

Enhancing Survivor Access to Protection Orders

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Order of Protection

Overview of Presentation

In this presentation:

- ✓ Specialized protection order courts or dockets
- ✓ Standardization of protection orders
- ✓ Technology enhancements
- ✓ Protection for companion animals
- ✓ Improving access for Limited-English proficient
- ✓ Improving access for elders
- ✓ Violence against Native women





Specialized DV Courts or Dockets

Features:

- ✓ Dedicated staff/judges
- ✓ Direct assistance with filing injunction
- ✓ Onsite referrals and access to services
- ✓ Technology interfaces to databases
- ✓ Safety planning
- ✓ Judicial review
- ✓ Compliance monitoring

Types:

- ➤ DV Intake Units ex., Miami-Dade Domestic Violence Court (FL)
- Dedicated Civil Protective Order Docket
- ➤ Integrated Domestic Violence Court
- Domestic Violence Compliance Dockets

Resource:

http://www.courtinnovation.org/project/domestic-iolence-courts



Extending Project Passport

Recognizable first page for protection orders:

- ✓ Strengthens recognition across jurisdictions
- ✓ Satisfies VAWA full faith and credit criteria
- ✓ Confirms facial validity
- ✓ Captures firearms disqualifier criteria data

Resource: Passport Model Template First Page for Orders of Protection



Order of Protection	Case No. Court County State PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF IDENTIFIERS Date of Birth of Petitioner Other Protected Persons/DOB:						
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF First Middle Last d/or on behalf of minor family member(s): (list name and 8)							
V.							
RESPONDENT	RESPONDENT IDENTIFIERS						
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lationship to Petitioner:	- -	EYES	HAIR	SC	CIAL S	ECUR	ITY#
Respondent's Address	- -	DRIVE	RS LICEN	SE#	E# STATE EXP DATE		
CAUTION:	Distinguishing Features						
THE COURT HEREBY FINDS: That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, notice and opportunity to be heard. Additional findings of this order are as set forth below. THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS: That the above named Respondent be restrained from Additional terms of this order are as set forth below.	comm	itting furt	her acts of a	buse (or threats		
The terms of this order shall be effective until		<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
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Hope Card Project

RESPONDENT

JOHN DOE



DOB: 01/01/1980

Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown

Scars/Marks/Tattoos: Tattoo on Left Shoulder

Protection Order

This card certifies that the person named on the back of this card has a Protection Order on file with the State of Montana against the individual listed above. Violation of the Protection Order, even if invited, is a misdemeanor under \$\$ 45-5-220 and/or 45-5-626. AlC A. Pursuant to Title 18 USC \$2265 (a), Protection Order is used by outside jurisdictions shall be provided full faith and credit.

Project of the Montana Department of Justice

https://doj.mt.gov/victims/hope-cards

- ✓ Does not substitute order of protection; used to confirm its existence
- ✓ Durable; can be easily carried in a wallet, pocket or purse
- ✓ Not available for temporary orders of protection



Protection Order (DIY) Kiosks

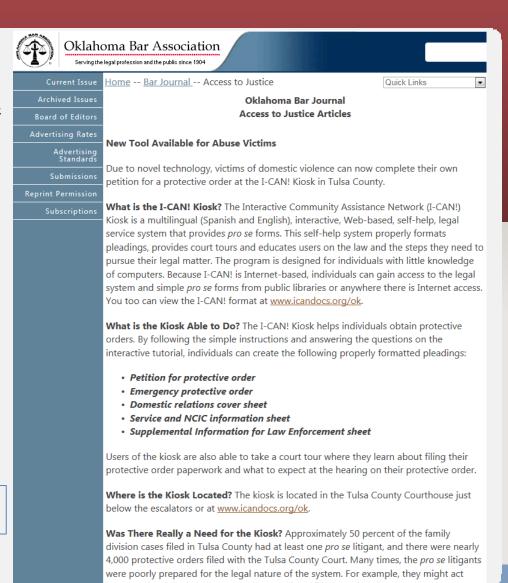
Features:

- ✓ Onsite at courts and remote access at other locations
- ✓ Provides *pro se* (self-represented) forms
- ✓ Tutorials available
- ✓ Many use *I-CAN*® technology
- ✓ Developed by Orange County, CA

Source:

http://www.okbar.org/obj/accesstojustice/110604.htm





Hospital Videoconferencing



✓ Maricopa County, AZ

http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/articles/2 011/09/12/20110912maricopa-county-domesticviolence-video-help.html

✓ New Jersey

Safe house and hospital access to protection orders -

http://njtoday.net/2011/11/03/judiciary-joins-withhospitals-and-safe-houses-to-assist-domesticviolence-victims



Protection for Companion Animals



- ✓ Pet and companion animal protection orders 22 states as of 2012
- ✓ *Safe Haven* shelters for survivors and their pets

Sources:

http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/pdfs/interaction/hab-link-ppocompanion-animals.pdf

http://www.animallaw.info/articles/ovusdomesticviolencelaws.htm http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse_neglect/tips/safe_havens_directory.html



Improving Access for Limited English Proficient (LEP)

- ✓ NCSC <u>Judicial Benchcard</u>:

 <u>Court Interpretation in</u>

 <u>Domestic Violence Cases</u>
- ✓ *I-Speak* Cards http://www.translationperfect.com/i mages/pdf/i-speak.pdf
- ✓ Consortium for Language
 Access in the Courts
- ✓ Texas Remote Interpreter Project (TRIP) -

http://www.txcourts.gov/oca/DVRA/



INTERPRETERS FOR LEP VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Access to Justice: Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Access to Protection Orders

The following presentation, Access to Justice: Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Access to Protection Orders, is provided as a resource for court personnel, community based organizations, volunteers, and interpreters who provide assistance to LEP individuals seeking a protection order. The information is provided in five sections so that the viewing audience can focus on specific areas of informational need. This training medium provides information and strategies, presented by individuals who have acquired subject matter expertise



through years of professional experience, highlighting the challenges faced by individuals who seek protection from abusers, but have limited or no English language skills.

This presentation can be used as a comprehensive means by which to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to LEP persons, but the creators urge viewers to know local guidelines, regulations, statutes, and/or standards that may be enforced in a specific organization or jurisdiction.



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For the latest information on Access to Justice: Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Access to Protection Orders, please visit us online at www.ncsconline.org/interpreting-dy-po.



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Improving Access for Elders

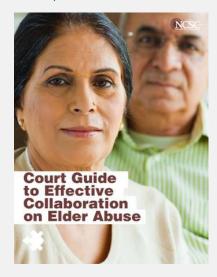
✓ Elder Protection Courts (Contra Costa and Ventura Co., CA):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrgjfipovsY&feature=autoplay&list=PL584D0568F483C4B5&playnext=3

- ✓ Elder Justice Centers (FL and WA)
- ✓ Elder Protection Orders
- ✓ NCSC Elder Abuse Toolkits:

http://www.eldersandcourts.org

Source: <a href="http://www.eldersandcourts.org/Elder-Abuse/Elder-Abuse/Elder-Abuse-Elde





Violence Against Native Women

Native Americans comprise ~ 2% of the U.S. population (U.S. Census, 2010) but compared to rest of U.S. population

Crime against Native Women

- ✓ One in three Native women will be raped
 - ✓ Nearly 40% will suffer domestic violence
 - ✓ Murder 10x the national average on some reservations
 - ✓ Perpetrators often non-Indian

Enforcement/Prosecution



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NCSC CourTopics:

Resource Guides on over 100 topics including LEP, Court Interpreting, Elder Abuse, Protection Order, Specialty Courts

http://www.ncsc.org/Information-and-Resources/Browse-Topics-A-Z.aspx

