

(Sexual Assault Crisis Centers and Crisis Lines)

409.270 Definitions for ORS 409.273 to 409.285. As used in ORS 409.273 to 409.285:

(1) “Crisis line” means an emergency telephone service staffed by persons who are trained to provide emergency peer counseling, information, referral and advocacy to victims of sexual offenses and their families.

(2) “Director” means the Director of Human Services. [1999 c.943 §2; 2001 c.900 §71]

409.273 Funding of sexual assault crisis centers and crisis lines; rulemaking. (1)

The Director of Human Services may make grants to and enter into contracts with private nonprofit organizations that provide intervention and support services to victims of sexual offenses and their families. Grants or contracts under this subsection may be:

(a) For the funding of sexual assault crisis centers; and

(b) For the funding of crisis lines providing services to victims of sexual offenses and their families.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 192.001 to 192.170, 192.210 to 192.505 and 192.610 to 192.990:

(a) The director may by rule provide that the locations of premises utilized for sexual assault crisis centers shall be kept confidential.

(b) All information maintained by the sexual assault crisis center or crisis line relating to clients is confidential. Except for the names of clients, necessary information may be disclosed to the director. [1999 c.943 §3]

409.276 Standards for sexual assault crisis centers. The Director of Human Services shall establish minimum standards for sexual assault crisis centers receiving grants or other financial assistance under ORS 409.273. [1999 c.943 §4]

409.279 Application for grants; notification of final action on application. (1) A private nonprofit organization operating a sexual assault crisis center or crisis line may apply to the Director of Human Services for a grant under ORS 409.273. The organization must submit to the director, at the time of application:

(a) A statement of services provided;

(b) Proof of maintenance of accurate and complete financial records;

(c) Clearly defined written policies and procedures; and

(d) A list of members of the governing board.

(2) The director shall approve or reject applications within 60 days after receipt. The director shall mail written notification to the applicant no later than five working days following final action taken on the application.

(3) The director shall consider the geographic area of the state from which an application is submitted to the end that all areas of the state develop programs to deal with the victims of sexual offenses. [1999 c.943 §5]

409.282 Services provided by sexual assault crisis centers and crisis lines.

Services provided by sexual assault crisis centers and crisis lines receiving grants or other

financial assistance under ORS 409.273 shall be made accessible and available to all persons who reside in the area served who may need the services. If a sexual assault crisis center or crisis line receiving funds under ORS 409.273 is unable to provide necessary services to a client, it shall refer the client to alternative community resources. [1999 c.943 §6]

409.285 Sexual Assault Victims Fund. (1) There is established the Sexual Assault Victims Fund in the Services to Children and Families Account of the General Fund established under ORS 409.260.

(2) All moneys credited to the Sexual Assault Victims Fund are continuously appropriated for the purposes of ORS 409.273 to be expended by the Director of Human Services as provided in ORS 409.273. However, the director shall expend not more than five percent of such moneys for administrative costs of the Department of Human Services incurred under ORS 409.273. [1999 c.943 §7]