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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.

Chiquita Rollins Retirement Celebration



Chiquita Rollins

Please join us on Friday, March 11, 2011, from 12:15 to 1:30 at the Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Room 2B. Light refreshments will be provided.

This month's Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) meeting provides an opportunity for FVCC, Multnomah County and community partners to honor Chiquita Rollins for her 19 years of advocacy for victims of domestic violence in Oregon.

Chiquita is retiring after serving for more than 16 years as Multnomah County's first Domestic Violence Coordinator. Through her work at Multnomah County, Chiquita has helped shape domestic violence services and policies throughout Oregon.

Update Correction

The article titled "National Survey on Children's Exposure to Violence: Witnessing Domestic Violence Is Associated With Other Forms of Childhood Victimization" in our February newsletter contained an error regarding the strong association between domestic violence and custodial interference. About 1 in 5 children and youth who have a lifetime history of witnessing domestic violence also experience custodial interference, compared to only 1.5% of children who have never witnessed partner violence.

In 1994, Multnomah County and the City of Portland jointly committed ongoing funding to create the Domestic Violence Coordinator position, responsible for policy advice, technical assistance and staffing to support effective domestic violence intervention and prevention. As the first coordinator, Chiquita provided strong leadership to expand and develop innovative and effective responses to domestic violence.

Through her clear vision and strong voice for a well-coordinated and victim-centered approach, she has also brought significant funding and statewide and national recognition for Multnomah county programs. She has participated in and led the development of new service models such as the DVERT and DVRU law enforcement programs, culturally specific victim services programs, expanded transitional housing options, and an expanded range of victim services for women and their children surviving domestic violence. Her leadership has encouraged all of us to move beyond "one-size-fits-all" programs to meet the complex needs that survivors and their families face everyday.

The Family Violence Coordinating Council and Multnomah County invite you to help us celebrate Chiquita's and to show our appreciation and gratitude for the contributions she has made in the efforts to end domestic violence.

Trainings:

March 10th, 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 ongoing monthly meeting focuses on community networking and resource sharing. If you have questions contact Susan Montgomery at (505)988-3064 ext. 24304.

March 15th 2011 (10:00am-12:00pm): Working with Domestic Violence Survivors in the Native American Community. Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Monthly Training, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave, Portland OR 97202. Lisa Bigelow, is the program manager at the Native American Youth and Family Center, she will provide information and resources for working with Native American survivors of domestic violence. For more information please contact Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-9166 ext. 26266 or vanessa.timmons@multco.us

April 4-8 2011: Safety is NO Accident: Prevent Injuries and Violence in Oregon. Oregon Public Health Week,in

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celebration of National Public Health Week, the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division collaborates with community partners to coordinate a week of events, including, five national speakers and four local speaker events. See www.healthoregon.org/phweek for details on all events or to download the **schedule of Events** and **poster.**

May 3 & 4 2011: SAVE THE DATE, A Call to Men: Training Institute on Engaging Men and Boys to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Institute is FREE. For more information visit: www.ocadsv.org

Note: Does your organization sponsor a conference or training that you would like to have listed in the *Update*? If so please let us know about it. Send conference/training information to *Update* editor Vanessa Timmons via email: vanessa.timmon@co.multnomah.or.us or fax: 503-988-3710. Be sure to include registration deadline and name of person to contact for additional information.

Resources and Announcements:

When She Hits Him: Why Gender & Context Matter: Ellen Pence Open plenary speech. To access a video of Ellen Pence's plenary keynote session, given during the November 2010 BISC-MI Conference. In order to view the 1.5 hour plenary click on the link below: http://www.biscmi.org/wshh/biscmiellenpence2010.html

Research Article available online "Serving Women Who Use Force in Their Intimate Heterosexual Relationships" can be downloadedat Larance2006ServingWomenWhoUseForce.pdf . This article explores the author's practice observations while working with women who use force (WWUF) in their intimate heterosexual relationships. The program's approach to assessment, education and support, and advocacy frames a description of the impact services have had on the lives of WWUF.

Note: We would like to hear aboutinnovative domestic violenceresources, 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 or fax: 503-988-3710.

The FVCC seeks to develop a coordinated community response that includes the domestic violence response system and community and social systems.

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