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UPDATE

Dear Suzanne Guy,

June's *Update* offers a look into the trending issue of gun control. We'll explore this hot topic as it relates to domestic violence and important steps being taken around the country.



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Upcoming FVCC Meeting

Next FVCC Meeting:

Friday, June 14th, 2013
1120 SW 5th Avenue
Room 2C
12:15-1:30

Agenda

To Be Announced

The Gun Control Debate: Implications for Domestic Violence Survivors & Advocates

In the months following a series of mass shootings across the county, debates about gun control have taken their place in the national spotlight. While this is a broad issue covering lots of ground, it also has direct impacts on domestic violence survivors and advocates. It is commonly understood among domestic violence advocates and service providers that possession of firearms greatly increases lethality risk, but how does the current controversy surrounding gun control factor into this? Take a look at a few recent news pieces delving into the issue and decide for yourself.

Guns and Domestic Violence - Fact Sheets & Overviews of the Issue

For a statistical overview of the link between guns and domestic violence, check out this fact sheet from Futures Without Violence [here](#) or this concise overview of the research compiled by the Battered Women's Justice Project [here](#).

In Some States, Gun Rights Trump Orders of Protection In a combination of case studies and review of data, [The New York Times](#) takes an in-depth look at the connection between removing guns from abusive people and direct impacts on safety and survival of victims.

Should Guns Be Taken From Domestic Violence Abusers?

Even though federal law requires anyone served with an order of protection to surrender firearms, this law is shown to be rarely enforced at the state level. This segment from Rock Center with Brian Williams, which aired in early May, examines one community's efforts to ensure that these firearms are tracked down and seized. If you have 8 minutes and a set of speakers, you may want to take a look [here](#).

Oregon Laws Related to Firearm Possession & Domestic Violence

For a refresher on local laws related to this issue, visit the Women's Law page on Oregon state gun laws [here](#).

On The Net...



As you may know, the re-authorization of VAWA brought with it some important new provisions for Native survivors of domestic violence. Have lingering questions about what these tribal provisions are? Look for answers on the newly released information sheet by the [Department of Justice](#).

The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women has published a special collection entitled: [Trauma-Informed Domestic Violence Services: Understanding the Framework and Approach](#). This extensive collection includes

a variety of research and practical tools for increasing both the capacity for and the quality of trauma-informed service delivery.

Announcing...



The Western States Center, an organization which works to build a progressive movement for social, economic, racial and environmental justice in the eight western states, has announced their **2013 Activists Mobilizing for Power (AMP) training and networking event to be held locally at Reed College in SE Portland**. The event will take place July 26-28, scholarships are available, and participants may elect to attend one or all days of the event. There are a wide variety of workshops on the agenda this year (over 40 to choose from), including: Beyond Diversity: Dismantling Racism, Building Reflection Space in Social Justice Movements, Latinas On the Move: Organizing Collective Power, Organizational Planning for Success, Creative Tactics & Direct Action,

& Sustainability and Self Care for People in the Movement. Select workshops will also be offered in Spanish and specifically targeted for socially-justice minded youth! To view full details for the event, including how to register, visit the [website here](#).

June 18th, 2013, 12pm-1pm: Webinar - Advocacy Tools You Can Use: Making the Case for More Robust Support Programs. This online training offered by Wider Opportunities for Women aims to provide advocates with information and data that will help them better educate policymakers about the economic challenges that survivors face and the important role various support programs play in ensuring their safety and security. Learn more, including how to register for this free webinar in [WOW's May newsletter](#) or register [here](#).

June 25th, 2013, 12pm-1:30pm: Webinar - Immigration, Domestic Violence, and LGBTQ Communities. The NW Network is sponsoring this online training and it's free to participants. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

Save the Date...



Next FVCC Training...

June 18, 2013, 10 am - noon | Supporting Survivors (Post-Abuse) in Creating Healthy Relationships | This training will give advocates skills for talking to abuse survivors about creating healthy relationships. We will cover specific skills that survivors can develop, and also discuss how to support people who are partners to trauma survivors.

Trainer: Lupita Mendez, Bradley Angle House

Monthly trainings sponsored by the Family Violence Coordinating Council: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10 am to 12 noon Location: SE Health Center, basement conference room, 3653 SE 34th Ave (just south of Powell Blvd.), Portland, OR.

Other Trainings...

June 10th - 14th, 2013: Free 40-hour DV/SA Training for People of Color, Other Minorities, & their Allies. IRCO, along with partner agencies, will be hosting this training that covers all state required advocacy topics. The training is open to up to 60 attendees and includes free childcare for children ages 2-11. To register or learn more call (503) 234-1541, ext. 430.

June 14th, 2013: Trauma & Personality Disorders: Getting to the Root of the Problem. This one-day training provided by The Refuge, A Healing Place and Awakenings By the Sea will explore the many factors that mental health professionals will face when dealing with clients suffering from trauma induced brain damage & those who may be facing criminal charges who have personality disorders that initially prevent them from being successful in treatment. If you or your colleagues are mental health professionals and wish to learn more, visit the registration page [here](#) or contact Shea Beasley at 352-512-8877.

July 9th, 2013: Engaging Men in Engaging Men's Violence Against Women in the Portland Area. The Engaging Men Project (TEMP) invites you to participate in robust discussion and action planning toward the next generation of efforts to involve men in ending men's violence. The gathering will take place from 2pm-5pm at the YWCA. For more information or to RSVP, contact Patrick Lemmon at patricklemmon@gmail.com

Other Events.....

OCADSV hosts its annual conference July 1st-3rd in Sunriver, OR. This year's theme is: *Centering the Movement: Engaging Survivors and Planning for the Future.* To view more details or to register for the conference visit the OCADSV web page [here](#).



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