



Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women

Safe Homes and Strong Communities

Oregon Domestic & Sexual Violence Services Fund

SUPPORT A 4\$ MILLION INCREASE TO CURRENT ODSVS FUND IN DOJ BUDGET (HB 5018)

ODSVS DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES ARE LIFELINES TO OREGONIANS:

- ODSVS funds emergency shelter, expert safety planning, counseling, and other support services to victims fleeing domestic and sexual violence in every county across the state.
- Access to these services reduces the incidence of re-assault by 70%.
- ODSVS is the only source of general fund support for these services; currently funded at \$4.2 million for the biennium. Total state and federal funding available in Oregon meets less than half the minimum core emergency need.

"When the last straw broke, the crisis center was there for me. My son and I are alive and I believe it is due to you. Thank you for all the women you help."

**-Domestic violence survivor,
Marion County**

THE NEED IS GREAT ACROSS THE STATE:

- In 2011, domestic violence programs responded to more than 175,295 calls for help. There were more than 20,681 requests for emergency shelter that could not be met.
- 44 percent of those in shelter were under 18 years of age.
- More than 85,000 Oregon women report having been physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate or recently intimate partner in the last 5 years.

"I had no one else to understand what I went through. The crisis center helped me to begin the healing process and become a whole person again."

**- Sexual assault survivor,
Lane County**

OREGON IS STRONGER WHEN VICTIMS AND FAMILIES ARE SAFE:

- Public health: Safety from domestic violence would save Oregon more than \$35 million per year in health care costs.
- Public safety: Safety from domestic violence and sexual assault would reduce Oregon violent crimes.
- Child welfare: Safety from domestic violence would reduce 1/3 of child welfare cases in Oregon.
- Economic stability and development: Safety from domestic violence would save \$9.3 million in annual lost earnings, and prevent a leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE SAFE AT HOME:

- Since 2009, more than 150 Oregonians (men, women, children) have died as a result of domestic violence.
- Victims and children must have a safe place to go when fleeing abuse.
- Oregon can save lives by protecting victim services.

SAFE HOMES * STRONG COMMUNITIES * MEET THE NEED

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