April 23rd marks the next gathering of the Let’s Talk forum—focusing on a practical application of case coordination. This event, co-sponsored by the Batterer Intervention Committee of the Lane County Domestic Violence Council and FVRI, will feature Jennifer Self. Ms. Self will discuss results from her assessment of cross-training activities on issues related to the overlap of domestic violence and child maltreatment.

The Practical Application exercise gives an opportunity to ‘do’ case coordination with Batterer Intervention programs, DHS/Child Welfare, Victim Advocates, and Substance Abuse Treatment programs, in relation to perpetrators and victims of domestic violence. This hands-on small group work is an exciting next step for the Let’s Talk forums.

Historically, these gatherings created better understanding between those attending from the different providers. Now, we take that to the next level—working together to better provide safety and accountability for families experiencing domestic violence and child abuse.
Mid-Grant Planning Retreat Fast Approaching

Advisory Committee members and FVRI Project Staff will convene on June 19th for a day long Mid-Grant Planning Retreat.

HOT TOPICS & PRIZES!
- We’ll review and discuss Greenbook Recommendation #67 and plan for local application. Special bonus prize for the first reader to email with the text of Recommendation #67!
- We’ll determine the role of FVRI in the extensive batterer accountability work in our community. Can you list all the Lane County area players (agencies/orgs, etc.) who focus on batterer accountability? Prize for the most comprehensive list!
- We’ll take a deeper look at the role of family representatives and survivors in FVRI and take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of those who’ve been working hard among us.
- Re-evaluation of FVRI’s cultural competency goals and strategic planning for the remaining grant period. Prize for the first accurate list of Greenbook Recommendations that mention cultural competency emailed in!

FABULOUS FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT!
The retreat will be a well-planned mix of deep thinking, productive planning, and hearty fun. Your humble project staff has the hunt for fabulous food and fantastic facilitation well underway. Humor and well deserved recognition guaranteed. We plan to make this time well spent for all!

Email your prize winning entries to Jennifer.Inman@co.lane.or.us

Evaluation of the Greenbook Initiative

The six communities involved in the Greenbook Initiative will participate in evaluation activities at the national and the local levels. Caliber Associates of Fairfax, VA, is conducting the national evaluation, and RMC Research (Portland office) is the Local Research Partner (LRP). The LRP must be responsive to the needs of both the National Evaluation Team (NET) and the local community.

Caliber Associates has identified four hypotheses for the evaluation:
1. Being part of the Greenbook Initiative will lead to key players coming to the table to address issues related to the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment.
2. Contextual factors at the community level will have an impact on the success of the implementation of the Greenbook Initiative.
3. The Greenbook Initiative will lead to more collaboration among systems, which will lead to improvements in how systems work together.
4. Changes in the way that systems work will impact how frontline workers interact with women and their children.

Hypotheses 1 and 2 will be tested through a process study that Caliber Associates is conducting. Process evaluation activities include site visits and surveys of and interviews with key planners and project implementers in Lane County. Hypotheses 3 and 4 will be examined through an impact study, and will include a survey of workers who interact with clients, interviews or focus groups with clients, and abstraction of data from case files.

RMC Research will assist with these impact study activities, and will also evaluate local efforts, such as cross training activities and the DVERT response.

For more information, call Audrey Block at RMC Research at 1 (800) 788-1887 or e-mail her at Audrey_Block@rmccorp.com.
ON THE ROAD AGAIN…

April
NW Regional Leadership Meeting
April 11-12 Seattle, WA
Diana Avery

DV Advocate Retreat
April 29-30 Boston, MA
Womenspace Advocates
Shannon O’Neill, Maria Schaad, Mary Teninty

May
Greenbook Project Coordinators’ Conference
May 6-7 Reno, NV
Diana Avery & Jennifer Inman

Central Oregon Family Violence Conference
May 13-14 Redmond, OR
Hon. Kip Leonard, Paula Michaud, Grant Nelson, and Diana Avery

FVRI National Evaluation Site Visit
May 15-17 Eugene, OR

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FVRI Cross Training Committee will pilot a new cross-training, “Assessing and Supporting Safety,” for a select multi-disciplinary audience on June 6th.

Announcing the imminent distribution of the Stakeholders Survey to the FVRI Advisory Committee. Watch your mailboxes for this FVRI offer to answer fun & exciting questions.
### FVRI 2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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