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**Executive Summary**  
**2013 Report to the Legislative Assembly**  
**pursuant to ORS 411.154**

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

Highlights from 2011-2013:

- 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 now contracts with local domestic violence service providers to co-locate 22 advocates in DHS Child Welfare and Self-Sufficiency offices.
- DHS and OHA continue to work 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 continues to provide services at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services in Multnomah County.
- From July 2011 through December 2012, \$7,759,670 was spent on emergency assistance for victims of domestic violence through the Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors Program (TA-DVS). An average of 503 families escaping domestic violence receive help each month from this program.
- July 2011 through December 2012, 2354 DHS staff and partners have had training on domestic violence. This includes 199 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. Last biennium a total of 711 managers attended. Retraining is required every five years.

In the Future:

DHS 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.

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