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1 AN ACT Relating to chemical dependency services for sexual assault  
2 and domestic violence victims; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 43.20A RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that victims of sexual assault, childhood  
8 sexual abuse, or domestic violence may be at a greater risk for  
9 substance abuse than the general population. Identification, referral,  
10 and services for those persons affected by domestic violence, childhood  
11 sexual abuse, or sexual assault is critical in order to assist  
12 substance abusers in their recovery. Breaking the cycle of domestic  
13 violence or childhood sexual abuse, and assisting adult sexual assault  
14 victims in their healing, may mean identification of and referral and  
15 services to those victims who are substance abusers.

16 (2) By January 1, 1994, the department shall develop a curriculum  
17 for chemical dependency counselors, and volunteer workers and staff  
18 personnel of domestic violence programs, childhood sexual abuse  
19 programs, and sexual assault programs. The curriculum shall be

1 developed by the department, in consultation with representatives from  
2 rape crisis, sexual assault, domestic violence shelters and safehomes,  
3 and chemical dependency treatment providers. In order to maximize the  
4 benefits of the training, the curriculum will be developed to train  
5 individuals from all of these groups together, in the same setting.

6 (3) The department shall select two sites in the state to serve as  
7 first year training sites. The sites must have chemical dependency,  
8 sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, and domestic violence programs.  
9 By January 1, 1995, the department, in consultation with  
10 representatives from rape crisis, sexual assault, domestic violence  
11 shelters and safehomes, and chemical dependency treatment providers,  
12 shall evaluate the curriculum and training done at the two sites, and  
13 make necessary modifications of the curriculum.

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