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BRADLEY ANGLE AWARDED \$300,000 FROM THE FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU TO HELP SERVE BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Portland, OR (March 1, 2021) – This past September, Portland nonprofit Bradley Angle received a \$301,539 grant award from The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) to pilot a new program focused on serving Black and African American families impacted by domestic violence. Bradley Angle was one of 26 organizations working with abused parents and children that received funding out of 131 applications that were submitted country wide.

The new “Kinship” program will address the impacts of domestic violence and the intergenerational trauma disproportionately experienced by Black, African, and African American families in Portland by engaging youth ages 6-18 with parents who are receiving services through Bradley Angle’s Healing Roots program. The Healing Roots Center, which was founded by Portland activists, Renee Mitchell and Vanessa Timmons, partnered with Bradley Angle in 2006 and became the organization’s second culturally specific program.

Kinship will strive to interrupt the cycle of intergenerational violence experienced by survivors from Portland’s Black, African, and African American community; dilute toxic stress by offering culturally specific and trauma-informed services that promote healing; and contribute to a growing practice of culturally responsive and community-centric approaches to serving marginalized families who have survived domestic violence. Experiential program activities will include individual and group interventions, culturally specific mentoring support, culturally specific mental health services, and opportunities for families to learn and heal together. Activities will be culturally embedded, trauma-informed, and age appropriate.

“The success of this project is not limited to the people directly served, as it will continue to set a standard of domestic violence prevention that will benefit the greater community of survivors,” said OCADSV Executive Director and Kinship stakeholder, Vanessa Timmons. “The outcome data from this project will aid other agencies who are striving for a community centered approach to serving marginalized families who have survived domestic violence.”

Kinship will operate out of Bradley Angle’s Resource Center (BARC) in North Portland. Local remodeling and home improvement company, Neil Kelly, has partnered with Bradley Angle to transform the downstairs space of BARC to become youth-focused as well as trauma-informed. Facilities will include a library/computer lab, sensory room, and dedicated spaces for both older and younger youth. Kinship will be led by former Bradley Angle Economic Empowerment Coordinator, LaVonda Johnson, and assisted by two youth mentors. Kinship is currently in the early stages of program enrollment and plans to begin offering virtual services starting at the end of March.

About Bradley Angle:

Bradley Angle’s mission is to serve all people affected by domestic violence. We do this by placing people experiencing—or at risk of—domestic violence at the center of our services and providing them with safety, education, empowerment, healing, and hope. Bradley Angle opened as the West Coast’s first domestic violence shelter in 1975 and in the 45 years since has evolved from a small, grassroots program into a multi-faceted organization providing support to over 400 survivors and their children every year. Bradley Angle’s services include emergency shelter, housing assistance, economic empowerment education, and culturally specific services for Black, African American, and LGBTQ+ survivors.

More information can be found at: <https://www.bradleyangle.org>

About the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Program:

The FVPSA Program recognizes the interrelated aspects of domestic violence with homelessness, economic hardship, workplace readiness, physical and behavioral health concerns, and culturally specific needs, and works across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to address these issues, including meeting the needs of children exposed to family violence. These coordinated efforts ensure that survivors can more easily access supportive services, violence-prevention resources, health care, housing, early childhood education, child support, responsible fatherhood programs, and much more.

More information can be found
at: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services>
About Neil Kelly:

Neil Kelly has devoted itself to enhancing homes and communities since in the Northwest 1947. Although Neil Kelly is a multi-faceted home improvement company, they continue to put people and the planet ahead of profits. Whether it's the design/build process pioneered to create efficiency and predictable outcomes in the remodeling process, or the precision with which they implement a roof replacement job, their approach is essentially the same. They deliver thoughtful planning and design, disciplined project management, clear and consistent communication, and uncompromising craftsmanship.

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