifeline Across America national program. While Lifeline has been in existence since 1985, the goal of this program is to sign up poor and low-income Americans into the government's Lifeline and Link-up free phone and free cell phone programs.

Save the Date...

Next FVCC Training...

Title: "In Our Own Words: Exploring Leadership and the Role of Women of Color Working in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs"



Date and Time: Tuesday, October 16 | 10 a.m. to noon

Registration Fee: none

Sponsor: Family Violence Coordinating Council and the Domestic Violence Coordination Office/Multnomah County

Attendees: advocates and related professionals/practitioners for domestic violence prevention and intervention

Location: SE Health Center, 3653 SE 34th Avenue

Description: In this interactive discussion, attendees will explore:

- the dynamic leadership, contributions and challenges of women of color in the domestic and sexual violence movement
- and an overview of the contributions of women of color throughout the history of our movement.

Trainer: Vanessa Timmons

- Executive Director, Oregon Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV)
- Member, National Women of Color Network Public Policy Committee



Monthly trainings sponsored by the Family Violence Coordinating Council: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10 am to 12 noon Location: SE Health Center, basement conference room, 3653 SE 34th Ave (just south of Powell Blvd.), Portland, OR.

Other Trainings...

Now enrolling | Support Group: "Safe Spaces" 12-week, closed sessions for children (ages 4-5, 6-8, and 9-11) who have experienced domestic violence to provide information about domestic violence, safety planning, emotional support, and skill building | groups beginning mid-September | 12-week sessions (three times per year) offered by Volunteers of America Home Free | Contact Christine at 503-988-6469.

October 10 (7pm.) | Benefit: [Party with a Purpose](#) for Portland Women's Crisis Line, Country Cork Public House 1329 Northeast Fremont Street Portland, OR 97212 | Tickets \$15 per person / \$50 for a team of 4). Call 503-235-5333.

October 12 (12:15 - 1:30 p.m.) | Celebration: Judge Herrell Award by the Family Violence Coordinating Council, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR.

October 21 (12noon - 6 p.m.) | Benefit: [Charity auction](#), "[Women of Wonder Day](#)," hosted by Bradley Angle at 2444 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland 97214. Call [503-232-1528](#).

October 22 (4-6 pm) | Open House: Volunteers of America - Home Free (new location). Contact Beth at atbmelville@voa.org for details.

October 24-26 | Training: "[Working with Abusive Men](#)" featuring Christopher Huffine, Psy.D., which meets state requirements for individuals facilitating batterer intervention groups. Limited space - call [503-297-7979](#) answered 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday - Friday or email allies@alliesinchange.org.

October 25 (4-7p.m.) | Open House: Bradley Angle Resource Center, 5432 N. Albina, Portland 97217 to celebrate the merging of all our community-based domestic violence programs under one roof. Call [503-232-1528 x 201](#) for details.

October 31 and November 1 | Conference: "[Bridging the Gap](#)," national conference on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Against People with Disabilities, Louisville, KY.

November 6 | Election Day: Please vote. Your vote counts!

December 6-8 | Conference: 13th National Indian Nations - Justice for Victims of Crime "[Strength from Within: Rekindling Tribal Traditions to Assist Victims/Survivors](#)," Agua Caliente Reservation, CA.

April 8-10 | Conference: [8th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women](#) : Presenters include Becky Bangs, Coordinator, Domestic Violence Enhances Response Team (DVERT) Project, Multnomah County.

For more training opportunities, visit the Association of VAWA Administrators and the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

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Please forward this to colleagues, friends and family who might be interested in this newsletter. If you have a story you would like to share about your organization, send it to Ruth Jensen, Editor, at ruth.jensen@multco.us or fax to 503-988-3710. Thank you!



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