

Domestic Violence

Contrary to what many believe, domestic violence is not caused by an anger control problem, substance abuse, mental illness, the actions of the victim, or stress. Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior chosen by an offender to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often with the threat or use of violence. Domestic violence is a crime.

Domestic violence is the number one predictor for child abuse. Nearly half of domestic violence offenders also abuse their children. Children face dual threats: the threat of witnessing traumatic events and the threat of direct injury.

Read more about intimate partner violence, myths and facts, and services in Oregon by accessing www.ocadsv.com the website for the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence. The website www.mvwcs.com for Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service in Salem OR has handouts that you can download off the internet in several different languages.

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, CALL: 1-888-235-5333, THE STATEWIDE CRISIS NUMBER.