# **MULTNOMAH COUNTY FY 2015-2016 CONTRACT NO. 4400002352**

# **Report Period:** 4/1/2016 – 06/30/2016

**DEMOGRAPHICS AND OUTCOMES**

**Number of clients served:** 52

**Number of court appearances:** 35

**Number of cases opened:** 35

**Number of cases referred:** 1

**Number of consultations:** 36

**Number of cases still open:** 22

**Race:**

**Asian:**  1

**African American:**  2

**Hispanic:** 15

**Native American:**  1

**Pacific Islander:**  1

**White:** 15

**Other:**  17

**Age: Gender:**

**<18:** 0 **Male:** 3

**18-24:**  7 **Female:** 48

**25-59:**  30

**60+:** 1

**Persons with disability: 3**

**Immigrant/refugee: 13**

**Type of victimization**:

**Domestic Violence:** 44

**Sexual Assault:** 21

**Stalking:** 6

**Issue (may be more than one per victim):**

**Custody/visitation:** 8

**Housing issues:** 3

**Divorce/sep/annulment:** 10

**Employment discrimination:** 1

**Immigration/naturalization:** 3

**Restraining order:** 31

**Other family:** 1

**Crime victims’ rights issue:** 10

**Outcomes (may be more than one per victim):**

**Restraining order upheld:** 9

**Restraining order denied:** 1

**Court decisions:** 5

**Negotiated settlement (without litigation):** 0

**Negotiated settlement (with litigation):** 9

**Brief Services (other than Counsel and Advice):** 1

**Referred After Legal Assessment:** 1

**Insufficient merit to proceed:** 0

**Client withdrew or failed to return calls:** 0

**Administrative agency decision:** 0

**Change in eligibility status:** 0

**Counsel and advice:** 27

**Total hours spent on advice and representation during reporting period:** 620

**Narrative report (highlights from some cases):**

Client sought legal representation for a contested EPPDAPA hearing (there was also a criminal case pending against Respondent). At the hearing, the respondent was represented by his public defender, who sought to dismiss the restraining order. An OCVLC attorney represented the client at the hearing, and the restraining order was upheld. The attorney then worked closely with the victim and Multnomah County Aging and Disability to ensure her safety and create a safety plan.

After a referral from Student Legal Services at PSU, victim sought legal representation for a stalking protective order. After working with the victim, attorney set the matter over for a period of 6 months in which the stalking protective order may be dismissed if there are no violations.

Victim initially met with the Gateway attorney to address questions she had regarding competing restraining orders and the criminal justice system. After offender’s restraining order against victim was dismissed, she contacted OCVLC for legal representation at her hearing. Working closely with Multnomah County District Attorney’s office, attorney successfully facilitated a global resolution in which the offender would not contest the restraining order as part of his plea offer.

Upon referral by a Gateway Center navigator, attorney met with victim, a young man from Brazil. Victim stated he felt overwhelmed by the criminal justice system and wanted to know how to file a police report and restraining order. Attorney walked him through what to anticipate as a victim in a criminal case as well as what the restraining order process would look like. Additionally, victim had concerns regarding his immigration status and was referred to Catholic Charities for immigration advice.

Victim was referred to OCVLC by Legal Aid at Gateway. Victim sought legal representation at a contested restraining order hearing. After reviewing documents and listening to the victim, attorney contacted offender’s probation officer to report a possible violation by offender. At the hearing, offender only contested parenting time and attorney was successful in negotiating limited parenting time of minor child with offender. Additionally, offender’s probation was extended by a period of 1 year and victim is now working closely with offender’s probation officer.

Client had consultation at Legal Aid while at Gateway. He had obtained an ex parte restraining order that day while at Gateway. Sheriff looking for adverse party to serve the order. Mother absconded with two children, 4 and an 8- month old baby. Up to parties’ separation, they shared parenting time. Adverse party punched client so severely, client had infection, need to see the doctor and missed work. He continues to suffer from effects of violence. Adverse party has been abusive since the relationship began and most recently hit him while he was holding the baby. Client had a difficult time talking about the abuse to others. Our office represented him in a restraining order hearing. The adverse party was represented and the case was heard last month. The judge upheld the restraining order and granted custody to our client with safe parenting time for adverse party.