

## Brief Description of Selected Domestic Violence Protections and Services in Oregon

### Shelter and Services:

- Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund (ODSVS)
  - Only General Fund allocation for Shelter and Safety Services (4.2 million)
- Criminal Fine Account (CFA)
  - Approximately 2.7 million
- *These resources, combined with other state and federal grants, allow us to meet less than half the need across the state. In 2011, more than 20,000 requests for shelter were denied due to lack of resources. Advocates seek a \$4 million increase to ODSVS*

### Public Assistance and Child Welfare Intervention:

- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) *(There is no comparable emergency temporary support for victims without minor children (this has a particular impact on older victims))*
- Domestic Violence Co-located Advocate Program stations domestic violence advocates in DHS Child Welfare and Self-Sufficiency offices to provide support services to victims.
- Differential Response and Strengthening, Preserving, and Re-unifying Families support for community-based programs helping parents safely keep children at home. *Expansion of this program statewide would be of great benefit to survivors.*

### Housing:

- Availability:
  - Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) funds provide short term help to stabilize individuals and families and prevent them from becoming homeless. *Advocates seek an increase of \$3 million to EHA and \$1 million to SHAP in general fund dollars to return the programs to the level of the 2007 biennium, plus inflation.*
  - Section 8 voucher program: Sequestration has put this program on hold, so no new vouchers are available. *HB 2639 would improve access to housing for section 8 voucher holders.*
- Statutory protections: Discrimination against victims prohibited, Landlord can bifurcate a lease and evict a perpetrator while letting a victim stay, Victim can terminate a lease early if needs to move for safety reasons, Victim may change locks

### Civil Legal Protections:

- Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) Restraining Order, Stalking Protective Order, Elder Abuse and Abuse of Persons with Disabilities Protection Order
- *Sexual Assault Protective Order – proposed, 2013 HB 2779*
- *Protection Order Accessible to Teens and Victims of Dating Violence - Oregon is in minority of states without a protection order accessible to teens and victims of dating violence. 33 states provide this relief.*
- Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and Confidential Name Change – 2013 HB 2226
- Child Support: Establishment/Collection/Enforcement – good cause and claim of risk
- Family Law custody and safe parenting-time statutes

### Workplace Protections:

- Governor's Executive Order requires policy and training for state agencies
- State statutes provide: Discrimination Prohibited, Reasonable Safety Accommodations, Reasonable Unpaid Leave from work for safety purposes, Unemployment Insurance available if victim must quit because of safety reasons and is otherwise eligible
- *2013 HB 2903 will make improvements to leave law. Some victims cannot afford to miss work, so are unable to take this leave. Workplace policies and training not required in the private market.*