



## Press Release

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### **OAR Receives Grant from Family & Children's Trust Fund for Trauma Informed Care Trainings**

**Fairfax, VA** - OAR is pleased to announce it has received a \$26,617 grant from Family & Children's Trust Fund of Virginia (FACT). These funds will support Trauma Informed Care (TIC) training and coaching for OAR staff that facilitate the certified OAR Batterer Intervention Program.

The OAR Batterer Intervention Program serves approximately 150 adult men each year, from the Northern Virginia area, who have perpetrated domestic abuse. FACT grant funds will allow OAR program facilitators to be trained in TIC and to have regular consultation and coaching sessions to guide staff when trauma related challenges surface during program intake or group sessions. The trainings will prepare OAR staff to effectively provide batterer intervention services to individuals who are impacted by the lingering effects of previous traumatic incidents. TIC training will be provided through a collaborative partnership with Dr. Christopher Murphy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore College.

Dr. Murphy states, "I have significant experience teaching, supervising, coaching, and supporting clinicians working to address domestic violence. I will use this experience to provide training, consultation, and coaching, specifically related to the principals of Trauma Informed Care, to OAR facilitators. The goal of these training session will be to better prepare OAR facilitators to appropriately address trauma related experiences. Ultimately, we seek to improve program outcomes by reducing incidence of domestic violence."

#### **About OAR**

OAR is a local non-profit restorative justice organization providing human services since 1971. Our mission is to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime with opportunities, alternatives, and resources for offenders and their families to create a safer community. OAR serves approximately 3,500 individuals and families each year. More information about OAR's programs and services can be found at [www.oarnova.org](http://www.oarnova.org) or by calling (703) 246-3184.

#### **About FACT**

FACT awards biennial grants through a competitive application and review process. These grants represent FACT's commitment to support trauma-informed care approaches across the Commonwealth. FACT was created by the General Assembly in 1986 as a public-private partnership to raise funds for the prevention and treatment of family violence. For more information, visit [www.fact.virginia.gov](http://www.fact.virginia.gov). OAR is proud to partner with FACT to reduce the occurrence of family violence.

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