



# TILLAMOOK COUNTY SAFER FUTURES PROJECT: Creating A Holistic Health Response To Intimate Partner Violence

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## OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants in attendance will:

- Understand the core strategies of the Safer Futures Project: *Universal Education & Referral, Co-Located Advocacy, Community Connections and Supportive Environments.*
- List 3 strategies for connecting with local health care systems: *Face-time, Community Advisory Council membership, Cross-Training.*
- Take away resources which will aid them in starting conversations with their own health care systems in order to create change.

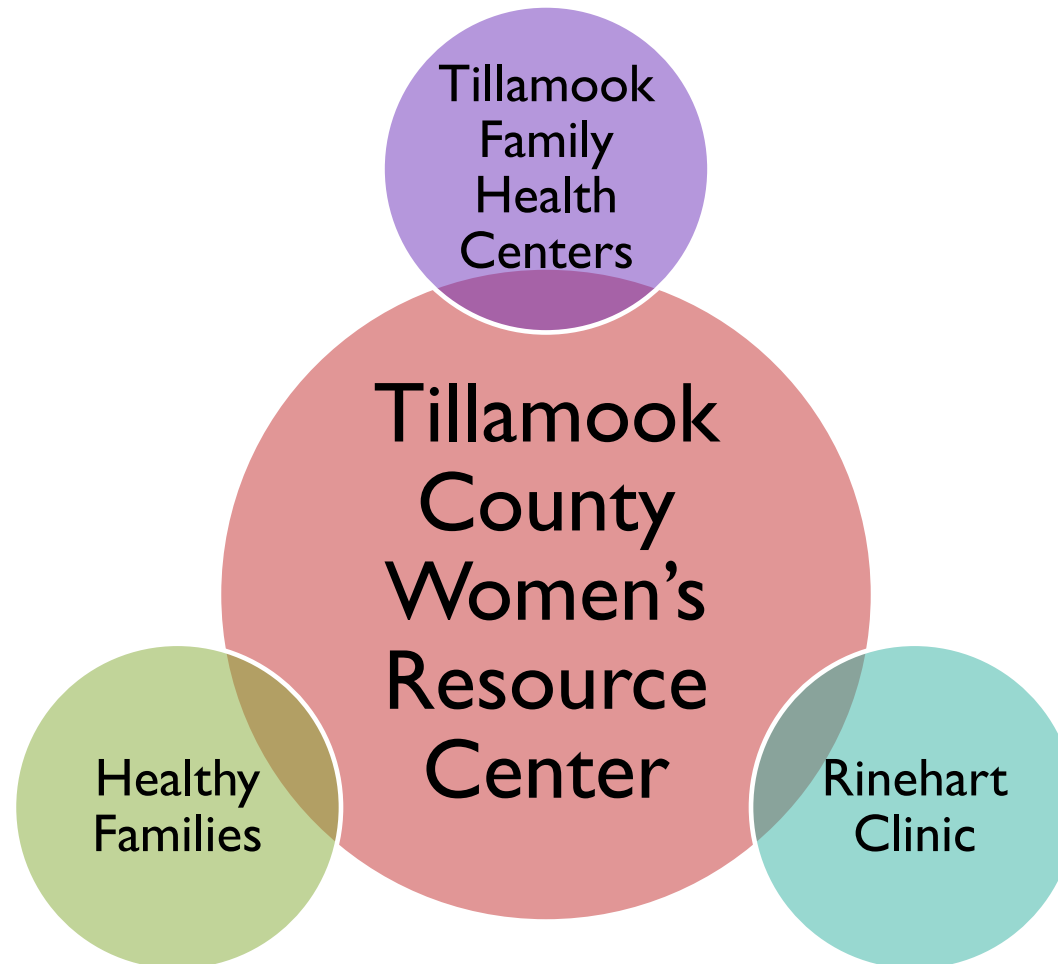


## VISION

The Safer Futures project will serve pregnant and newly parenting women of any age who are survivors of intimate partner violence through furthering our understanding of what each agency can provide to these survivors.

The Tillamook County Women's Resource Center will work with partners to develop best practices and to ensure continuity of services.

# PARTNERS



## PROJECT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Increase the safety and well-being of pregnant and parenting women who are survivors of IPV by increasing access to advocacy services.
- Improve public health and local health care provider identification of and response to women who are pregnant and parenting and who are survivors of IPV.
- Build the organization's capacity and advocate's competency for providing IPV advocacy services to pregnant and parenting women in public health and local health care systems.

# CORE STRATEGIES: PROJECT MODEL



## LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Key members from each partner agency
- Meet monthly
- Team-building
- Sustainability planning
- Capacity building
- Program evaluation
- Policies/Procedures
- Cross-training



# UNIVERSAL EDUCATION & REFERRAL

- 4 Questions on Wellness Questionnaire:
  - Do you feel nurtured by your partner?
  - Does your partner allow you the time to be with family and friends?
  - Has your partner hurt or threatened you or forced you to have sex?
  - Does your partner shame you or humiliate you in public or in private?
- Cross-training using Futures Without Violence Curricula
- Co-located advocates on-site to provide consultations with providers & instant access to potential survivors.
- Provide each agency with resources such as; safety cards, posters, weekly updates, fact sheets etc.

## CO-LOCATED ADVOCACY

- Erin Richardson, located in Tillamook Family Health Centers (formerly Tillamook County Health Department)
- Kimber Lundy, located in Rinehart Clinic
- Norma Obrist, bi-lingual advocate acts as interpreter when needed
- Provide advocacy services to patients in the clinic setting
- Referrals to other on-site or community resources
- Safety-planning, danger assessment, crisis management and response
- Moms & Babies discussion & support group

# ADVOCATES

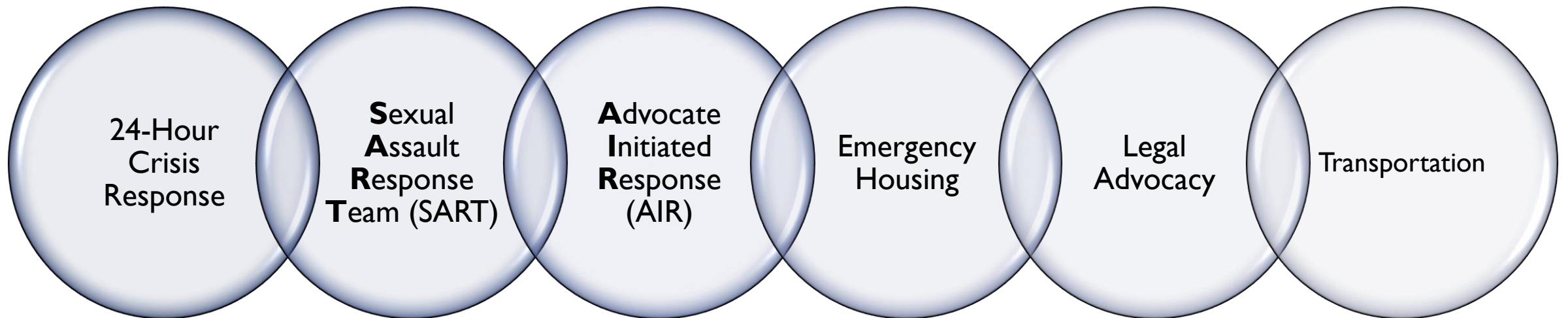
Erin Richardson,  
Co-Located at Family Health Centers



Kimber Lundy,  
Co-Located at Rinehart Clinic



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



# SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS



- Posters, pamphlets in waiting rooms and exam rooms in English & Spanish
- Emery boards & posters in female patient bathrooms
- Sign in all partner agency lobbies which reads, “In this clinic, we respect a patient’s right to privacy and always see patients alone for some portion of their visit.” In English and Spanish. Clinic policies to reflect this practice.
- “A Health Care Guide for Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence” pamphlets used by all advocates.
- Cross-train TCWRC staff using the Futures Without Violence, “Integrating Health Services into Domestic Violence Programs” curriculum.

# CONNECTING & ENGAGING PROVIDERS

- FACE-TIME & FOOD
- Utilize & expand existing partnerships
- Welcome Bags containing: Safer Futures brochure, emery boards, safety-cards, pregnancy wheels,
- Awareness Month ribbon wearing contests
- Host webinars during lunch hours & provide food
- Invite provider staff to do training with our staff regarding; birth control methods, services provided etc.

“I have always assumed that I didn’t serve the population that is affected by domestic violence. Now I know that it affects everyone and I screen every patient.”

~Healthcare Provider

# RESOURCES

- Futures Without Violence
  - <http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/>
  - <http://www.healthcaresaboutipv.org/>
  - [https://secure3.convio.net/fvpf/site/Ecommerce/I5587835?FOLDER=0&store\\_id=1241](https://secure3.convio.net/fvpf/site/Ecommerce/I5587835?FOLDER=0&store_id=1241)
- Office on Adolescent Health
  - <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/oah-initiatives/paf/training.html>
  - <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/resources-and-publications/learning/coll-tk/index.html>
- Keiser Permanente-Family Violence Prevention Program
  - <https://xnet.kp.org/domesticviolence/about/index.html>