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Everyone Deserves to be Safe

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FRAGILE: Handle With Care

An AFS Newsletter on Domestic Violence

From the desk of Sandie Hoback, AFS Administrator:

I have just returned from the first round of AFS field office visits. I have to tell you how proud I am of your continued commitment to meeting the challenges our families face. I am also excited about your growing partnerships with domestic violence service providers. I know HB3112, developed in cooperation with domestic violence advocates, Legal Aid and other community partners, will allow us to continue to build on the work you already have in place. It promotes identification of domestic violence victims, individualized case management, family plans, and community collaboration to address the safety issues inherent in domestic violence situations. HB3112 was signed into law on June 17, 1997. This issue of the newsletter addresses what this means for our clients whose lives have been touched by domestic violence.

Requirements of House Bill 3112

HB3112 calls for five action steps by AFS:

- *Screening for domestic violence*

Survivors can be identified by self disclosure, from the application that has been revised to allow for disclosure and through the local assessment processes. A safety assessment tool has been developed in cooperation with members of the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

- *Community staffing and individualized family plans*

Local partnerships are being expanded to increase resources for working with domestic violence survivors. We will continue to develop individualized family plans using the support of our partners and principle based domestic violence policy.

- *Reporting on domestic violence identification processes*

Several processes are in place to identify domestic violence and others are being developed. Application forms have been revised to include questions of abuse, the JOBS Assessment form (AFS 7823) and Support Enforcement Division (SED) good cause determination form (AFS 428A) allow for disclosure of abuse.

- *Reporting on emergency assistance utilization related to domestic violence*

We will continue to provide emergency assistance to survivors of domestic violence for up to \$1200 for emergent needs. Tracking will be done by the new special pay code and the new JOBS Automated System (JAS) DV flag. We are working with local Community Action Programs (CAPs) to identify domestic violence survivors who access services due to homelessness.

- *Reporting on domestic violence training, information sharing and evaluation for staff*

AFS sponsored domestic violence training will continue. Local training, ED-NET training, conferences and workshops are being scheduled and tracked at branch, district and SDU levels. Videos and books are available through Staff Development Unit. This bi-monthly newsletter is being sent to AFS, SCF and Health Division staff as well as JOBS partners, Domestic Violence service providers and CAP agencies.

To prepare for these requirements, we are developing educational strategies in partnership with domestic violence service providers, SCF and other partners who share our concern for the safety and success of our clients.



What's New?

Check your branch forms file for new forms, brochures and information sheets addressing domestic violence.

AFS 7802 - is a Safety Assessment form that helps clients and workers evaluate risks for, and levels of, domestic violence.

AFS 7807 - is a JOBS, Self-sufficiency and Domestic Violence information sheet.

AFS 7808 - is the Safety Plan brochure that helps clients plan for that day when they may have to flee their homes for safety reasons.

Reminder: If the suspected abuser is present, these forms and brochures should not be given to, or discussed with, the client.

In addition to these new forms, application forms AFS 415F (TANF), AFS 7470 (ERDC), AFS 7298 (Out stationed EA), and OHP 7210 (OHP) have been updated to address domestic violence.



QUIZ

1. According to the Injury Prevention Center, Univ. of Colorado., what % of murdered women were killed by a husband, boyfriend or former partner?
 - (a) 27%
 - (b) 35%
 - (c) 42%
2. Bureau of Labor statistics show
 - (a) 1 in 3
 - (b) 1 in 5
 - (c) 1 in 10women killed at work was murdered by her husband, boyfriend or former partner.
3. Domestic Violence is estimated to cost business in the USA
 - (a) \$50 to \$100 million.
 - (b) \$500 million to \$1 billion
 - (c) \$3 to \$5 billion
4. New York Victims Service Agency in two surveys of battered women found that
 - (a) 37%
 - (b) 48%
 - (c) 74%were harassed at work by their abuser either by phone or in person.
5. Of movies produced in Hollywood,
 - (a) 1 in 8
 - (b) 1 in 12,
 - (c) 1 in 15depicts a rape scene.

Answers:

Highlight inside the box below

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Crisis Line Cards

Business card sized crisis line cards are being developed for each AFS district. The cards will give local domestic violence crisis line phone numbers. These cards may be handed out,

made available in waiting areas or even placed in women's restrooms so they can be safely received and tucked away if necessary.

MYTHS & FACTS

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Myth: It can't happen to me.

Fact: More than 1 in 4 teenagers experience physical violence in their dating relationships.

Myth: Jealousy and possessiveness are a sign of true love.

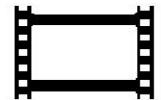
Fact: Jealousy and possessiveness are a sign that the person sees you as a possession. It is the most common early warning sign of abuse.

Myth: Teen dating violence isn't really that serious.

Fact: Over 40% of all women murdered in this country are killed by their husband or boyfriend. A Massachusetts study showed that same high percentage applies to teen women, aged 15-19, as well. Also, 83% of all rapes are committed by acquaintances, and the majority of rape victims are aged 16 - 24.



VIDEO



REVIEW



Instant notoriety! If you have ever wanted to be a widely read critic or reviewer, now is your big chance! Have you previewed a video or read a book on Domestic Violence lately? Write up a brief review of the book or video and FAX it to Rosetta Wangerin (503) 373-1057 or SYSM HW01019. You will receive a certificate of recognition and your review may be featured in this newsletter.
