

ANNOTATED MINUTES

Thursday, October 24, 1996 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602
1021 SW Fourth, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Beverly Stein convened the meeting at 9:31 a.m., with Commissioners Sharron Kelley, Gary Hansen and Tanya Collier present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANSEN, THE CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS C-1 AND C-2) WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

- C-1 Intergovernmental Agreement 700387 with Portland School District No. 1 for Continued Funding of Project PAX (Positive Anti-violence Experience) Alternative Programs and a Juvenile Court Counselor to Assist Court Involved Middle and High School Students Expelled for Reasons of Assault, Fighting, Weapons Possessions and Other Disciplinary Violations Involving Violence

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- C-2 Dispenser Class A Liquor License Renewal for CRACKER BARREL GROCERY, 15005 NW SAUVIE ISLAND ROAD, PORTLAND

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

- R-1 Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters. Testimony Limited to Three Minutes Per Person.

NO ONE WISHED TO COMMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES

Presentation of Employee Service Awards Honoring 29 Multnomah County Employees with 5 to 30 Years of Service

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SHERY STUMP AND GAIL FOSTER, THE BOARD GREETED, ACKNOWLEDGED AND PRESENTED 5 YEAR AWARDS TO JOHN CALHOUN AND LYNN ERVINS OF DCFS; KWAME BOATENG OF DCC; KAREN ANDERSON SABA, WANDA GRENFELL AND PATRICIA WADDOUPS OF DES; AND CAROL WIRE OF NOND; 10 YEAR AWARDS TO MICHAEL GRIMES AND FRANK WATKINS, III OF DCC; DEBORAH BAIN, CLARENCE FODE, BEN HILTON, MARY DRINKWATER AND GARY LUCAS OF DES;

Vice-Chair Dan Saltzman arrived at 9:40 a.m.

SHERRIL McGUIRE OF DSS; AND JANICE THENELL OF DLS; 15 YEAR AWARDS TO JANICE GRATTON OF DCFS; ED PICKERING OF DES; AND ROGER BRUNO OF DSS; 20 YEAR AWARDS TO GEORGE MICHAEL HAINES OF DCC; JUDITH EVANS AND JOHN KELSEY HOOVER OF DA; JOSEPH ALCANTARA OF DES; AND LYNN WARD OF DLS; 25 YEAR AWARDS TO PAUL FRANK OF DCC; GLORIA SCHWINDT OF DJJS; AND KAREN HEIN OF DLS; AND 30 YEAR AWARDS TO STEVE HATFIELD OF DSS AND JEANNE MOORE OF NOND.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- R-3 Intergovernmental Agreement 300547 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Construction Improvements to the Intersection of NE 238th Drive and NE Halsey Street

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANSEN, THE AGREEMENT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-4 ORDER Authorizing Distribution of Proceeds from the Sale of Tax Foreclosed Real Properties for the Period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996

**COMMISSIONER HANSEN MOVED AND
COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL
OF R-4. KATHY TUNEGERG EXPLANATION.
ORDER 96-188 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- R-5 Second Reading and Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending Sections
of MCC 5.10, Relating to Food Service License Fees and MCC 8.30,
Relating to Food Handlers

**ORDINANCE READ BY TITLE ONLY. COPIES
AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED
AND COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN SECONDED,
APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND
ADOPTION. ORDINANCE 869 UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVED.**

PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

(Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Public
Contract Review Board)

- R-6 ORDER Exempting from Public Bidding the Purchase of Hardware,
Software and Programming for the Dynix Library System

**COMMISSIONER COLLIER MOVED AND
COMMISSIONER HANSEN SECONDED, APPROVAL
OF R-6. FRANNA HATHAWAY EXPLANATION.
ORDER 96-189 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

(Adjourn as the Public Contract Review Board and reconvene as the
Board of County Commissioners)

**AT THE REQUEST OF CHAIR STEIN AND UPON
MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED
BY COMMISSIONER HANSEN, CONSIDERATION
OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVED.**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

- UC-1 Budget Modification CFS 6 Transferring \$5,000 from General Fund
Contingency to the Office of Community Action and Development Anti-

Poverty/Housing Stabilization Professional Services Budget for a Facilitator to Complete Phase I and Phase II of the East Multnomah County One Stop Career System

COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER COLLIER SECONDED, APPROVAL OF UC-1. COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COLLIER, APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT INCREASING BUDGET MODIFICATION CONTINGENCY TRANSFER AMOUNT TO \$9,000. COMMISSIONER KELLEY COMMENTS IN SUPPORT. ROBERT TRACHTENBERG EXPLANATION. AMENDMENT INCREASING CONTINGENCY TRANSFER AMOUNT TO \$9,000 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. BUDGET MODIFICATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

R-7 ORDER Consenting to Floyd Light Park Property Exchange Between City of Portland and David Douglas School District

COMMISSIONER COLLIER MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-7. COMMISSIONER COLLIER EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS IN SUPPORT. CITY ATTORNEY HARRY AUERBACH EXPLANATION OF DEED CONTINGENCIES IN THE EVENT CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL IS DENIED. ROD MONROE AND RON RUSSELL OF DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS IN SUPPORT. STELLA ROSSI AND AL CLARK TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF PARK PROPERTY. GEORGE MARTIN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT. TOM CROPPER AND RUSSELL FARRELL TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF PARK PROPERTY. DICK COOLEY EXPLANATION OF CITIZEN COMMUNITY CENTER SITING COMMITTEE PROCESS AND TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT. LESLIE HOUSTON TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT AND RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED SENIOR SERVICES. DON BALLINGER TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT. MATTHEW

WILLIAMS READ LETTER FROM MAVIS HOLT IN OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF PARK PROPERTY. MATTHEW WILLIAMS, CINDY WILLIAMS AND SAM OAKLAND TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF PARK PROPERTY. DAVID JUDD, JANET BEBB AND JOHN SEWELL OF PORTLAND PARKS EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY AND 5 ACRE OPEN SPACE ON PROPERTY; THE ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES, PARTNERSHIPS AND SHARED USE OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER; TRANSPORTATION AND ZONING ISSUES; AND ACQUISITION OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. NARCISA PIMENTEL TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT. LAWRENCE HUDETZ, DAVID SCHWABE, ART LEWELLAN, ROSEMARIE OPP, MARTIN MCCARTHY AND MARILEE TILLSTROM TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF PARK PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTER. COMMISSIONERS SALTZMAN, KELLEY, STEIN, HANSEN AND COLLIER COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO TESTIMONY AND POSITION STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TRANSFER. COMMISSIONER COLLIER ACKNOWLEDGED AND THANKED CITIZENS, CITY AND COUNTY STAFF. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AND UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COLLIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY, MINOR REVISIONS TO PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE ORDER AS DESCRIBED IN CITY PARKS MEMO DATED OCTOBER 23, 1996 WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ORDER 96-190 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. and the briefing convened at 11:26 a.m.

Thursday, October 24, 1996 - 10:45 AM
(OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING)
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BOARD BRIEFING

B-1

Violence Against Elementary and High School Girls as a Primary Form of Violence. Presented by Chiquita Rollins, Linda Jaramillo, Sandra Davis and JoAnn Bowman

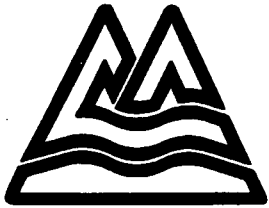
DENISHA CRAIG, SHAUNA DIXON, KERI WILBORN AND AMARA PERÉZ OF SISTERS IN PORTLAND IMPACTING REAL ISSUES TOGETHER (SPIRIT) PRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION. CHIQUITA ROLLINS, IRIS BELL AND LINDA JARAMILLO PRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION. PAUL EDDISON RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS. MURIEL GOLDMAN PRESENTATION. CHAIR STEIN TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION REGARDING HOW ISSUES AROUND GIRLS AND VIOLENCE ARE TREATED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROGRAMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CLERK
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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GARY HANSEN •	DISTRICT 2	•248-5219
TANYA COLLIER •	DISTRICT 3	•248-5217
SHARRON KELLEY •	DISTRICT 4	•248-5213

AGENDA

MEETINGS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE WEEK OF

OCTOBER 21, 1996 - OCTOBER 25, 1996

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BOARD BRIEFING

- B-1 *Violence Against Elementary and High School Girls as a Primary Form of Violence. Presented by Chiquita Rollins, Linda Jaramillo, Sandra Davis and JoAnn Bowman. 45 MINUTES REQUESTED.*

MEETING DATE: OCT 24 1996

AGENDA #: B-1

ESTIMATED START TIME: 10:45am

(Above Space for Board Clerk's Use ONLY)

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

SUBJECT: Violence Against Girls as a Primary Form of Violence

BOARD BRIEFING:

DATE REQUESTED:

10/24/96

REQUESTED BY:

Jo Ann Bowman

AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED:

45 Minutes

REGULAR MEETING:

DATE REQUESTED:

AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED:

DEPARTMENT: Community & Family Services DIVISION:

CONTACT: Chiquita Rollins

TELEPHONE #: X-7806

BLDG/ROOM #: 166/700

PERSON(S) MAKING PRESENTATION: Chiquita Rollins and Linda Jaramillo, Community & Family Services Dept.; Sandra Davis, Director, SPIRIT; Jo Ann Bowman, Staff Assistant, Chair's Office

ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ [XX] INFORMATIONAL ONLY ☐ [] POLICY DIRECTION ☐ [] APPROVAL ☐ [] OTHER

SUGGESTED AGENDA TITLE:

Briefing on violence against girls as a primary form of violence

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Beverly Steind

(OR)

DEPARTMENT

MANAGER: _____

BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY
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ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Any Questions: Call the Office of the Board Clerk 248-3277 or 248-5222

SPIRIT Violence Against Girls Survey Results

From May to July 1996, SPIRIT's Young Women's Committee surveyed 250 teenage girls. Our goal was to understand what kinds of violence girls are really experiencing, and how girls want schools and public programs to help them identify, avoid and get out of violent situations. We found that sexually motivated violence, especially at school where girls should be safe, happens daily to most girls.

On the following pages, you will find graphs representing these statistics:

- One out of three (33%) girls felt endangered going to and from school.
- Four out of five (80%) experience sexual harassment physically or verbally at or around school.
- Seventy-five (75%) percent of girls interviewed have friends in current or past abusive relationships.
- 90% of girls said they had been or were in a physically or verbally relationship
- 12 girls told us they'd been raped.
 - 20 girls had friends who had been raped.
 - 6 girls said they got pregnant from a rape.

Top three reasons why girls stay in abusive relationships:

1. low self-esteem
2. love
3. economic dependence

Top five responses on what should be done:

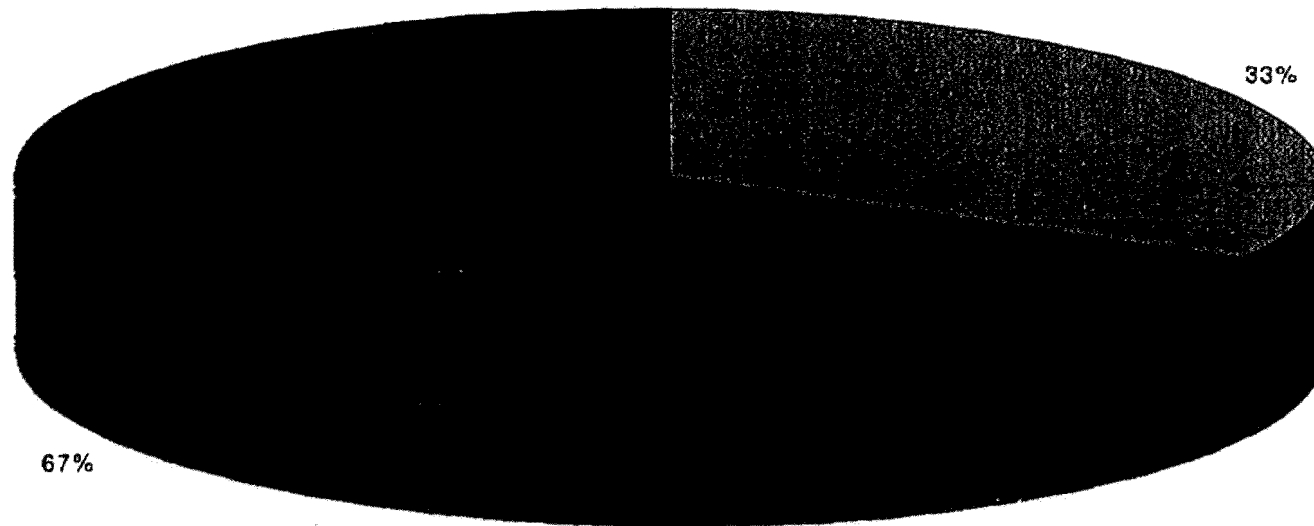
1. Schools need to provide support services for girls who are being physically and verbally violated, are in or survived abusive relationships.
2. School teachers and staff need to treat girls as equal with boys; not provide preferential treatment for boys.
3. Schools and county/city programs need to incorporate violence against girls in all violence prevention efforts.
4. The justice system needs to be more accessible to girls.
5. The media needs to give this issue more attention.

SPIRIT's survey results confirm that Portland girls can look forward to the same things girls around the country experience. The National Resource Center on Dating Violence also reports that one out of three high school students are or have been in an abusive relationship. The Center reported on a 1995 survey of Rhode Island junior high and high school students found that more than half believe that rape and sexual harassment are acceptable. The Department of Justice reports that girls (under 18) experienced rape at alarming rates in 1992.

33%

67%

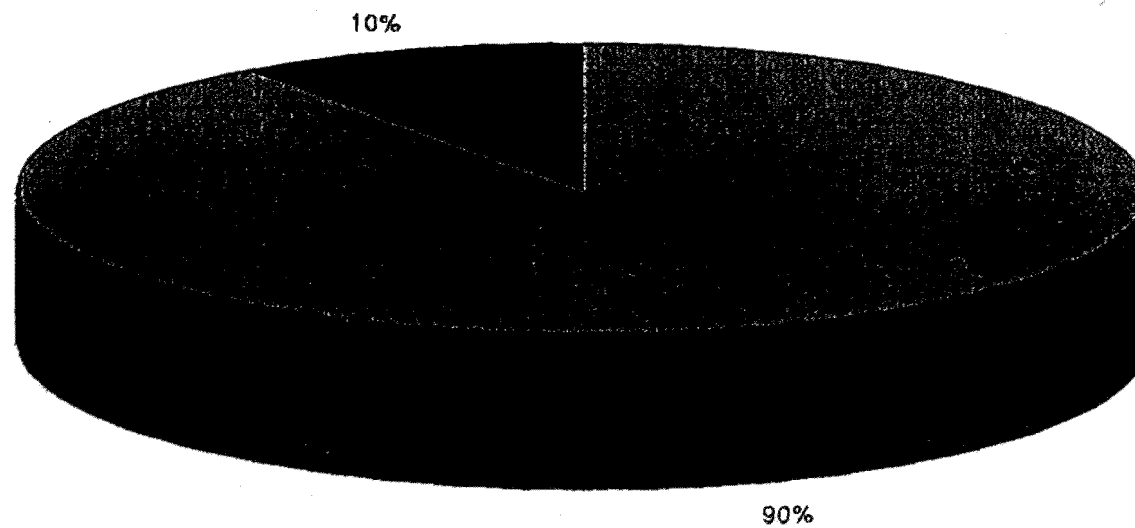
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10%

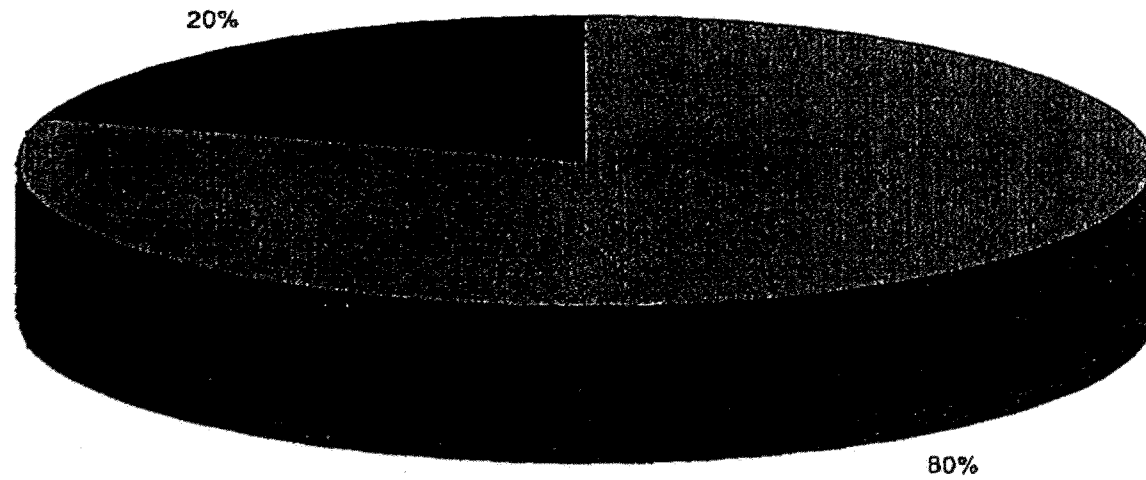
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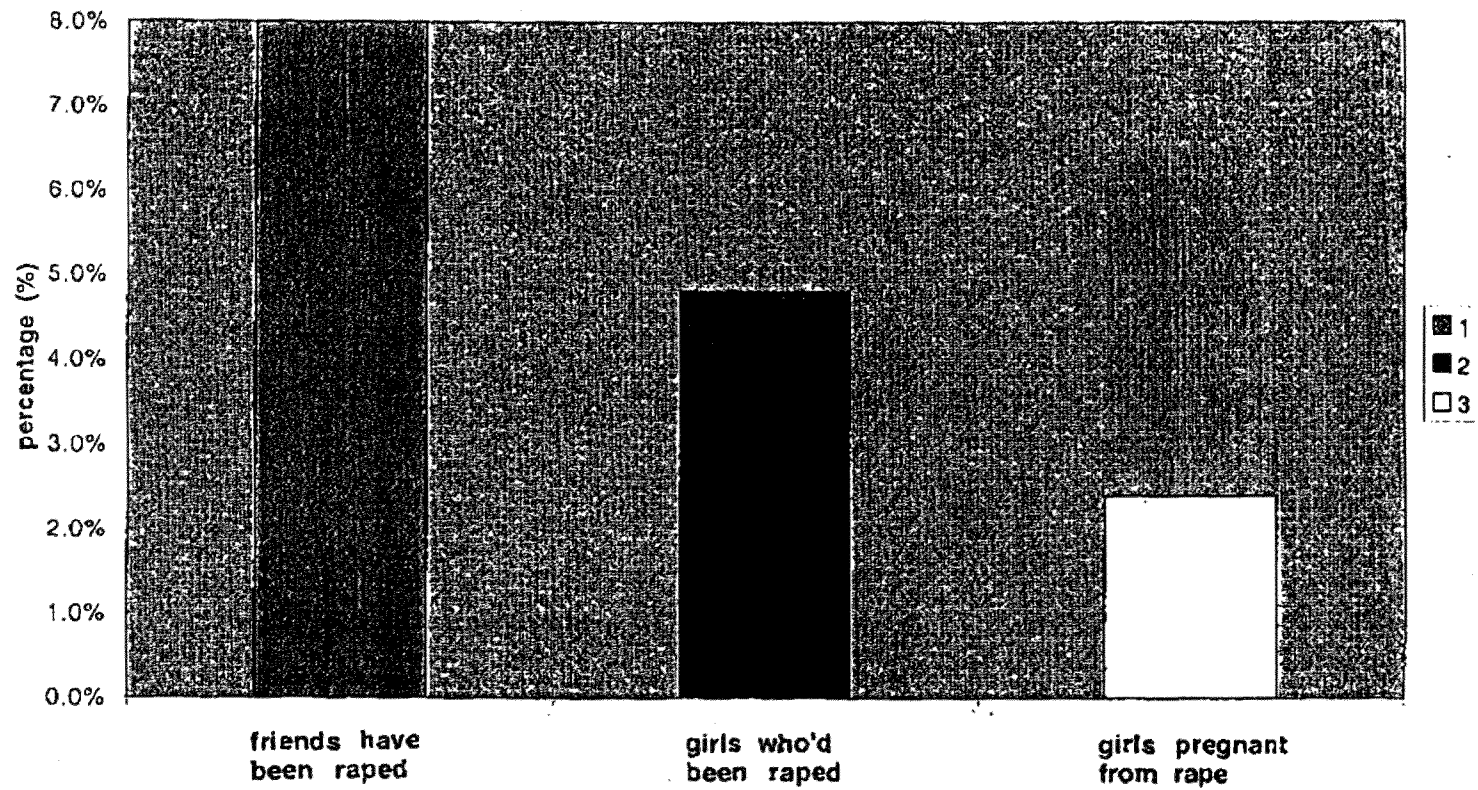
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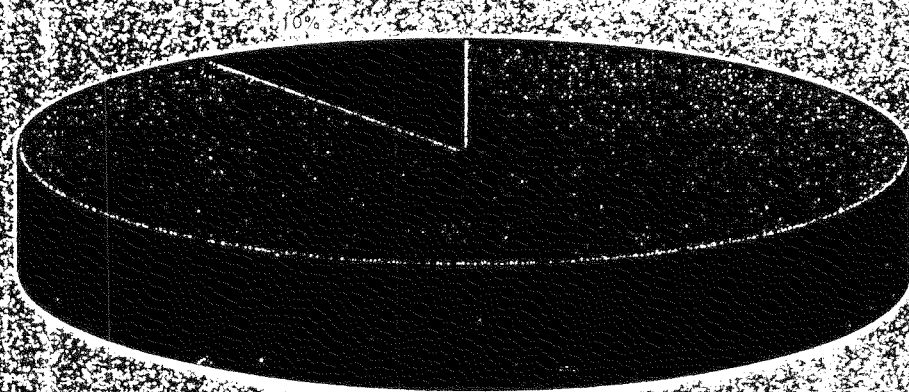
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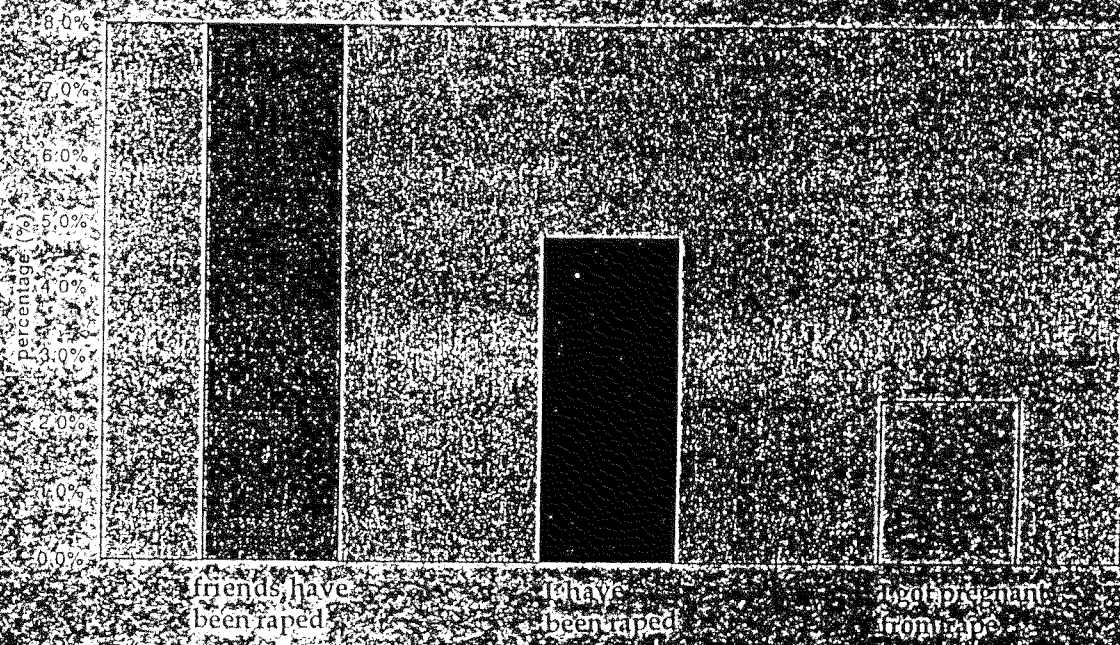
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VIOLENCE STUNTS GIRLS' GROWTH

Survey Results

Girls and Rape



Teen-age girls report abuse, harassment

An informal survey finds that much abuse happens at school, and a group calls on officials to provide support and services

KEN HAMBURG

The Oregonian staff

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They also pleaded with officials to help stop the violence.

Jack Bierwirth, superintendent of Portland Public Schools; Beverly Smith, chairwoman of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners; and three members of the Portland School Board pledged to support their cause.

"This is something we take very seriously," Bierwirth said. "Sexual harassment is against district policy and will not be tolerated."

The teens also asked officials to sponsor resolutions recognizing violence against girls as a primary form of violence.

Marty Howard, a member of the school board, said he suspected it would take actions, not resolutions, to make meaningful progress.

"We need to do more," Howard said. "It is a problem we are struggling with."

The meeting was sponsored by a group called Spirit: Sisters in Portland Impacting Real Issues Together. The organization recently conducted an informal survey that found many Portland-area teen-age girls are subjected to sexual harassment and abuse daily.

Spirit said the survey found that much of the abuse happens at school, where girls should feel safe.

As a result, Spirit called upon Portland schools to help teen-age girls who are physically and verbally abused with support and services.

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The Oregonian

Schoolgirls: Stop abusing us

Portland teens describe a pattern of violence, some of it in schools

By **KEN HAMBURG**
of The Oregonian staff

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1996

The Oregonian

Domestic violence hides under teen love

Reports of victims increase as youths realize that abuse shouldn't be part of dating

By LAURA TRUJILLO
of The Oregonian staff

As a movement to fight domestic violence gains ground, one of the last and most difficult groups to reach is teen-agers. Yet those who work to fight abuse say they are seeing more teen victims.

It is not that more teen-agers are in abusive relationships. It's that some teen-agers are beginning to realize that boys slapping or hitting their girlfriends isn't normal dating behavior — it's abuse. Still, most teens know little about domestic abuse.

The word is spreading in the Portland Public Schools, where domestic abuse education soon may expand into middle and high school students. Some teachers already incorporate the issue into their classes.

"We think of teen-age troubles as drugs, alcohol and pregnancy," says Jeannie LaFrance, who works with teen abuse victims at Portland's Bradley-Angle House. "But here's one problem that affects just as many kids, yet it's a secret."

Afraid to tell their parents, teen victims say they have few places to turn for help. Abuse can lead girls to skip school and drop out. Girls who are abused in their teens may think that abuse is normal and stay in abusive relationships as adults.

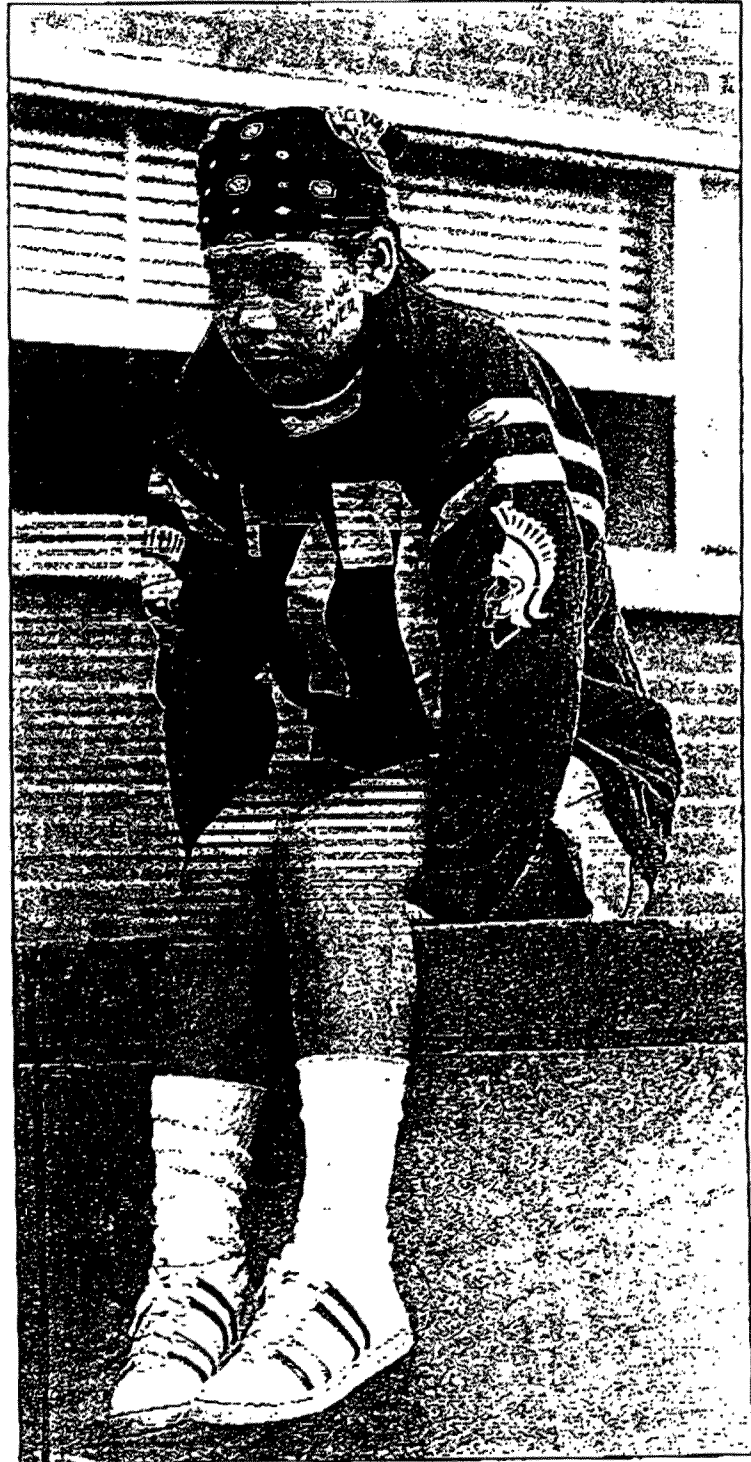
Nationally, 30 percent of teen-agers say they have been in abusive relationships.

In Portland, nine of 10 girls among 250 surveyed this summer in shopping malls, summer classes and parks said they had been or currently were in verbally or physically abusive relationships, according to Spirit — Sisters in Portland Impacting Real Issues Together.

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Shauna Dixon, 16

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MARY BONDAROWICZ/The Oregonian
Karen Huang, 18, took time Friday from football practice at Wilson High School to tell how she suffered through and then broke off an abusive relationship.

"It's a big problem. They talk about drugs and alcohol at school, but not this," says Spirit member Shauna Dixon, 16. "But I see girls slapped or pushed around by their boyfriends all the time."

When Peter Qualliotine gives presentations about domestic violence at high schools, he asks students whether they know someone who has been in an abusive relationship.

"What about someone who's been punched or kicked by a partner?" he asks.

"And do you know anyone who's maybe been slapped or pushed, or maybe restrained when they wanted to leave?" he asks. "And not in a joking manner."

"And how about name-calling, yelling or maybe harassment on the telephone?" he asks.

Now, he explains, all are examples of domestic violence.

Heads nod.

"Now boys can be victims, too," he says. "But in 95 percent of the cases, it's women."

As a sophomore at Wilson High School, Karen Huang considered domestic violence "a guy beating up a woman daily."

"He'd accuse me of cheating, call me a whore, stuff like that," says Huang, her dark brown ponytail bouncing as she talks. "He never flat-out hit me. But he'd kick me or throw things at me."

"It was the first guy I loved. I just figured that's how it goes sometimes," says Huang, now 18.

He continued calling her, following her and harassing her new boyfriend, she said. She eventually told her mother in May, and they talked to police. That's when he left her alone.

Spreading the message

Portland and its suburbs.

They teach students about domestic violence, sexual abuse and harassment, date rape and prostitution. They teach girls how to protect themselves, and they teach boys what is appropriate dating behavior.

Some students confide in them about abuse. Others call crisis lines and tell counselors that they hadn't realized that being pushed around by a boyfriend was domestic abuse.

"These girls need to learn that this is not normal; this abuse isn't a normal part of love. Otherwise, they may stay in abusive relationships."

"It's pretty clear there are serious problems," he says. "It's a shame the schools have to step into this role," but obviously we have to if we see the need."

Peter Quailiotine,
during school presentation
on domestic violence

Many girls who stay in abusive relationships do so for the "same" reasons women do: love, low self-esteem, economic dependence. But there is an added pressure for girls to have boyfriends in high school.

Many teens also are afraid to turn to their parents, fearing they'll lose parents' trust and not be allowed to date again.

"This guy was slapping around his so-called girlfriend at school last year, and people were just laughing," says Keyona Evans, 11, a sixth-grader at Portsmouth Middle School. "Even girls didn't see it as abuse."

"He still hits her, and then she goes back to him because she loves him," she says. "I told her that nobody knows what love is in the fifth grade."

Instead, teens must wait until the offender is punished in juvenile court, where a judge could issue a court order denying the abuser the right to see his victim.

In the past few months, counselors in Multnomah County's juvenile justice system have seen more teen-age domestic violence cases, says Bill Morris, who oversees counseling services. Administrators are developing a plan to better deal with teen offenders and victims.

Portland police say although they don't get many calls from teen victims, they know the problem is increasing.

Sgt. Jim Maciag, who oversees the police bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, encourages teen victims to call 9-1-1 just as an adult would. The case would be handled as an assault instead of domestic violence if the offender is younger than 18.

■ Nine out of 10 girls surveyed in Portland said they had been in or are in physically or verbally abusive relationships.

■ One of three high school students is or has been in an abusive relationship.

■ 40 percent of girls ages 14 to 17 said they had a friend their age who had been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

■ For information about support groups for teen-agers and young women dealing with abusive relationships, call Bradley Angles House at 7805 235-5333.

■ The Portland Women's Crisis Line helps victims of domestic violence and gives out information about abuse.

■ To get involved with Children Now, call 235-5333.

Sources: *Spirit*
The National Resource Center on Dating Violence
Children Now

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SPIRIT leader Sofia Moyola shares her views on safety.

Community group alerts public on taking action to prevent violence against girls

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(PORTLAND) — A group that advocates for the rights of women and girls is conducting an awareness campaign to educate the public in general of the status of generalized violence against girls.

The group "Sisters in Portland Immaculate Real Issues Together, or SPIRIT," conducted a survey of 250 teenage girls in N

and NE Portland this summer. The results are alarming.

At an event held in late August, a group of young women met with community, city, county and school officials to demand action be taken to protect girls in schools. The group declared violence against girls "an epidemic." Statistics published by the De-

partment of Justice and the Dating Violence Intervention Program in Boston, MA, confirmed the Portland survey reflecting rising violence against girls.

The Portland survey shows that four out of five girls have been sexually or verbally harassed at school, and that seventy-five percent have friends who have

been physically abused by boyfriends.

"Many abusive relationships, that begin at a teenage level, progress into adulthood because girls are scared and have no outlet. Nine times out of ten, they have no information about who deals specifically with this," says Shauna Dixon, a spokesperson for the group.

Despite these statistics, most programs available in schools deal with male violence and anger, and do very little for girls.

One of the most controversial aspects of violence against girls is rape. Ten percent of all pregnant teenage girls are pregnant as a result of violence. An emergency room physician, who was present at the event, stated that, every day, she sees women and girls of all ages — from infants to women in their 70's — who are victims of sexual abuse. Hispanic girls who have been victimized often need more reassurance and counseling. Talking about it may be more difficult as their culture has conditioned them to withhold such information. Girls are raised to conform and to not complain. "They come in and they won't talk to anyone. They're silent."

The group proposed a number of measures to prevent violence against girls from awareness and counseling in High Schools to self-defense classes.

SPIRIT's office is located at 5736 N. Albina, Portland, OR 97217. For more information, contact 283-5340.



SISTERS IN PORTLAND IMPACTING REAL ISSUES TOGETHER

SPIRIT is a multi-issue membership organization dedicated to building power with low-income communities and communities of color in Portland. SPIRIT's primary focus is developing and supporting the leadership of low-income women, women of color and girls through collectively identifying and taking on issues and institutions that impact our lives.

SPIRIT was built with three basic understandings:

****the struggles we have as women of color, low-income women, lesbians, elder women, differently-abled women and girls, though often distinct, are not separate from the issues and problems faced by our communities as a whole.**

**** women and girls must be safe and supported in our ability to develop economically, intellectually, spiritually, socially and physically.**

****when women of color and low-income women are supported in the development of our power, our communities also become more powerful.**

Who Started SPIRIT?

Started last year, SPIRIT is an organizing project of the Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO). CTWO is a national training and organizing center based in Oakland, CA. CTWO has started successful organizing projects in Denver, CO and Oakland, as well as supported the development of hundreds of organizations around the country.

What Is SPIRIT Currently Working On?

SPIRIT has built a membership base of women and girls living in primarily North and Northeast Portland. In September 1995 we held a community SPEAK-OUT! focusing on issues that impact women and girls in Portland. Close to 100 African American, Latino, Asian, Native American and White women and girls attended the event and spoke out about such issues as lack of affordable housing, sexist and racist discrimination, safety concerns and the lack of decent paying jobs for women. We are working with young women to address issues of safety and self-defense in our communities and at school. Our Issue Study Groups (ISGs) help us understand the issues and institutions that impact our lives. We work with our members to develop skills in research, analysis, writing, fundraising and computers.

Who Should Get Involved With SPIRIT?

Anyone who believes in positive change for our communities and supports the leadership of women of color and low-income women and girls.

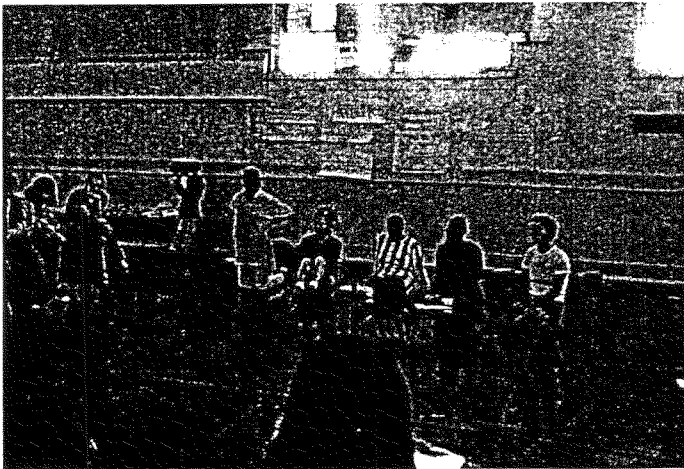
How Can I Get Involved With SPIRIT?

1. Join the organization. Membership dues are \$12 dollars a year.
2. Hold a tea party at your home, invite a representative from SPIRIT to talk to your friends.
3. Volunteer your time.
4. Support SPIRIT's work with in-kind donations or with a monetary contribution of \$20, \$50, \$100 or more. Donations are completely tax-deductible.

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Youth members practice self defense moves



Youth members Marquetta Irons & Shauna Dixon lead discussion on safety



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SPIRIT's Campaign for Race And Gender Equity

January 95

SPIRIT initiates research project to document issues impacting low-income women and girls in Portland.

June 95

SPIRIT volunteers and interns begin conducting door to door interviews with women and girls in North and Northeast Portland.

June-August 95

Membership recruitment drive brings SPIRIT 60 new members.



SPIRIT youth member Sophia Moyola shares her views on safety

January-March 95

SPIRIT conducts interviews with 40 community leaders in African American, Latino, Asian and Native American communities.

April-June 95

SPIRIT holds 4 issue discussion sessions for members and allies.

August 95

SPIRIT members and staff meet with County, City and School officials.

September 95

100 people attend SPIRIT's community Speak-Out on issues impacting women and girls. The event was held at Mallory Avenue Christian

Church and brought together women and girls from across the city.

October-December 95

Staff and members of SPIRIT compile Speak-Out testimony and begin designing a framework for issue focus groups.

November 95

SPIRIT starts self-defense program for members and low-income girls in Portland.

January-March 96

SPIRIT initiates focus groups on four issues: education, employment, housing and safety.

February-May 96

6 SPIRIT youth are trained as self-defense instructors. SPIRIT holds 10 self-defense classes for members and allies. Sex, teen pregnancy, teen dating violence and welfare are among the topics discussed as part of self-defense classes.

April 96

SPIRIT leaders, members and staff participate in a 3-day leadership and planning retreat to evaluate focus group discussions and findings. Violence against girls and safety becomes a campaign priority. An action plan for the Campaign for Race And Gender Equity (Campaign RAGE) is drafted.



SPIRIT youth member Shauna Dixon leads self defense class for Monroe High students

May 96

Members and staff initiate research on safety and violence prevention programs in Portland and in the schools. SPIRIT intern does a week-long observation of the school district's violence intervention program.

May-July 96

SPIRIT staff, youth members and volunteers conduct 250 safety surveys with girls ages 13-18 throughout Portland. Surveys are taken in malls, at summer schools, in homes and at parks.

June 96

Members and staff research violence prevention programs

June-August 96

Summer membership drive bring 50 new members into SPIRIT.

SPIRIT members and staff conduct presentations about Campaign RAGE with organizations around Portland.

July 96

Monroe School for pregnant and parenting teens invites

SPIRIT to conduct self-defense training with 40 students. SPIRIT youth leaders take primary teaching roles in this training.

July-August 96

Staff and SPIRIT youth members evaluate safety research and survey results. Data shows: •girls are experiencing very high rates of sexual harassment and intimate violence in

their lives •much of the sexual harassment happens in and around school •very few violence prevention/intervention programs address the issue of violence against girls.

July-August 96

Members and staff meet with city, county and school district officials to discuss issues of violence against girls.

August 96

SPIRIT declares violence against girls an epidemic. Holds community-wide forum entitled Community Violence Is Stunting Girls' Growth. Forum brings together youth, community members, city, county and school officials to witness testimony from girls and to demand official action on the issue.



SPIRIT Safety Committee discusses violence against girls.

SPIRIT/VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS BRIEFING

Multnomah County Health Department Activities

Primary Programs Focused on Violence Prevention:

- The Violence Prevention Program's purpose is to promote long-term reduction in violence in our community. This program is intended to address all aspects of interpersonal and self-directed violence. Specific to violence against girls, programs are delivered at the school and community level in the form technical and financial assistance.
 - A) Health Department staff provide information and resources to school and community based organizations, county departments, and community members. Staff work as partners in mobilization efforts that respond to crucial issues as identified by the community. Violence against girls is one of those crucial issues that has been identified. The Violence Prevention Coordinator will share the County responsibility with the Domestic Violence Coordinator on the SPIRIT Task Force.
 - B) A Mini-grant program provides small grants to specific activities directed at violence prevention.
 - In 1995-96, a total of \$20,000 was distributed to schools and community organizations. The majority of the programs are focused on conflict resolution skills training. However, \$5,500 of the funds were used to implement activities that included a focus on gender issues.
 - Applications for 1996-97 grants are now being received. Of those, \$6,500 has been approved for activities that contain a focus on gender issues, domestic violence and violence against girls.

Secondary Programs Focused on Violence Prevention:

- In every area of direct client services, Health Department personnel report suspected cases of child abuse which includes all forms of violence against girls and boys. Divisions deliver a variety of support services for clients. While violence prevention is not their primary focus, it is addressed in the course of service delivery.
- School Based Health Centers:
The major responsibilities are to identify students with unmet physical and mental health needs and provide necessary treatment and/or referral and follow-up. Violence is one of the issues that arises in the context of clinical services.
- Teen Family Support Program (Connections):
A comprehensive system for delivering services to teen parents and their families. Among those services are systems coordination, assessment, referral. Parenting skills training, case management, support groups are provided by non-profit community agencies. Contracted programs are to address victimization within their support groups.

- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention:**
The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator has the responsibility of acting as a catalyst to bring together the many parties interested and involved in reducing adolescent pregnancy and of developing a comprehensive assessment of our current delivery system with regard to teen pregnancy prevention. A male responsibility component is now in the development stages. This particular component will address the role of the male in pregnancy prevention, dating violence, respectful relationships, and gender equity.
- **Field Services:**
Community health nurses, outreach/family support workers, and mental health consultants provide services to the community in geographically placed field teams. The multi-disciplinary teams provide health related services such as assessment, referral and follow-up to specific populations. Included in those populations are victims of violence. Field services also collaborates with community based agencies that provide prevention and intervention services for violence against children. Field Services has recently added a Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator position to their array of services. This position is the result of the Child Welfare Plan for use of Family Support Preservation funds.
- **Primary Care Clinics:**
Seven primary care clinics provide integrated primary health care to low-income and high risk residents in geographically accessible locations throughout the county. A particular concentration of services are provided to pregnant women needing prenatal care. Specific to victims of violence, treatment and referrals are made in the event of physical or emotional injury.
- **Information and Referral**
A team of information of referral specialist link county residents in need of health service to existing community resources. A request for assistance by a victim of violence would be linked to the appropriate agency.

Child, Youth and Family Programs Impacting Girls

Level -7, Gender specific services represent at least 50% of services contracted through Youth Investment System. (See attached list)

The following are specific programs identified for girls:

Pathways \$40,974

(Intervention)

BGAS and Morrison

Provides intensive case management for adolescent females with a focus on reaching young women who have been victimized. Pregnant and parenting female adolescents are served through the Boys and Girls Aid Society. Other female adolescents are served through the Morrison Center.

Safe Place \$27,316

(Intervention)

BGAS

24 hour emergency shelter (up to 14 days) for homeless pregnant and a parenting adolescent females.

Willamette Bridge/Changes Program \$44,388

(Intervention)

Janus Youth Program

Transitional housing and support services for homeless adolescent females

Edgefield Children's Center \$94,042

(Prevention/Intervention)

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Pilot Project

Community based gender specific intervention services for young women who have been abused as children and are at risk of teenage pregnancy

Girls Empowerment \$140,000 (\$70,000 January Start-up)
(Prevention)

Creates county-wide opportunities for girls ages 8 through 12 who are transitioning from pre-adolescence to adolescence, to receive gender specific services and support and to develop risk management and resiliency skills

Gift \$229,623
(Prevention/Intervention)

Delauny

Emanuel Temple General Services

Catholic Charities

Comprehensive prevention/intervention services for gang involved, gang affected and at-risk young women, their children and families. Young women ages 13 through 18, both pregnant/parenting and non-pregnant/non-parenting, who are members of gangs, at risk from gang activity and /or impacted by the problems gangs cause

Portland House of Umoja \$135,032 (8 months of Funding)

Program focus is primarily on male gang involved and gang affected youth. Outreach services extend to gang affected females.