



EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-10

**ESTABLISHING THE OREGON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE TASK FORCE**

Oregon, like most states across the nation, continues to see an increase in injuries and death due to domestic violence. Despite the many efforts aimed at preventing this violence and supporting its victims, domestic violence continues to be a public health and safety crisis in our communities.

The effects of this violence on our families and communities are profound. Impacts include personal injury, homelessness, lost work time and productivity, alcohol and other drug abuse, increased health care costs, adverse impacts on children, and denial of victims' basic human dignity. Too often, as we have seen repeatedly in Oregon, domestic violence can be lethal.

Across Oregon, families, government agencies, schools, victim services advocates, communities, employers, public health and social service organizations are struggling to respond to this crisis.

Domestic violence is one of the most complex and tragic challenges our society faces today. We must commit to identifying gaps that currently exist in our response to this public health and safety crisis. We must further create a plan to ensure that culturally appropriate best practice prevention and response methods are implemented, so that victims and children are protected and communities are safer.

This Order creates the Oregon Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Task Force to engage stakeholders, to identify priorities, and to create and facilitate the implementation of a long term strategic plan to eradicate domestic violence in our state.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force ("Task Force") is established.
2. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to:
 - a. Facilitate the coordination of the statewide response to domestic violence including prevention activities;
 - b. Identify and address existing gaps in services and system response, including disparate services for racial and ethnic minorities, Native American and tribal members, and gay and transgender populations;
 - c. Improve the efficacy and efficiency of system response to domestic violence;
 - d. Identify and implement best practices prevention strategies;
 - e. Provide leadership and serve as a forum to engage key stakeholders in establishing goals, creating performance measures, supporting implementation, and monitoring outcomes;



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- f. Provide regular updates on the status of goals and outcomes to the Governor's Office and the Legislature;
 - g. Advise the Governor and the legislature on policy, Legislative, and other changes necessary to implement prevention and response strategies; and
 - h. Advocate for legislative, policy, and other changes necessary to accomplish the Task Force's charge.
3. The Task Force shall consist of 19 members. All members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. The Task Force shall include:
- a. One member who is a non-profit victim services advocate from an urban community, appointed by the Governor;
 - b. One member who is a non-profit victim services advocate from a rural community, appointed by the Governor;
 - c. One member who is a non-profit children's advocate, appointed by the Governor;
 - d. Three members representing racial minorities, appointed by the Governor;
 - e. Two members representing Oregon's federally recognized tribes, appointed by the Governor;
 - f. One member representing gay and transgender advocates, appointed by the Governor;
 - g. One member who represents the civil legal services community, appointed by the Governor;
 - h. One member representing District Attorneys in Oregon, appointed by the Governor;
 - i. One member of the public who is a survivor of domestic violence, appointed by the Governor;
 - j. The Attorney General or designee;
 - k. The director of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or designee;
 - l. The director of the Oregon Health Authority or designee;
 - m. The director of Oregon Housing and Community Services;
 - n. The director of the Department of Human Services;
 - o. One member of the state senate, appointed by the Senate President; and
 - p. One member of the state house, appointed by the House Speaker.



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4. During the first year of operation, the Task Force shall address the following topics with the intent of making recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature:
 - a. Adequacy and availability of services to racial and ethnic minorities;
 - b. Domestic violence in the workplace;
 - c. Teen dating violence; and
 - d. Availability and adequacy of services to minors (issues raised in SB 757, 2011 legislative session);
5. Task Force shall also prioritize the findings and recommendations of the Oregon Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team in preparing recommendations for the Legislature. The Task Force shall coordinate recommendations with the work of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force and the Batterers Intervention Task Force.
6. Staff for the Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority.
7. The Governor will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Task Force from the members of the Task Force. The Chair shall establish an agenda and provide leadership and direction. The Task Force shall meet at least 9 times per year at the direction of the Chair or the Governor.
8. The Chair may appoint and approve the creation of subcommittees as necessary to address the subject matter called for in this order. The Chair may, on behalf of the Governor, request participation of other persons in subcommittees to further the Task Force's work.
9. The Chair shall appoint members as necessary to serve as liaisons to other groups with related missions.
10. A quorum for Task Force meetings shall consist of a majority of the appointed members. The Task Force shall strive to operate by consensus; however, the Task Force may approve measures and make recommendations based on an affirmative vote of a majority of members.



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11. The members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their activities as members of the Task Force.
12. This Order shall expire December 31, 2014.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 22 day of June, 2012.




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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


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SECRETARY OF STATE