



Know the facts about

Domestic Violence 2009

Domestic Violence in Oregon



- ❑ Violence against women (VAW) is a serious public health problem in Oregon. In a 2004, survey of Oregon women age 20-55, nearly one-third (31%) reported that they had experienced one or more types of violent victimization — including threats of violence, physical assaults, sexual assaults, or stalking...
- ❑ Children are affected by intimate partner violence (IPV). Children witnessed 33% of intimate partner physical assaults and 20% of intimate partner sexual assaults.
- ❑ Twenty deaths were related to IPV in 2007. 43 percent of female homicide victims were killed by an intimate partner.
- ❑ In 2007, The Governor issued an Executive Order #07-17 that required DAS to develop a policy for state agencies on *Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking*. The order also requires training on these issues for Agency managers, human resource staff and employees.

Domestic Violence and DHS



Senior & People with Disabilities: In 2008, there were over 9305 allegations of abuse or neglect towards seniors and people with disabilities, who are not living in facilities. In cases where the perpetrator was identified, 37% of these allegations indicated the perpetrator was an adult child, family member, spouse or intimate partner.

Child Welfare: Oregon child welfare statistics for 2008, show that 30.7% of child protective cases with founded abuse had domestic violence as a “family stress indicator.”

Self-Sufficiency: From July 2008 thru June 2009, *Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors*, served 6,379 families with funds to flee or stay free from Domestic Violence.

Human Resources: DHS seeks to create a supportive workplace environment in which employees feel comfortable discussing domestic violence and seeking assistance for domestic violence concerns.

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Children/Adolescents:

- ❑ Many studies indicate that children who witness violence are at risk of developing a wide variety of physical, emotional, and behavioral problems.
- ❑ 82% of young people in inpatient and residential treatment programs have histories of trauma.

Seniors: Thousands of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited by family members and others. Most alleged perpetrators in 2003 were adult children (32.6%) or other family members (21.5%) and spouses/intimate partners accounted for 11.3% of the total.

Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse:

- ❑ The cost of direct medical and mental health services related to IPV is \$4.1 billion each year.
- ❑ As many as 80% of men and women in psychiatric hospitals have experienced physical or sexual abuse, most of them as children.

People with Disabilities: Among adults who are developmentally disabled, as many as 83% of the females and 32% of the males are the victims of sexual assault.



Violence Against Women of Color:

Domestic Violence occurs among all race/ethnicities and socio-economic classes. For women of color, high rates of poverty, poor education, limited job resources, language barriers, and fear of deportation increase their difficulty of finding help.