

# **We want to hear from Custody Evaluators practicing in Multnomah County about evaluating families with domestic violence issues!**

The Family Court Enhancement Project is a grant given by the federal Office on Violence Against Women to Multnomah County Circuit Court with the aim of improving the family court's response to custody cases involving domestic violence (DV). In an effort to get input regarding how to make improvements, the project is hosting two focus groups for custody evaluators.

The groups will be held:

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4**  
**Portland Building, Suite 1520, Conf. Rm 1**  
**1120 SW 5th Avenue**  
**Portland, OR 97204**

**March 8, 6-7:30**  
**Multnomah County Circuit Court, Rm 302-A**  
**1021 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Portland, OR 97204**

These groups will be facilitated by FCEP's research partner from Portland State University. Participants will be invited to discuss their struggles and successes while working with families experiencing domestic violence. Questions will include the following: How do various parts of the family court system/practices work? What barriers are there to working effectively with these cases? What tools did you find useful? What sort of support would help you to provide better services in cases involving DV? What other suggestions do you have for improving the system?

**Please RSVP** to Jenny Woodson at [Jennifer.L.Woodson@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:Jennifer.L.Woodson@ojd.state.or.us) at least two days prior to the group you wish to attend. If you are interested and unable to make one of these groups, contact Jenny about the possibility of one-on-one interviews with a researcher.

Feel free to contact Jenny with any additional questions about the groups or FCEP.