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# Self Sufficiency Benefit Programs

**SNAP** – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

**ERDC** – Employment Related Day Care

**Refugee Services** – Cash, medical, employment services

**TANF** – Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

**TA-DVS** – Temporary Assistance to Domestic Violence Survivors



# Temporary Assistance to Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS)

- TANF Funded Program
- Intended to provide temporary financial assistance and support to families affected by domestic violence
- Most often used when fleeing the abuse



## Key Eligibility Factors:

- Meet TANF eligibility
- Intended for Families- Must have children
- Have current or future safety risk
- Meet DHS definition of Domestic Violence

# DHS SSP Definition of Domestic Violence

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Domestic violence is the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family members, intimate partners, or household members:

1. Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury or emotional, mental or verbal abuse;
2. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent serious physical injury;
3. Committing sexual abuse in any degree as defined in [Chapter 163](#) of the [Oregon Revised Statutes](#);
4. Using coercive or controlling behavior.

# TA-DVS: How it Works

## Approved for TA-DVS

- Eligibility Period is 90 days
- Up to \$1,200 in accessible funds
- Create Safety Plan with DHS
- Case Planning and resource referral

## Request Payments

- Requests align with safety plan
- DHS verifies payment request
- Payments most often made to vendor or dual-payee

## • Example Payments

- Relocation Costs – Rent, mortgage, U-Haul, gas
- Lock Change
- Emergency Motel
- Storage Fees

Note: All payments based on safety plan and need.





# **Collaboration with local DVSA Agencies**

# **DHS DV Co-Located Advocates Program:**

**Contracted in DHS Self Sufficiency and Child Welfare**

## **Benefits of Advocates in Self-Sufficiency**

- Support in creating Temporary Assistance to Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) Safety Plans
- Participation in meetings with DHS Workers and Survivors
- Help survivors trying to access TA-DVS Funds
- Training and Education for DHS workers
- Secondary trauma support and advocacy for Self-Sufficiency Workers

Services include but are not limited to:

- Safety planning, risk and fatality assessment, shelter services, support in referrals to other community resources, confidential advocacy services for survivors, restraining order help





## ***SEPTEMBER – JUNE 2017***

New Families – 6,077

Ongoing Families –  
4,481

Additional Families –  
4,927

Safety Plans – 10,588

Direct Service Hours –  
2,678

Monthly Families – 1,047

*\*All numbers are  
averaged.*

## ***MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS***

- Explaining Privilege
- DV Points in offices to build relationship
- Attend DHS Staff Meetings
- Send emails and hot topics
- Participate as advocate on councils, workgroups, trainings
- Provide expertise in domestic violence

**DV Co-located  
Advocates**

# Family Support and Connections Program:

## Working with TANF Families in Self-Sufficiency

### Benefits of FS&C in Self-Sufficiency

- Strengthen families and support effective parenting
- Parents understand and use effective and nurturing child behavior techniques
- Parents are able to get household items such as cleaning supplies, diapers, or bus passes
- Support for parents to help with child abuse prevention

Services include but are not limited to:

- Family assessment, budgeting, organization, parenting, supporting family needs, access to resources and referrals, transportation services, kindergarten readiness, multi-layered services to homeless families



***OCTOBER 2016 –  
SEPTEMBER 2017***

Total Family Referrals –  
2,863

Families Assigned to  
Program – 2,519

Number of Children  
served – 3,280

Direct Contact Hours –  
23,998

***MAINTAINING  
RELATIONSHIPS***

- Open relationship with providers for technical support
- Some providers are Co-Located in DHS Offices
- Attend DHS staff meetings
- Regular access to DHS training system to receive trainings
- DHS sends resources in a listserv for providers

**Family Support  
& Connections**



# Questions?

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