

## **Orders of Protection**

### Intended results

- Communication throughout the process both internal agency and external agency communication improvements.
- Stronger consequences for violations, holding the offender accountable for violations.
- At the front end advocacy and education, use to build relationships and participation.
- Improvement, enforcement and service of Orders of Protection (OOP).
- Determine ways OOP can be successfully utilized in DV cases to prove protection and enhance safety for victims.
- Decrease re-victimization from OOP.

### How do we measure success?

- Centralized system that law enforcement can use.
- More respect for orders of protection.
- Smoother transition.
- More education of law enforcement-there would be minimal problematic service of OOP.
- Higher percent of prosecution.
- Added detail to DV call cards that include OOP violation by defendant.
- Getting feedback, no repeat offense, no renewal necessary, service of OOP without victim involvement and done quickly.
- Victim will know what to expect, realistic expectations will be met.
- Victim safety and abuser accountability.
- Positive experience for victims who obtain an OOP.

### Challenges/barriers

- Resistance to culture change.
- Time constraints.
- Hesitation on the part of the victim, follow up may be difficult.
- OOP being contested by the abuser.
- Lack of knowledge about the process.
- Family court and other courts will be difficult.
- Electronic system.
- Officer interpretation and evidence collection.
- Substance abuse of victims and abusers.
- Lack of information (physical address) needed for OOP.
- The cost of serving an OOP.

### What have we learned?

- Not all courts adhere to the VAWA mandate.
- No petition is not accessible to non-English speaking population.
- Collaboration at all levels, training for all types of agencies.
- Coordinate among agencies, willingness to communicate.
- The importance of getting to know judges.
- Sherriff's office doesn't allow a private server into the jail.

### How will it be different this time?

- County wide OOP coordination.
- Partnership with the O'Connor House on similar projects.
- Centralized coordination could be non-profit.
- Reach out and build affiliations.
- Streamlining processes, information sharing, using conditions of release as enforcement tool, using technology.
- Instant notification of the ordering being served for the victim.
- Electronic OOP.
- Having other people (not police) serve OOP.

#### Additional resources/Key People

- Law enforcement.
- Court management.
- AOC Supreme Court.
- Information Technology departments, resources to improve technology.
- Superior court representatives.
- Need to have more judges and educators at the table.
- Getting sheriffs to serve OOP to people in custody.