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1 AN ACT Relating to information about domestic violence, sexual  
2 assault, and child abuse; amending RCW 70.123.070; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.123.070 and 1979 ex.s. c 245 s 7 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 Shelters receiving state funds under this chapter shall:

8 (1) Make available shelter services to any person who is a victim  
9 of domestic violence and to that person's children;

10 (2) Encourage victims, with the financial means to do so, to  
11 reimburse the shelter for the services provided;

12 (3) Recruit, to the extent feasible, persons who are former victims  
13 of domestic violence to work as volunteers or staff personnel. An  
14 effort shall also be made to provide bilingual services;

15 (4) Provide prevention and treatment programs to victims of  
16 domestic violence, their children and, where possible, the abuser;

17 (5) Provide a day program or drop-in center to assist victims of  
18 domestic violence who have found other shelter but who have a need for  
19 support services; and

1       (6) Provide information and referral services to victims of  
2 domestic violence and their children for appropriate services from  
3 other service providers.

4       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6       The department shall establish a system of coordinated data  
7 collection of information relating to all cases of domestic violence,  
8 sexual assault, and child abuse. The department shall include service  
9 providers under chapters 70.123 and 70.125 RCW and all juvenile justice  
10 or care agencies authorized to collect and share data under chapter  
11 13.50 RCW in the development of the data collection system.  
12 Information collected and released related to domestic violence, sexual  
13 assault, and child abuse may be used to ensure children and their  
14 families receive appropriate, available services, including, but not  
15 limited to, case management services.

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