

## Hot Topics:

### **\*DOJ Crime Victim Services Division Receives Grant from the Federal Office of Adolescent Health:**

DOJ worked in collaboration with DHS and OHA to develop this grant opportunity. Victim advocates will be placed in DHS Child Welfare and Self-sufficiency offices to work with pregnant and parenting teens and women who have a child under 12 months who were victimized during pregnancy. The grant is a collaboration between the local victim advocacy program, Health Department and DHS.

### **\*Public Records Personal Safety Exemption – OAR 137-004-0800:**

DHS staff whose personal safety or whose families safety may be at risk of danger, may ask that public record information that includes their home address, personal phone number or personal e-mail be protected from public record disclosures. Contact: DHS Human Resources for more information

### **\*ORS 659A.270 through 659A.290 – Protections because of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking:** These laws based on SB 928, prohibit employers from discriminating against victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, includes employment related leave provisions and reasonable safety accommodations requirements. Took effect January 1, 2010.

## On-going:

- **Governor’s Executive Order and DAS Policy: “Workplace Effects of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking”** policy (DAS policy 50.010.04). Contact: Linda Adams (503) 945-7007 for HR policy.
  - **Training** on the policy is required for all State managers, supervisors and human resource staff. The training is now available as an on-line training called “*DV, Sexual Assault and Stalking – Your responsibilities As An Employer*”. Registration for the on-line course is now available through the DHS learning center at <https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us>.
- The **DHS Domestic Violence Web Pages:** Provides information on domestic violence for public and staff. Includes link to data & publications; local DV service providers; general information on the dynamics of domestic violence. Link: [www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/index.shtml) - Contact: Carol Krager (503) 945-5931
- The **DHS and OHA Domestic Violence Council:** The 15 member council, with representatives from DHS, OHA and community partners, advises the Director and Cabinet on domestic violence related policies, practices and training within the two departments. Link: [www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvcouncil/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvcouncil/index.shtml) -

Contact: Carol Krager (503) 945-5931 or April Scott (503) 945-6107.

- **DHS Quality Assurance Standards for Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention** were adopted in June of 2005, the standards have been released and on-going implementation strategies are being developed by the DHS DV Council. Link: [www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvcouncil/dv-standards.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvcouncil/dv-standards.pdf) - Contact: Carol Krager (503) 945-5931.
- Each District has a **domestic violence point person** for Self-sufficiency and Child Welfare. Contacts: Carol Krager (503) 945-5931 or Cheryl O'Neill (503) 945-6686.
- **CAF Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund Advisory Group** – The advisory group advises DHS on the pass through of state and federal funding to community based domestic violence and sexual assault service providers. Contact: Cheryl O'Neill (503) 945-6686.
- The **Oregon Violence Against Women (VAW) Prevention Plan** was released by Public Health in May 2006. Key goals are listed on the plan and include Promoting healthy non-violent relationships and increasing the community capacity to prevent VAW. Link: [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipe/docs/vawplan.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipe/docs/vawplan.pdf) - Contact: Lisa Millet (971) 673-1059.
- **Recommendations to Prevent Sexual Violence in Oregon: A Plan of Action** was developed in 2006. This 5 year plan of action hopes to support sexual violence prevention including promoting healthy and safe attitudes and beliefs about sexuality. Link: [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipe/docs/rpsvplan.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipe/docs/rpsvplan.pdf) -Contact: Julie McFarlane (971) 673-0365
- **Oregon Youth Sexual Health Plan** – The plan supports teens in making healthy, positive choices in order to avoid negative outcomes such as unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and sexual violence. <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/teens/tpp/yhsp-021109.pdf> - Contact: Lawrence Piper (503) 945-6074
- The OHA Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services developed a **Trauma Policy** in Feb. 2006. This policy is now being carried forward in an effort to develop trauma informed and trauma sensitive services that address the needs of survivors of psychological trauma. Contacts: Pat Davis (503) 945-7813 and D'Leah Cruz (503) 945-5840
- DHS DV **staff tools**. Tools and supports for DHS staff in working with domestic violence survivors are located on the DHS intranet at: [www.dhs.state.or.us/training/dv/tools.htm#other](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/training/dv/tools.htm#other) – Contact: Carol Krager (503) 945-5931

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