

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 the 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 included in the guided 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, revised May 2010. The guidelines can be downloaded from: <http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Seved/CE9200.pdf>. What are the factors to consider in determining Child Welfare's response in domestic violence cases?
- Contact your local domestic violence service provider regarding the services 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 staff there what they think you can do to assist your DV clients the most.

Discoveries:

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Tasks / Assignments:

- Contact the local batterer intervention program used by the Courts and/or recommended by your local domestic violence program. Read the Oregon Administrative Rules on Batterer Intervention Programs ([OAR 137-087-000 through 0100](#)).
- Visit the DHS Domestic Violence webpage at <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/dv/index.htm> to find out what financial assistance is available via Self-Sufficiency to victims of domestic violence. Review the training tools and information available on this website.
- Review the materials in the appendix related to domestic violence. What materials or information will you use in your work with Child Welfare?
- 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.
- Attend DV 101. You can either arrange to attend this class through your local domestic violence program or sign up for the DV 101 in Salem through the DHS Training Unit.

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?*

