

Evergreen State College, MS 2211
Olympia, WA 98505
Training Project for Shelters for
Victims of Domestic Violence (XX)
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Dear Shelter Program Staff,

A training program for direct service providers to victims of domestic violence is available to you through the months of June to October. A list of proposed subject areas was circulated several months ago, and we are now implementing the project through the Evergreen State College in Olympia. Library and faculty resources of the College are developing a four-day on-site training program for twenty-two Washington community programs. All DSHS "vendor" programs will be invited to attend training in a neighboring community if not selected as a host site. Information in the attached questionnaire will help us determine your needs and interests in the training program. DSHS is providing the funding.

Subjects included in the project proposal developed by Sharon Newcomer include women's health and nutrition, women and alcoholism, aging, child development and adolescence issues and therapy. We must focus on direct service issues, rather than management or fundraising. New developments in domestic violence will be applied to each of the subject areas to the extent that we are able to discover and utilize research relating domestic violence to the other areas. Your ideas for sub-topics and resource materials are needed and welcome.

Please discuss the training opportunity and subject questionnaire with your entire staff, paid and unpaid workers. The goal of the project is to enhance skills and knowledge used by those in direct contact with victims. We hope to apply the experience and resources of project faculty to your practical service needs. In order to assist us in this process, please complete and return the questionnaire by Friday, May 1.

I am coordinator of the program with the College. Several members of the Evergreen faculty have committed themselves to the project. I want to introduce them at this time:

Diana Cushing is a clinical psychologist who has worked in programs for the elderly, treatment of drug and alcohol abuse, and in the area of stress and stress reduction.

Betty Kutter teaches Human Health and Behavior, Birth to Death, Biochemistry, Developmental Biology and Nutrition, and describes her special interests as genetics, nutrition, embryological development, women's health care issues, allergies, health care ethics and economics, and genetic engineering. She is a "biochemist, artist" living with her two sons, second husband of one year,

adding two daughters aged twelve and fourteen. She has been a member of the Evergreen faculty for nine years and recipient of several basic research grants.

Flora Leisenring has taught nutrition and physiology with special interests in women and children's health, self-care issues, and the mind/body relationship. She describes herself as married with three children.

Barbara Perkins has organized, taught, planned and published in women's health and health care issues, and was a member of the Boston Women's Health group which wrote Our Bodies Ourselves. She has worked in a university gerontology program and has been a health planner in a health systems agency.

Additional faculty and outside trainers will be identified as indicated by your needs in the questionnaire/assessment. The faculty described above are receiving the training program provided in last year's "cluster-site" Title XX training. They are very interested in adapting their knowledge and the college's resources to your program needs. We all look forward to travelling and training in your area this summer and Fall.

Please return the site assessment by May 1st. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Richards". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "s".

Carol Richards,
Program Coordinator