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Dear Mr. Burgess:

The Department of Human Services respectfully submits the Domestic Violence Intervention biennial report. The Oregon Department of Human Services prepares this report pursuant to ORS 411.154.

The department is required by ORS 411.154 to report to each session of the Legislative Assembly the following information:

- The domestic violence identification process under ORS 411.154;
- Emergency assistance utilization for victims of domestic violence; and
- Domestic violence training for department staff, information sharing and evaluation.

Attached please find an executive summary and full report pursuant to the requirements of SB 323 (2009).

The reports for prior biennia are posted on the following department website:
http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvdata_pub.shtml

Please contact me at (503) 945-6122 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the attached report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly
Duke Shepard, Governor's Labor and Human Services Advisor
Erinn Kelley-Siel, Director, Department of Human Services
Marge Reinhart, Acting Administrator, Office of Self-Sufficiency

Executive Summary

2011 Report to the Legislative Assembly pursuant to ORS 411.154

History:

In 1997, the Oregon State Legislature passed HB 3112, now ORS 411.117, as Oregon's response to the Wellstone/Murray Family Violence Amendment of the 1996 federal welfare reform law. The "Family Violence Option" provides an opportunity for states to certify standards and procedures to screen for and identify individuals impacted by domestic violence.

ORS 411.154 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report information to the Legislative Assembly each session on the identification process used by the DHS when screening for domestic violence, domestic violence emergency assistance expenditures, and the number of DHS staff who have received training on domestic violence.

The full report is available on-line at:

http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/dvdata_pub.shtml

Highlights from 2009-2011:

- DHS continues to work in collaboration with local victim's service programs in policy and service planning for domestic violence victims.
- The restructured DHS and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Domestic Violence Council reviews policy, practices and training requirements, and makes recommendations to the Director's office on these issues.
- DHS and OHA have worked in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) on a grant to serve pregnant and parenting teens and women who have been victims of domestic violence during pregnancy or within 12 months of becoming pregnant.
- Identification processes are in place within all DHS Self-Sufficiency programs including: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Employment Related Day Care (ERDC); and Medical Programs.
- Child Welfare has updated their "Child Welfare Practices for Cases with Domestic Violence" to better align with the child safety model.
- DHS in Multnomah County is part of the new "Gateway" domestic violence one stop.
- From July 2009 through December 2010, \$9,174,847 has been spent on emergency assistance for victims of domestic violence through the Temporary

Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors Program (TA-DVS). An average of 556 families escaping domestic violence receive help each month from this program.

- July 2009 through December 2011, 1825 DHS and OHA staff and partners have had training on domestic violence. This includes 711 managers who have had domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the workplace policy and awareness training as required by the Governor's Executive Order 07-17.

In the Future:

DHS and OHA will continue to work in coordination with local victim's service programs, batterer intervention programs and other State agencies as part of a coordinated community response to address domestic violence.