

Domestic Violence

Background Notes

Domestic violence is one of the family factors that is commonly experienced in casework as a child welfare worker. The negative impact on victims is frequently not immediately obvious. Self Sufficiency, Child Welfare and the domestic violence professionals of the State of Oregon have worked hard to partner in serving victims of domestic violence. Screening for domestic violence is part of the assessment process. Teaming and sensitivity are keys to successfully engaging the victim and assisting them in recovering from the trauma resulting from domestic violence.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Review the [Child Welfare Practices for Cases with Domestic Violence Guidelines, CE9200](#). What are the factors to consider in determining Child Welfare's response in domestic violence cases?
- Contact your local domestic violence service provider regarding resources available in your community. Ask specifically about assistance offered with safety planning, restraining orders, referrals for legal assistance and support groups for adults and children. Ask providers what they think you can do to assist clients who are victims of domestic violence.

Discoveries:

- *What did you learn that will help you be more successful in your interventions with a victim of domestic violence?*
- *What community resources do you have that you would refer your client to?*
- *What might be most difficult for you as a worker with cases involving domestic violence?*
- *What materials or information from the Staff Tools website will you use in your work with Child Welfare?*
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Tasks / Assignments:

- Contact the local batterer intervention program used by the Court and/or recommended by your local domestic violence program. Read the Oregon Administrative Rules on Batterer Intervention Programs in Division [87](#).
- Visit the [DHS Domestic Violence webpage](#) to find out what financial assistance is available via Self-Sufficiency to victims of domestic violence.
- Review the [staff training tools](#) and information available.
- Ask your Supervisor for a case to review that involved domestic violence or if possible observe an assessment another worker completes on a case involving domestic violence. Talk with the coworker and your Supervisor later about what you observed, any unique techniques the worker used and the risk to the child in the home.
- Sign up to attend the DV 101 training via the DHS Learning Center.

References:

Child Welfare Practices for Cases with Domestic Violence Guidelines, CE9200:

<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/CE9200.pdf>

Division 87:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=93>

DHS DV webpage:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/dv/index.htm>

Tools:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/dv/tools.htm>

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