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## Family Violence Coordinating Council Newsletter

**June 2011**

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### Meeting Agenda

**June 8, 2011**  
**Portland Building,**  
**1120 SW 5th**  
**Ave,**  
**Room 2b**

**12:15-12:25**  
**Networking**

**12:15-12:20**  
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**12:20-12:35**

### Dear Multnomah,

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.

### July Meeting Extended:

The July 8, 2011 Family Violence Coordinating Council meeting will be a dedicated special panel discussion about veterans' issues and domestic violence. Please note: to allow enough time for this important information, the meeting time has been extended (12:15 to 2:00 pm).

#### Panelists:

Elan Lambert, Partnership for Veterans At Risk  
 Sgt. Eddie Black, National Guard Reintegration Team  
 Michelle Kochosky, National Guard Family Services Program Director  
 David Dedrickson, Military Helpline  
 Julie Kingsland, CADRE Program  
 Cheryl Baldomaro-Lucas, DHS Child Welfare

### Working at the Intersections of mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence.

Survivors with co-occurring issues face multiple barriers as they seek to learn practical coping skills for dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), find adequate depression treatment, identify advocates to provide both safety and recovery planning, and find safe affordable treatment options.

Our recent FVCC sponsored domestic violence training *working at the intersections of mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence* focused on identifying promising strategies for supporting survivors as they navigate challenges related to co-occurring domestic violence, addictions or mental health diagnoses. Some promising strategies include the following.

*Help survivors with PTSD prepare for the challenges unique to their*

**Joanne Fuller,  
DCHS Director  
Search**

**12:35-2:00  
Panel on  
Veterans Issues  
and Domestic  
Violence**

## **2011 Meeting Schedule**

Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month except August. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- **August:** No meeting - enjoy the summer!
- September 9
- October 14, (Annual Judge Herrell Awards SAVE THE DATE)
- November 11, No meeting due to Veteran's Day Holiday
- December 9

*specific situation.* Some individuals with PTSD may use substances to cope with or forget trauma. PTSD symptoms can become worse with abstinence, as the substance no longer mask the symptoms. Individuals with PTSD and substance use may have substantial memory problems which can make it difficult to provide information for law enforcement or court proceedings.

*Let survivors know that it is not their fault.* Survivors may hold the belief that they are being abused because of their mental illness or substance use.

*During the safety planning process ask about substance use and the perpetrators impact on use.* Survivors may have been coerced or forced into use by an abusive partner or their attempts toward treatment may be sabotaged.

*Use commonly recognized practices when providing therapy for domestic violence survivors with co-occurring addictions and/or mental health diagnosis.* Seeking Safety was designed to address both PTSD and Substance Use and has been used successfully with survivors of domestic violence. Additional approaches that are relevant for individuals with PTSD and substance use include cognitive-behavioral therapy, dialectical behavioral therapy, exposure therapy, motivational interviewing, and 12-step programs.

*Use an integrated approach* that includes information about domestic violence threats, PTSD symptoms and substance abuse in assessment and safety planning.

Online resources:

1. You can download a free article titled Substance Abuse: Building a Bridge to Safety for Battered Women by Patricia J. Bland at <http://www.wscadv.org/resourcesPublications.cfm?aId=08BB66B2-C298-58F6-09AC8E27A4300617> for additional information working with survivors with substance abuse issues.
2. You can download a free fact sheet titled domestic violence mental health and trauma at <http://www.dvmhpi.org/Research%20Highlights.pdf>

## **Providing Domestic Violence Services To Survivors With Disabilities:**

### **Quick Links**

[FVCC](#)

[Domestic  
Violence  
Coordinator's  
Office](#)

Did you know? Of the 2, 763 sheltered adults in Oregon's domestic violence programs, 17% (470 people) identified themselves as having a physical, cognitive, or psychological disability.

Source:

[http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/docs/dv\\_sa\\_10summary.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/docs/dv_sa_10summary.pdf)

How can your agency/program provide support and better service delivery to survivors with disabilities?

- Use person-centered language (i.e. Suzy is a woman with dyslexia rather than Suzy is dyslexic)
- Validate survivor's experience; what has it been like for *them*. *Don't make assumptions about the impact domestic violence has had on in the survivor's life. Ask.*
- Ask questions for clarification if you don't understand something about their disability (i.e. traumatic brain injury, bi-polar disorder, developmental delay, substance abuse dependency)
- Work with the survivor to increase personal safety
- Work collaboratively with other services. Build relationships.
- Ask survivor, "How can we best accommodate your needs?" Remember that accommodations should be specific to the strengths and challenges of the survivor.
- Ensure the survivor drives process as much as possible (self-determination)
- Acknowledge physical and attitudinal barriers that exist within yourself and program; adopting a process of continuous improvement by examining the barriers within your service through client feedback and service evaluation
- Professional development sessions and training for staff around diversity, gender, and disability awareness.
- Invite disability experts to attend your trainings. Multidisciplinary work groups support learning across systems.
- Create opportunities to discuss referrals and complex cases at team meetings with a focus on problem solving

Source: <http://www.dvirc.org.au/Disability/GettingSafeAgainstOdds.pdf>

## **Governor Signs Sex Trafficking Bills With Saltzman Amendment To Prosecute Traffickers:**

Governor Kitzhaber has signed two key pieces of sex trafficking legislation, Senate Bill 425 and House Bill 2714, into law.

HB 2714 levies a fine of \$10,000 for a first time conviction of purchasing sex from a minor. The fine rises to \$20,000 following a second conviction. The bill also distinguishes the crime of patronizing prostitution from offering prostitution. Currently, both are the same crime and classified as a Class A misdemeanor. Also under the bill, johns will no longer be able to declare as a defense that they did not know that a victim was under 18 year of age.

Senate Bill 425 similarly eliminates a commonly used defense for traffickers who claim ignorance of a victim's underage status. This bill would remove that defense for traffickers who sell sex with underage minors. SB 425 also includes key language from an amendment that Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman proposed.

The additional language include the words "aids or facilitates" into the Compelling Prostitution statute, so that if a pimp's actions in any way aids or facilitates a child into trafficking, he could be held guilty to Compelling Prostitution.

"For too long, pimps have used the legal language to say that they did not 'induce or cause' a girl into trafficking. They say that they were merely helping her post an ad online or giving her a ride," said Commissioner Saltzman. "Both this bill and House Bill 2714 send the message that exploitation of children will not be tolerated in Oregon."

Senate Bill 425 was introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee and was championed by Representative Carolyn Tomei (D-Milwaukee). Representative Tomei also introduced House Bill 2714.

For information regarding this press release contact Brendan Finn, Commissioner Saltzman's Office [brendan.finn@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:brendan.finn@portlandoregon.gov) 503.823.4151

## Trainings

**July 14th, 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.

**July 19, 2011 (10:00am-12:00pm): Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Monthly Training, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave, Portland OR 97202.** Please join us for a discussion of survivors as mothers, which will include an examination of our own understanding of motherhood, ways to support survivors in re-defining themselves as capable parents, and supporting mothers in safety planning with their children. Linda Arata, Child/Youth Advocacy Coordinator for VOA Home Free will facilitate this free training. Registration is not required. For more information please contact Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-9166 ext. 26266 or [vanessa.timmons@multco.us](mailto:vanessa.timmons@multco.us)

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (1:00pm-5:00pm): Our Clients Need Us: How to Advocate in Court, Child Welfare Point Person Project, 2740 SE Powell, Catholic Charities, Portland Oregon.** Hear from a panel of community partners involved in child welfare dependency cases about helpful tips and advice to support you in your role with families in the court system. Practical hands-on tools will be provided. The Panel will include, Judge McKnight, a district attorney, an attorney, a CASA supervisor, a DV advocate, a CPS and a permanency case worker. Contact Erin Fairchild for registration information [erin.r.fairchild@state.or.us](mailto:erin.r.fairchild@state.or.us) or 503-348-2666.

**SAVE THE DATE: 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference of Women's Shelters to be held on February 27 - March 1, 2012!** You can [Register now](#) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference of Women's Shelters (WCWS), which will bring together shelter advocates and grassroots activists working to end violence against women across the world. The registration cost is determined by your profession (student, NGO delegate, standard) and the country from which you are travelling. [Click here for the cost breakdown.](#) The conference will have a limited number of scholarships available.

**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:**

**NEW RESOURCE: 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)

**NEW RESOURCE: Washington State Coalition against Domestic Violence Releases Teen version of in Her Shoes:** *in Their Shoes: Teens and Dating Violence* is a training tool for adults who work with teens. Participants learn what dating is like for today's teens by becoming a teen character, making choices about their relationship and seeing the results. For ordering information visit the Washington Coalition website <http://www.wscadv.org/resourcesPublications.cfm?aId=CAED6100-C29B-57E0-8BC7DD70F6FF931D>

**NEW RESOURCE: Arte Sana, Existe Ayuda (help exists) Tool Kit:** The Existe Ayuda Toolkit is now available for all who wish to eliminate access barriers for Spanish-speaking victims/survivors of sexual violence. Kits include glossaries of Spanish terms related to sexual assault and trafficking, PowerPoint presentations, and practical tools including victims' rights pocket card, sexual harassment handout, fact sheets on sexual assault, and scripts for public service announcements and outgoing answering machine messages. All 12 products including a presentation on sexual assault issues with over 55 slides in Spanish are available for downloading on the OVC website. Visit [Existe Ayuda](#) to download.

### **Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence Forced Marriage in Immigrant Communities in the United States Survey:**

APIIDV invites service providers, advocates, community leaders, educators, law enforcement officers and others who may have vital information about cases of forced marriage (either threatened, or that have already occurred in immigrant communities in the United States. The survey will be available online

at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TahirihForcedMarriageSurvey> until Wednesday, July 13, 2011. *Please complete the survey prior to 5:00 pm EST on Wednesday, July 13th to ensure that your responses are fully recorded.*

**Intimate Partner Violence Deaths Blog:** Cathy Church tracks US media stories reporting intimate violence related deaths. The blog has been used as a database for people who are interested in studying this topic, seeing trends, etc across the country. Each post includes name of the perpetrator and location of the incident along with basic information about the circumstances. Her blog is located at <http://intimateviolencedeathnews.blogspot.com/>

**Service Animals in Shelter Webinar:** This webinar covers the laws that apply to domestic violence shelters and service animals. Also included are practical strategies for advocates when a survivor comes to shelter with a service animal. Visit these links to view featured article: [Service Animals in Domestic Violence Shelters](#) and related training recording of the [Service Animals in Shelter Webinar](#).

**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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