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November 12, 2010
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1120 SW 5th Ave,
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12:30-12:45 Review of
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District Attorney's
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County Auditor's Special

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.

Current Trends and Research: Restraining Orders

Research has shown that arrest for domestic violence, in general, deters repeat abuse.

Source: Maxwell, C., Garner, J. and Fagan, J. (June, 2001). *The Effects of Arrest on Intimate Partner Violence: New Evidence from the Spouse Assault Replication Program*, National Institute of Justice Research in Brief, Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, NCJ 188199.

Arrests for violations of protective orders, specifically, increases victim safety. One study looked at arrest rates across jurisdictions and concluded that when perpetrators believe they will be arrested, they are more likely to comply with the order.

- In Denver, 87% of violators are arrested and only 2% of victims reported repeat abuse within 6 months.
- In District of Columbia, 41% of violators are arrested and 11.9% of victims reported repeat abuse within 6 months.

Source: Susan L. Keilitz et al., National Ctr. For State Courts, *Civil Protection Orders: The Benefits and Limitations for Victims of Domestic Violence* 38, 61-62 (1997).

Restraining orders are typically indicators of multiple

Report on Domestic Violence, update and feedback

Announcements

Actively Seeking Connection and Empowerment for a New Tomorrow (ASCENT): ASCENT is organizing an empowerment opportunity for women of all ages affected by domestic violence. The event will be held on November 13th, Noon-4:00pm @ Club Sport, Conference Room/ Rock Wall, Tigard Oregon. For details [email](#) us or check our [blog](#).

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence: OCADSV invites domestic violence programs and their partners to come and tour their new office and meet the OCADSV staff and board. Open house is Friday November 12th from 12:00pm-6:00pm. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. The new office is located at 1737 NE Alberta Street, Suite 205.

OVC Announces New Resources for Serving Victims of Elder Abuse:

OVC has released *In Their Own Words: Domestic Abuse In Later Life*, a training package designed to enhance the skills of victim service providers who interact with older adults in responding to domestic elder abuse. To request a copy of the training DVDs and Trainer Guide, visit the NCJRS [website](#).

Cost for both the guide and DVD's is \$5.00.

Oregon Adolescent Sexuality Conference Seeking Proposals:

The Oregon Sexuality Conference is seeking workshop proposals for its 2011 conference, April 4-5, in Seaside, Oregon. The theme for the 2011 conference is Healthy Relationships Matter. This is an

prior violent incidents. Multiple studies have shown that victims do not generally report their initial intimate victimization, but typically suffer multiple assaults and/or related victimizations before they contact authorities and/or apply for protective orders.

Sources: Felson, R., Ackerman, J. & Gallagher, C. (2005). Police Intervention and the Repeat of Domestic Assault. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, 2002-WG-BX-2002, National Institute of Justice, NCJ 210301; Harrell, A. & Smith, B. (1996). *Effects of Restraining Orders on Domestic Violence Victims*. In E. Buzawa & C. Buzawa (Eds.) Do Arrest and Restraining Orders Work? Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 214-243; ; Keilitz, S., Hannaford, P. & Efkenman, H. (1997). Civil Protection Orders: The Benefits and Limitations for Victims of Domestic Violence. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, 93-IJ-CX-0035 National Institute of Justice.

²⁴ Carlson, M., Harris, S., & Holden, G. (1999). *Protective Orders and Domestic Violence: Risk Factors for Reabuse*. Journal of Family Violence, 14 (2), 205-226

Although leaving a violent relationship is a dangerous time for victims, restraining orders do help. A King County, Washington study found that victims with permanent restraining orders were less likely to have new, police reported domestic violence, and a Kentucky study of victims seeking RO's in both urban and rural counties found that half of those who received RO's did not experience a violation of the RO in the first six months, and for the half who did experience a violation, the levels of violence and abuse declined significantly compared to the 6 months before the RO was issued.

Sources: Holt, V., Kernic, M., Lumley, T., Wolf, M., & Rivara, F. (2002). *Civil Protection Orders and Risk of Subsequent Police-reported Violence*. Journal of the American Medical Association, 288(5), 589-594; and Hawkins, Nikki. Perspectives on Civil Protective Orders in Domestic Violence Cases: The Rural and Urban Divide, National Institute of Justice Journal, June 2010, NCJ 230409.

Violating of a restraining order is an indicator of other criminal behavior. A person who violates a restraining order is also likely to commit new crimes, including domestic violence related crimes and non-domestic violence crimes. Furthermore, of those abusers who re-offend, a majority do so relatively quickly, within the first six months.

Sources: Klein, A. & Tobin, T. (2008). *Longitudinal Study of Arrested Batterers, 1995-2005: Career Criminals*. Violence

opportunity to share innovative ideas, research, and best practices with both professionals and youth. Deadline for submission is November 23, 2010. Questions, please contact [Rayna Rogowsky](#), Insights Teen Parent Program.

Batterer Intervention Services Coalition Michigan (BISC-MI): National Conference Call for Proposals. BISC-MI, a national provider of high quality conferences, is accepting proposals for presentation for April 13-15, 2011 conference. They are looking for providers of batterer intervention services to present specific curriculum and strategies at this national conference. To submit your proposal click the [link](#).

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](#) or fax 503-988-3710.

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[Against Women](#), 14(2) 136-157; Bennett, L., Stoops, C., Call, C., & Flett, H. (2007). *Program Completion and Re-arrest in a Batterer Intervention System*. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 17 (42), 42-54; Newmark, L., Rempel, M., Diffily, & Kane, K. (2001). *Specialized Felony Domestic Violence Court: Lessons on Implementation and Impacts from the Kings County Experience*. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, 97-WT-VX-0005 National Institute of Justice, NCJ 191861

Stalking behavior, especially after an RO is issued, is an indicator of increased risk. About half of victims who get protective orders are stalked, and overall, protective orders are less effective for stalking victims than for other victims. Specifically, women who were stalked by their violent partner before getting a protective order had a strong likelihood of protective order violations, and stalking behavior that persisted *after* the protective order was associated with violence, suggesting those who stalk are more violent and more resistant to court intervention.

Source: Logan, T.K., L. Shannon, and J. Cole. "Stalking Victimization in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence," *Violence and Victims* 22 (6) (2007): 679.

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Together, Our Community Can End Domestic Violence

By Jeff Cogen and Dan Saltzman

In 2008, there were at least 17 deaths associated with domestic violence in Oregon. In 2009, there were 39. To date in 2010, there have been 43. These numbers are jarring, and would be higher if we included other forms of family violence. Domestic violence can happen to anyone, and the numbers indicate that it's a growing problem.

Each year, elected leaders across the nation proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In Multnomah County, this October is no different. The board of commissioners recognized the month unanimously last week. But when the numbers speak so clearly, a once-yearly proclamation isn't enough. The severity of the problem calls for every person to

be engaged in ending it year-round.

To read full article visit the Oregon live [online](#).

Trainings

November 16th, 2010 (10:00am-12:00pm): Domestic Violence in Later Life. Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council Monthly Training, Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic, 3653 SE 34th Ave, Portland ,OR 97202. Domestic abuse in later life is a growing problem. Older survivors face unique challenges and require specialized interventions. This workshop will offer an opportunity to learn the unique dynamics of abuse in later life. This is a free workshop and registration is not required. For more information please contact Vanessa Timmons at 503-988-9166 ext. 26266 or vanessa.timmons@co.multnomah.or.us

November 16th, 17th and 19th, 2010: The Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center Advocate Volunteer Training. Training series in Portland is free. For more information on the training contact Noelle Donahue at noelled@866uswomen.org or call 503-203-1444.

December 2, 2010 (7:00pm-9:00pm): Understanding Vicarious Resilience in Cultural Context. Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling. This presentation will introduce the concept of Vicarious Resilience to anyone in a helping role who is affected by traumatic stress. Participants can use this approach to counteract experiences of vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue. Dr. Hernandez-Wolfe will examine the dimensions of working with those affected by trauma and the impact on their mental health providers. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information visit [Lewis & Clark](#).

December 10, 2010, (2-4pm Central, 3-5pm Eastern): Seeking Safety Across Borders: Cases involving domestic violence and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Live Guthrie Theater presentation of Hague Convention cases involving domestic violence. This event is in honor of World Human Rights Day December 10th. For more information, please see <http://www.haguedv.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](#) or via fax: 503-988-3710. Be sure to include registration deadline and name of person to contact for additional information.

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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