Effective Community Partnering to Address Domestic and Sexual Violence Screening, Referral and Prevention

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Survivors’ health matters: healthcare leadership responds
Why it matters in Oregon

Violence against women has affects on individuals and families but also has detrimental impacts on our society from economic, housing, education, and public health.

- **40 % of Oregon Women Experience Intimate Partner Violence in their lifetime.**

  *(NISVS 2010-2012 State Report)*

  **36.2% of Oregon men**

  *Contact sexual violence, any physical violence and/or stalking by a intimate partner.*
Future Health Problems associated with IPV

- Child Health
  - Mental Health
  - Disease
  - Disability
  - Abuse

- (CDC, 2013).
We can ALL make a difference.....

Women who **talk** to their doctor **about** abuse are 4x more likely to seek help.

**Ask** your patients about violence and abuse. **It’s good medicine.**
Sexual Violence (SV / SA)

- Sexual violence is any nonconsensual sexual act, or any sexual act where "no" is not a viable option for any person involved (due to coercion, drug/alcohol use, physical or mental incapacitation, etc).

- Sexual violence includes a wide range of victimizations, including rape or attempted rape. These can include completed or attempted acts involving nonconsensual sexual contact between the survivor and perpetrator.
The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is a feminist organization made up of programs across the state serving victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

We raise awareness about violence against all women and children and to work towards non-violence through leadership in advocacy, public policy, resource development, and social change.
State Coalitions

56 states and territories
All share the common purposes, roles and values, that highlight the importance of:

- giving voice to victims,
- supporting the work of local member programs
- holding societal systems accountable for their responses to the crimes
- working on prevention of violence
Coalitions

Local DV/SV Programs

Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence
What is Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocacy?

- Safety Planning
- Legal Advocacy
- Medical Advocacy
- Accompaniment to appointments
- Housing: Shelter/Transitional
- Community Resources
- Emotional Support

There are many ways that advocates can bring health into conversations around safety and self-determination in order to promote better short and long term health outcomes for survivors.
Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Vision: Lifelong health for all people in Oregon.

Public Health Division Efforts:

Oregonians who are experiencing domestic violence have direct effects from the abuse and trauma, but also experience challenges accessing health care for themselves and their children and may not need to choose safety over healthy behaviors. Healthy relationships provide protective factors from disease and disability.

- Training for partners and providers (screening and referral)
- Injury Prevention
- Rape Prevention and Education grant (CDC)
- Violent Death Reporting System
- Oregon DV Fatality Review Team
- Promoting Safe and Nurturing Relationships
OHA & OCADSV Partnership Models

**Project Connect** (2012-2015), Local Health Dept and local DV Agency partnership implementing Futures Without Violence tools.
- Universal screening and referral in reproductive health settings, “warm hand-off” and training partnership model
- Washington Co Health Department and DVRC, Deschutes County Health Dept and Saving Grace, North Central Health District and HAVEN.

**Safer Futures** (2013-2016, DOJ) Co-located advocate model (DHS, local health departments and DV agency)
- Tillamook (TCWRC), the Dalles (HAVEN), Roseburg (BPA), and Portland (VOA Home Free)

**Models for Clinic Policies and Protocols**
- OHSU Richmond Clinic
- Health Care about IPV community Health Center Toolkit.
State of IPV & HC in Oregon

“Do you have health insurance?”

or

“Is unwanted pregnancy a concern at this time?”
Next Steps - how do I get involved?

- Training on DV/SV and support training for yourself and support training for providers.
- Assess your current policies and procedures on screening and referrals
- Reach out to your local DV/SV Agency (contact www.ocadsv.org)
- Receive training, and support, materials from Futures without Violence.org and healthcareaboutipv.org
- Come to our Mini Learning Session to learn more about these models and how to implement them!
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