



## THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENHANCED RESPONSE TEAM 2011 STATS & PROGRAM NEWS

### **DVERT 2011 Referral Statistics**

- DVERT received **220** total case referrals
- There were **102** total active cases for the year
- DVERT provided on-going advocacy and support services to **296 people** (primary victims and their family members in Active DVERT cases)
- In **75%** of cases referred we were able to make contact with the survivor. Whenever we make contact with a survivor, we offer her services including safety planning assistance, referral to community resources and general information even if she does not wish to participate in the DVERT collaboration.

### **Who We Serve...**

**During the last 6 months the survivors from our Active DVERT cases self-reported the following:**

- 82% were low income
- 13% English was not their primary language
- 8% were immigrants or refugees
- 13% have a disability

#### **Shockingly:**

- 50% report being sexually assaulted by this partner for whom they are receiving services
- 88% report being stalked by this partner

### **DV Response Advocate Pilot Project**

The DVERT Project is starting a pilot project which will provide survivors of domestic violence more immediate advocacy services after reporting domestic violence to the police. 2 advocates will be available to respond with Portland Police Bureau officers Wednesday through Saturday, from 2 PM to Midnight within the East Precinct. The goal is to connect survivors to the knowledge, information and resources they need sooner in order to increase their immediate and on-going safety.

### ***DVERT provided 45 unique trainings in 2011***

***For a total of 1,918 people trained!!***

#### **Key professionals trained included:**

- 910 law enforcement officers
- 298 victim advocates
- 212 government agency staff
- 110 BOEC (911) call takers & dispatchers
- 86 corrections personnel (parole & probation)
- 71 faith-based organization staff

#### **Key training topics included:**

- Officer Involved DV
- Recognizing and responding to high lethality DV
- Stalking and the use of technology for stalking
- Strangulation
- Helping survivors navigate the criminal justice system
- Holding DV offenders accountable

#### **Training highlights included:**

- *An Updates in Domestic Violence Laws and Best Practices* in-service for Portland Police Patrol Officers
- *An Officer Involved Domestic Violence* in-service for Portland Police Bureau Sergeants
- An in-service for the Bureau of Emergency Communications (911) call takers & dispatchers on issues related to domestic violence including lethality indicators, strangulation symptomology, verbiage in call notes and possible safety risks to officers.
- The DVERT team was invited by several law enforcement agencies from around the State to train their officers and corrections staff on how to improve their response to, and investigations of, domestic violence. The team provided trainings in Gold Beach, Tigard, Tillamook and Salem.

### **Top Referring Agencies**

<b>Agency</b>	<b># of Referrals</b>	<b>% of Total Referrals</b>
Portland Police Bureau	119	54%
The Dept of Human Services (Child Welfare and Self Sufficiency)	29	13%
The Gateway Center for DV Services	19	8%
The District Attorney's Office	18	8%

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