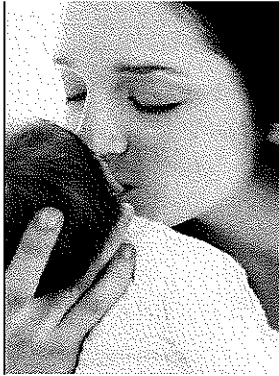


# SAFE HOMES AND STRONG COMMUNITIES

## Oregon Domestic & Sexual Violence Services Fund

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



*"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*

*"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*

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 100 Oregonians (men, women, children) were murdered in domestic violence cases.
- 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

**\$4 MILLION INCREASE FOR DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES  
IN THE DOJ BUDGET (HB 5018)**

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