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Fragile: Handle with Care

A project of the Department of Human Services – Domestic Violence Intervention Team



The DV Council Award of Excellence Recipients for 2010 are:

*Vic Todd from the Office of Self-sufficiency

*Linda Purcell and the D2 Domestic violence Team

*Annie Neal from the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator's Office

Congratulations to each of them!

"Fragile: Handle with Care" reborn

If you've been around awhile you may remember a newsletter about domestic violence that was put out in the late 1990's and early 2000's called *Fragile: Handle with Care*. The former writer/editors have since long retired.

Recently Domestic Violence Points were asked about whether it would be beneficial to reconstitute the newsletter as a way to share information

about domestic violence. We heard from 13 Districts and several central office domestic violence points. They want to see *Fragile: Handle with Care* come back.

The decision was made to create a quarterly domestic violence newsletter, using the same name as the old newsletter.

What will you see in these newsletters?

The newsletter will give us the

opportunity to share successes, get up-to-date data and research to you, as well as new resources, emerging and best practices, policy clarifications, quizzes and skill challenges.

Normally we'll try to keep the letter to two pages. This first one will be three.

You can also share your stories. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

Changes coming to the DHS Domestic Violence Council

The DHS Domestic Violence Council is now the DHS and OHA Domestic Violence Council. The Council will be revising it's mission to be more inclusive of the OHA Mission.

The *DHS Quality Assurance Standards*

for Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention will soon be updated in light of these changes.

The Council will be looking to increase representation from health care programs while continuing to look at expanding the

diversity of the council to reflect the diversity of those we serve.

To learn more about the Council go to their web page at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvcouncil/index.shtml>



The Child Welfare Practices for Cases with Domestic Violence are updated and available on-line through the DHS form server – The document is “DHS 9200”.

<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/CE9200.pdf>



Grants to support pregnant & parenting survivors

Grants from Oregon DOJ will fund DV-SA programs to out-station advocates in 13 to 15 DHS Child Welfare or Self-sufficiency Offices. These advocates will specifically serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who are pregnant or parenting teens or are women with children under 12 months. The

advocate will also connect survivors to health related services through local county health departments.

The Request for Applications (RFA) went out on November 19th. DV-SA programs have until December 20, 2010 to submit their applications. By

January 18th, the grants will be awarded to the successful candidates.

Working with your local advocacy program will be critical in having a successful application.

January is Stalking Awareness Month

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to mobilize against a dangerous crime. This year's theme, “Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It.,” calls our nation to stop this crime by learning more about it. Stalking can happen to anyone, and it affects 3.4 million victims a year. It's a crime in all

50 states. Stalkers may assault or murder their victims, and they are hard to stop. The more you know about stalking, the more you can do to fight it. For more information, Contact your local DV-SA service provider. You can find your local program on the DHS DV map at: <https://apps.state.or.us/cf1/DomesticViolen>

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To download free posters and other information about Stalking awareness month information go to:

<http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org/>

Policy Quick Fact: *If a client is claiming good cause for non-cooperation with child support, they can ask for good cause verbally or in writing. The Client Safety Packet (DHS 8660) does include a form the client can use in claiming good cause, but the form is not required. Just talking with client about their safety concern's related to pursuit of child or medical support and then documenting the good cause reason in TRACS is fine.* Thanks!

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DV Info on the Web!

**DHS Domestic Violence
Web page:**

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/index.shtml>

Staff Tools Web page:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/dv/index.htm>

Facts about Stalking

- 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States.
- 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.
- 30% of stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- 10% of stalking victims are stalked by a stranger.
- Persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.
- 11% of stalking victims have been stalked for 5 years or more.
- 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.
- 1 in 4 victims report being stalked through the use of some form of technology (such as e-mail or instant messaging).
- 10% of victims report being monitored with global positioning systems (GPS), and 8% report being monitored through video or digital cameras, or listening devices.

[Katrina Baum et al., "Stalking Victimization in the United States," (Washington, DC: BJS, 2009).]

About Our Team...

The *Domestic Violence Intervention Team* is made up of domestic violence points from each District. Points generally represent Child Welfare (CW) and Self-sufficiency (SSP). As they can, local domestic violence sexual assault service providers also participate in the team.

The points act as liaisons with central office CAF around issues of domestic

violence as well as liaisons with local domestic violence sexual assault service providers.

Many Districts also have CW & SSP branch point people that coordinate with the district point person.

If you don't know who your local District DV Point person is, you can find a list at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/docs/contactacts.pdf>

Policy Quick Fact:

The Secure and Restricted Narratives in TRACS should not be used for domestic violence information. If you feel it isn't safe to narrate in TRACS, then narrative in Word and put a copy in the hard file.

Thank You!

