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UPDATE

Dear Suzanne Guy,

In this edition, reports on the latest Domestic Violence Crime Trends.

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Upcoming FVCC Meeting

Next FVCC Meeting:

12:15-1:30

Friday, December 14th

1120 SW 5th Avenue

Room 2C

Domestic Violence Crime Trends

National report show significant decrease in intimate partner violence:

The US Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released a report highlighting a 64% decline in intimate partner violence between 1993-2010. The report, based on the National Crime Victimization Survey, found that women ages 18 to 34 continue to experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence, and that 4 in 5 victims of intimate partner violence are women. From 1994 to 2000, intimate partner violence declined at the same rate as other types of violent crimes. From 2000 to 2010, however, the decline in overall intimate partner violence slowed and stabilized, while the overall violent crime rate continued to decline. [Find the full report here.](#)

National homicide trends:

The US Bureau of Justice Statistics report on long-term homicide trends also demonstrate significant declines between 1980 and 2008. In fact, since 2000, the overall homicide rate declined to levels last

seen in the mid-1960s. This report, based on data from the FBI's compilation of Supplementary Homicide Reports, shows that over the 28 year period studied, 1 in 5 of all homicides were committed by an intimate partner. Women made up two-thirds of intimate partner violence homicide victims, and women homicide victims were 6 times more likely than men to be killed by an intimate partner. [Find the full report here.](#)

Oregon Intimate Partner Homicides:

In Oregon, 1 in 4 homicides between 2003 and 2010 were related to intimate partner violence. Almost all (94%) of female victims in IPV-related homicides are killed by an intimate partner, while most male victims (69%) in IPV-related homicides are killed by someone other than an intimate partner, such as a partner's ex-partner. In addition, 42% of all intimate partner homicides were followed by a suicide or suicide attempt. [Find the full report here.](#)

Local Domestic Violence Trends:

Portland Police data show that intimate partner violence and other reported violent crime trends are similar to national trends. Over the past 10 years, Portland Police data shows that domestic violence related assaults have been declining along with other types of assaults. In 2011, domestic violence accounted for 42% of reported assaults, including half of simple assaults and almost one-third of aggravated assaults. However, unlike national trends described above showing a leveling-off of domestic violence crimes and a continued decrease in other violent crimes, Portland has seen reported domestic violence decline more than other violent crime since 2005. Although the reason for this local decline in domestic violence is unclear, it is worth noting that it coincides with the implementation of the Portland Police Bureau's research-based recidivism risk tool, which helps domestic violence investigators prioritize followup based on recidivism risks. Although a direct cause/effect link cannot be made, it is a noteworthy association and a very positive trend. However, the local trend may be changing. In 2011, restraining order applications and reported domestic violence crimes both increased by 6%, and domestic violence reports continued to be 5% higher in the first half of 2012.

On The Net...



1. Check out this new [Teen Website](#) from VOA Home Free!
2. As some of you may know, Futures Without Violence launched a new website last week to help domestic violence shelters and other community based dv programs enhance their services for youth (0-18) who have experienced domestic violence. The new resource is aimed at helping advocates build their capacity to deliver trauma informed, evidence based and promising interventions that work to strengthen the mother-child bond and promote healing for all family members. [Promising Futures:](#)

[Best Practices for Serving Children, Youth, and Parents Experiencing Domestic Violence.](#)

Announcing...



The Safe Start Center has a great [collection of resources addressing children and youth exposed to violence](#). The latest toolkit includes resources for court-related professionals including a checklist to screen for poly-victimization exposure and symptoms.

Save the Date...



Next FVCC Training...

***No Training in December 2012.**

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...

Now enrolling | Support Group: "Safe Spaces" 12-week, closed sessions for children (ages 4-5, 6-8, and 9-11) who have experienced domestic violence to provide information about domestic violence, safety planning, emotional support, and skill building | groups beginning mid-September | 12-week sessions (three times per year) offered by Volunteers of America Home Free | Contact Christine at 503-988-6469.

April 8-10 | Conference: [8th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women](#): Presenters include Becky Bangs, Coordinator, Domestic Violence Enhances Response Team (DVERT) Project, Multnomah County.

For more training opportunities, visit the [Association of VAWA Administrators](#) and the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

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