



Deschutes County Family Violence Prevention

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Four root causes of family violence give rise to both necessary community responses & specific actions. Significant services are in place. More are needed. Measures of this ongoing work will provide a quantified & qualified picture of action & impact on the problem.

Family Violence in Deschutes County:

CHILD ABUSE:

ISSUE: Original '07 goal has been met after a 1st year spike. Policy changes in addition to the fact of fewer cases accounts for the improvement.

PROBLEM LEVEL: DHS reports a per 1000 children abuse rate of 15.5 in '99, 19.2 in '00 & 11.6 in '01.

GOAL: Reduce per 1000 abuse rate to 12.1 by '04, 10.9 by '07 & 8.7 by '10.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE:

ISSUE: Underreporting. Nationally, 1:4 women & 1:13 men reported some IPV assault over lifetime ('00 Nat'l Violence Against Women Survey);

PROBLEM LEVEL: Locally, 3:100 adults report physical IPV injury in the last 12 months ('00 OR Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System); 11 people nightly (mainly women) stay in emergency shelter from IPV ('01 COBRA); low enforcement responded to 10.56 domestic incidents per 1000 people in '99, 10.84 in '00 & 10.21 in '01 (OR Uniform Crime Report).

GOAL: At 1st stimulate & accommodate more hot line calls, shelter use & arrests to broaden the response to address actual prevalence.

ELDER ABUSE:

ISSUE: Understanding elder abuse to include financial exploitation in addition to physical & emotional abuse..

PROBLEM LEVEL: DHS reports a rate of 27 per 1000 adults 65 & over are abused.

GOAL: Reduce per 1000 abuse rate to 22.5 by '04, 15 by '07, then less than 15 by '10.

CAUSE: CULTURAL ACCEPTANCE & COMMUNITY TOLERANCE OF VIOLENT ACTIONS, BELIEFS & VALUES.

RESPONSE: Educate public & encourage reporting

ACTION: Ongoing awareness campaigns for Child Abuse, Rape, Intimate Partner Violence & Elder Abuse

ACTION: Media message: VALUE peaceful, supportive family, friend, & community relationships; EXPECT & reward lawful & respectful action

ACTION: Events where employers, workers & professional groups address FV

ACTION: Faith groups join in community effort

RESPONSE: Train Community Responders

ACTION: Public training events

ACTION: Within agency training participation

ACTION: Across agency training participation

CAUSE: EDUCATION & TRAINING OF YOUTH BY VIOLENT INFLUENCES.

RESPONSE: Train Youth for Nonviolence

ACTION: Referrals to social training services

ACTION: Participation in community based programs

ACTION: Media messages: COMMIT self & EXPECT others to act lawfully & respectfully in family, dating & friend relationships; **AVOID VIOLENCE!**

RESPONSE: Train Parents for Nonviolence Parenting

ACTION: Referrals to parenting training

ACTION: Family mentoring participation

CAUSE: INDIVIDUALS CHOOSING VIOLENT WAYS; INDIVIDUAL AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES.

RESPONSE: Stop Violent Behavior

ACTION: Law enforcement domestic incident responses

ACTION: Restraining & stalking orders granted

ACTION: Arrests, prosecutions, convictions; justice as swift as possible

ACTION: Completed batterer/offender treatment (including screen & treat behavioral health disorders)

ACTION: Media message: **RECOGNIZE & STOP** own disrespectful & unlawful actions; get help; **ACKNOWLEDGE** the harm caused; help friends & family

CAUSE: CULTURAL POWER IMBALANCES TARGET WOMEN & DEPENDENTS IN FAMILY VIOLENCE.

RESPONSE: Protect & Empower Children

ACTION: Media message: if hurt or threatened by anyone, **tell a trusted adult**, kids have a right to feel safe

ACTION: DHS children/families served

ACTION: FAN, Safety Net children/families served

ACTION: KIDS Center children/families served

RESPONSE: Protect & Empower Intimate Partners

ACTION: Media message: **it's OK to say no to abuse**, protect yourself, protect your children, get help, help out

ACTION: Health/mental health system screening indicators

ACTION: Shelter & advocacy support use

ACTION: Legal aid support use

ACTION: Health & mental health system services to victims

RESPONSE: Protect & Empower Elderly

ACTION: Media message: **it's OK to say no to abuse**, protect yourself, protect your family, get help, help out

ACTION: Health/mental health system & other services screening indicators

ACTION: DHS protective services to victims & the vulnerable

ACTION: Monitor safety of in-home care, assisted living & nursing facilities