

## **United Way Domestic Violence Summit Washington County Inventory Meeting – July 28, 2010**

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**Facilitators:** Kamala Bremer; Sarah McDowell

**Welcome:** LaDonna Burgess, Director of the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC), welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions. Sarah McDowell of United Way reviewed the purpose in holding these meetings. It has become clear that domestic violence homicides are a continuing problem. United Way wants to look at the existing regional response to domestic violence, the strengths of each county's system, the gaps that exist, and how the response might be improved. The focus of this project is limited to intimate partner violence, and the effect on those partners and their children. Facilitator Kamala Bremer then reviewed the model for structuring the discussion and the categories of response that we will be using (see handout "Shelves and Bins: Categories of DV Response – United Way DV Summit Project"), and started a process to answer the questions posed in the agenda.

### **I. Agencies and Linkages**

The following agencies were identified as being central in this county to the delivery of services targeted for domestic violence victims/survivors, perpetrators/offenders, or children who have been affected by domestic violence. Networks identify key groups that coordinate among these service providers.

#### **Agencies**

- Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services
- CADRE
- ChangePoint Batterers Intervention Program
- Choices DV Intervention Program
- Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC)
- Gresham Intimate Violence Education
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
- Kids Need Both Parents
- Legal Aid Services of Oregon
- Manley Interventions
- Men's Resource Center
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Police Departments: Beaverton, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Tigard, Tualatin
- Russian Oregon Social Services
- Washington County Community Corrections
- Washington County District Attorney
- Washington County Family Court Services
- Washington County School Districts
- Washington County Sheriff's Office

#### **Networks**

- Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Domestic Violence Leadership Council (DVLC)
- Domestic Violence Intervention Council (DVIC)
- Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC)
- Family Violence Supervision
- Courts, DA and Batters Intervention providers
- Queer Caucus
- Tri-County Batterers Intervention Providers
- Tri-County Shelter Managers Meeting.
- Tri-County Volunteer Coordinator Meeting
- Tri-County Executive Directors Network
- Washington County DIVERT
- Washington Co. Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team

## International/National/Statewide Services

- American Overseas Domestic Violence Center (AODVC), for abused Americans overseas & families in the USA with abused members overseas

## II. Services

The group identified services that are provided locally in each of the matrix sections.

Category of Service	Primary Providers in <u>Washington</u> County	Secondary Providers
<b>A. CRISIS RESPONSE</b>		
Victim/ Survivor Support		
Crisis Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 911</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center – limited on site crisis response week days</li> <li>• Police Departments (all cities)</li> </ul>	
Crisis Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Shelter Program – 24/7 dedicated Domestic Violence line &amp; walk-ins</li> <li>• Washington County Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services (Parole &amp; Probation, for all crime victims) – walk-in crisis counseling</li> </ul>	
Safety Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center</li> <li>• Washington County Community Corrections, Center for Victim Services, Victim Advocate &amp; Coordinator, DV Probation Officers</li> </ul>	
Safe Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Monika’s House Shelter – 26 beds</li> </ul>	
Safe Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center – limited</li> </ul>	
Emergency Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center – limited</li> </ul>	
Immediate Protection/Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Protective Order Advocacy Program</li> <li>• Washington County Courts – issue orders</li> </ul>	
Perpetrator/Offender		
Crisis Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police – all cities</li> </ul>	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CODA – drug and alcohol treatment</li> </ul>	
Children/Youth Services		
Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Children Initiative Program (CIP)</li> <li>• Police – all cities</li> <li>• School Counselors</li> </ul>	

<b>B. INTERVENTION</b>		
Victim/ Survivor Support		
Shelter & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center</li> <li>• Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Grant – individual victim support</li> <li>• Lutheran Community Services, Hopesprings, transitional housing – 23 units</li> <li>• Portland Women’s Crisis Line – motel vouchers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court Restraining Order – to break lease to move immediately for safety</li> <li>• Fairhaven – women &amp; child housing</li> <li>• Washington Co. Community Action – vouchers</li> </ul>
Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allies in Change Counseling</li> <li>• Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – faith based</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center – adult and child counseling</li> <li>• Washington County Community Correction, Center for Victim’s Services – counseling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) – Washington County counseling program</li> </ul>
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Attorney, Office of Victim’s Assistance</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center., Monika’s House, Protective Order Advocacy</li> <li>• Washington County Counseling Program</li> <li>• Washington County Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Justice Initiative</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)</li> </ul>
Support Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – faith based</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Justice Initiative</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)</li> <li>• Washington County Counseling Program</li> </ul>
Protection/Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center – assists with process</li> <li>• Washington County Courts – issues orders</li> <li>• Washington County Sheriff – serves orders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Aid of Services of Oregon – low income clients</li> </ul>
Legal Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Aid of Services of Oregon, civil family law – low income clients</li> <li>• St. Andrews Legal Clinic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon Bar Association, Modest Means program – referrals</li> </ul>
Prosecutor-based victim assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Attorney, Office Victim’s Assistance</li> </ul>	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington County Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services, Victim Impact Panels</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Surrogate Dialogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Attorney, Crime Victim Compensation Program – help with medical bills, etc.</li> </ul>

● Perpetrator/Offender Accountability		
Counseling: Individual and group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – faith based</li> <li>● Allies in Change Counseling – mandated &amp; voluntary, men &amp; women</li> <li>● Choices DV Intervention Program</li> <li>● El Enfoque de la Familia/Family Focus</li> <li>● Good Samaritan Ministries</li> <li>● Lifeworks Northwest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mental Health and Family Counseling Services</li> <li>● Washington County Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services – limited situations</li> </ul>
Batterer’s Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – faith based</li> <li>● Allies in Change</li> <li>● Family Focus</li> <li>● Choices DV Intervention Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mental Health and Family Counseling Services</li> </ul>
Protective Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Domestic Violence Resource Center</li> <li>● Washington County Court – restraining &amp; stalking orders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Washington County Sheriff – serves orders</li> </ul>
Legal Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● St. Andrews Clinic</li> </ul>	
Prosecution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● District Attorney’s Office</li> </ul>	
Criminal Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Washington County Community Corrections, Probation/Parole</li> <li>● Washington County Courts, Deferred Sentencing Program</li> </ul>	
● Couple/Family Support		
Counseling (sometimes with conditions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allies in Change</li> <li>● Domestic Violence Resource Center – for family, non-offending parent only</li> <li>● Enfoque de la Familia – Parenting and Anger classes</li> <li>● Family Justice Initiative – counseling, parenting classes</li> <li>● Washington County Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mental Health and Family Counseling Services</li> <li>● IRIS (Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Services) – English/Spanish</li> <li>● Lifeworks Northwest</li> </ul>
Children/Youth Services		
Services to Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Justice Initiative – support group, advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NAMI – youth groups, education, activities, support</li> <li>● Lifeworks Northwest</li> </ul>
Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Domestic Violence Resource Center, Children Intervention Program – free</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Justice Initiative – child &amp; caretaker counseling</li> <li>● WC Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services – some for children</li> </ul>

<b>C. PREVENTION – EDUCATION AND OUTREACH</b>		
<b>General Community</b>		
Community Awareness and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allies in Change – presentations to public on domestic violence, trainings</li> <li>• Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – education, faith based community schools</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center – Education Outreach program</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Surrogate Dialogue</li> <li>• Men’s Resource Center</li> </ul>	
Employer Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – presentations to employer groups</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Education Outreach</li> <li>• Washington Co. Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services and Reentry Council – presentations</li> </ul>	
Health and Human Service Provider Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allies in Change – trainings, outreach, presentations, how to work with abusers</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Family Violence Intervention Program &amp; Children’s Intervention Program</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Surrogate Dialogue</li> <li>• Washington Co. Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services – presentations to universities, counselor in training interns</li> </ul>	
<b>Targeted Groups</b>		
Domestic Partner Abuse Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – classes for victim recovery, prevention</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Surrogate Dialogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Aid Services – to rule out contested hearings, client education</li> </ul>
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allies in Change – outreach to middle class/upper class on domestic violence, non-physical domestic violence</li> </ul>	
Targeted High Risk: Reduce Risk Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allies in Change – target criminally oriented, trainings to providers/probation</li> <li>• Men’s Resource Center – how to work with abusive men and high risk men.</li> </ul>	
<b>Children/Youth</b>		
Ask about Violence in Early Childhood Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Children Intervention Program</li> <li>• Abuse Recovery Ministry &amp; Services – parenting, domestic violence specific</li> </ul>	
School-Based Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Resource Center, Children Initiative Program (2nd grade to high school); Safe Home (dating violence);</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless Education Network (HEN)</li> <li>• Allies in Change –</li> </ul>

	Healthy Relationships (30, 60 & 90 minute presentations) • Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services – youth presentations on bullying, dating violence	presentations to Portland State University & Portland Community College
Other	• Allies in Change, outreach and public awareness presentations, DV education • Domestic Violence Resource Center – civic groups education outreach awareness	• Children of Incarcerated Parents Council – Washington County agencies, community needs and solutions
<b>Domestic Violence Policy and System Coordination</b>		
Domestic Violence Issues	• Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services (ARMS) • Domestic Violence Intervention Council • Domestic Violence Resource Center • Legal Aid	• Washington Co. Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services – advocacy for those on parole/probation
System Advocacy	• Children of Incarcerated Parents Council • Domestic Violence Intervention Council • Washington Co. Community Corrections, Center for Victim’s Services and Re-entry Council – advocacy if on parole/probation	
System Coordination	• Domestic Violence Intervention Council	

### III. Services used from other counties

- Center for Family Success – Advocacy Support Groups (Portland)
- Columbia County Residential Center – Shelter (St. Helens)
- Domestic Violence Intervention Center – Safe Sex Support Group for Victims (Portland)
- Domestic Violence Providers – Shelter and Safety Referrals (various locations)
- Men’s Resource Center – Batterers Intervention (Portland)
- Treatment Services NW – Batterers Intervention (Portland)
- Mid Willamette Valley Services – Shelter (Salem)
- Family Law Services for Coffee Creek – Portia Project (Eugene)
- Stable House – Shelter (Polk County)
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) – victim advocacy
- South Asian Women’s Empowerment and Resource Alliance (SAWERA) – in Washington County
- VOA Home Free – Crisis Housing, Finance Assistance.

### IV. Linkages for Washington County

The following groups were identified as being important in linking agencies that provide Domestic Violence services in Washington County.

- Children of Incarcerated Parents Council
- Domestic Violence Intervention Council (DVIC) - 30 members, interdisciplinary. Main goal is information exchange, similar to Portland FVCC. Subcommittees:
  - Justice League: District Attorney, Police, Parole & Probation – common policy, problem solving, police training.
  - Education, through speakers
  - Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Tri-County Batterers’ Intervention Meeting - education, current topics

- Parole and Probation Batterers' Intervention Providers meeting
- Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) 40 hour training for community agencies and DVRC staff
- Justice Jammers – in 4 counties, group of justice agency representatives, information sharing and coordination
- Tri-County Shelter Coordinators
- Tri-County Volunteer Coordinators
- Tri-County Queer Caucus

## V. Assessment of System Capacity

Washington County participants noted that most services necessary for addressing domestic violence exist in the community. They often refer to shelter services elsewhere in the metro area, and sometimes to specialized programs. However, the primary gap is the lack of adequate funding and thus lack of capacity to meet current needs.

Specific gaps in the current system were then identified and prioritized. The number of votes for each is in parentheses. Higher priority items have been moved to the top of the list.

### Gaps in Service

- Supervised parenting – none available now (9)
- Flexible Funds for victims' needs – housing, utilities, etc. (6)
- Free Legal Services (if can't use Legal Aid due to conflict, or due to waiting lists) immediately available for victim and/or child (5)
- More emergency housing/shelter (5)
- Police training on domestic violence for all 1st responders (some from Domestic Violence Resource Center), consistent policies across law enforcement agencies (5)
- Training for judges on domestic violence (4)
- Safe comfortable conversation that brings issue of domestic violence to forefront of community livability – prevention/intervention and changing the cycle, "primary prevention" (4)
- 24/7 advocates who can respond to law enforcement requests (4)
- Police agencies have domestic violence teams for investigating and follow up. (3)
- More long term transitional housing (3)
- More culturally specific services for perpetrators (has been cut from 5 positions to 1 – many people have been deported) (3)
- Domestic Violence Victims Panel for Spanish speaking offenders (2)
- More diversity of services/shelter (1)
- Long term continuing service to address long term needs (2)
- County leadership position (like in Multnomah County) to galvanize community on issues (2)
- Custody evaluations in domestic violence cases (2)
- Law enforcement have immediate have access to full range of resources, 24/7, in their car, frequently updated (2)
- Training to investigating cases without victim cooperation – for police/district attorney (2)
- Laws changed to define domestic violence as a pattern of coercive behavior (1)
- Program to work with victim and perpetrator on domestic violence issues, especially minority immigrants, without fear of deportation and sensitive to cultural issues (1)
- Raise awareness of underserved populations (0)
- Laws to protect victim/survivor from being taken to court by abusive ex partner (0)
- Support group classes for victims who want contact with perpetrator (0)

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