



2018 Pre-Conference Intensive Sessions September 23, 2018 9:00am to 2:00pm

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL VICTIMS: LANGUAGE ACCESS AND MEANINGFUL COLLABORATIONS

Pre-Conference Intensive (Pre-registration required)

Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (lunch provided)

NASW CE Credits= 4

Session Description:

The National Resource Center on Reaching Underserved Victims of Crime, a project funded by The Office of Victims of Crime, in partnership with the National Coalition against Domestic Violence is offering a pre-institute to its annual conference attendees.

This pre-institute has been developed with the intent to provide a deeper understanding on why language access is necessary when working with all victims of crime, and more specifically with victims of domestic violence. It will also cover the obligations that service providers have in the community in regards to the provision of language access for those who are Limited English Proficient or for those who identify as Deaf and hard of hearing.

Given that language is just one element of culture, we can't refer to it without providing an overview of how it ties with Culture and what it means to be culturally responsive. The collaborative nature of the advocacy work these days also has created the need for stakeholders to conduct more inclusive collaborations. We will explore how to make those collaborations more meaningful, for all those involve in the coordinated community response and for those who are not at the table of discussion.

Session Presenter(s):

Leo Martinez (Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network)

Beckie Masaki (Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence)

Rosie Hidalgo (Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network)

Leo Martinez

Leo Martinez is a Project Manager with Casa de Esperanza – National Latin@ Network. He is also the co-founder and Board President for Latino LinQ, an Atlanta based non-profit organization providing support services to Latin@s of any sexual orientation and any gender identity. Prior to Casa de Esperanza, Leo worked as a Consultant for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. He is a faculty member of the Georgia Victim's Assistance Academy, a project of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia. With Casa de Esperanza, he coordinates Training and Technical Assistance for the National Resource



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Center on Reaching Underserved Victims of Crime, a project led by Vera Institute of Justice and funded by the Office of Victims of Crime. He coordinates activities for the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative, a project funded by the Office on Violence against Women; and project funded by FVPSA on “Enhancing Service for Male Survivors”. Leo has worked for many years as an advocate in the community with Latin@, Immigrant and LGBTQ survivors of domestic violence. He holds degrees in Early Childhood Education from his country of origin (Argentina) and in Psychology and Human Services from Clayton State University in Morrow, GA. He was named Grand Marshall by the Atlanta Pride organization in 2016 for his work with the LGBTQ community.

Beckie Masaki

Beckie Masaki, MSW, is the Co-Director of the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, a national resource center on gender violence in Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. Beckie has worked in the movement to end violence against women for 30 years. She co-founded one of the first VAW programs in the nation that could meet the language and cultural needs of Asian survivors of domestic violence and trafficking, Asian Women’s Shelter in San Francisco, and served as the founding executive director for over 21 years. Beckie has extensive experience in providing multilingual, multicultural services to domestic violence and trafficking survivors and their children, innovative program development, prevention, community building, policy-making and institutional advocacy.

Rosie Hidalgo

Rosie Hidalgo, J.D., has worked in the movement to end domestic violence for nearly 25 years. Currently, she is the Senior Director of Public Policy for Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities, a national domestic violence resource center with a focus on providing training, research, and policy advocacy. She also serves on the Biden Foundation’s Advisory Council for Ending Violence Against Women. Rosie previously served as the Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the U.S. Department of Justice. At the start of her legal career, Rosie worked as an attorney at legal services programs for low-income families in New York City and in Northern Virginia.

WE ARE SURVIVORS: FINDING AND USING OUR VOICES FOR LASTING CHANGE

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It is in the best interest of the people who abused us to keep us silent. Finding our voices, using our voices, and being heard is a critical part of breaking the isolation we experienced, of healing, and positioning us to take our places in the domestic violence movement. In this survivor intensive we will explore being silenced, the “social” silencers in place to this day and how, with our “Voices Rising,” we can make lasting changes.

Session Presenter(s):

Doreen Nicholas (Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence)

Doreen Nicholas

Doreen Nicholas is the Domestic Violence Response Manager at the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV). Doreen has over 40 years of experience both personally and as a worker in the Anti - Sexual and Domestic Violence Movements. Doreen serves on the Executive Board of the Arizona South Asians for Safe Families, is a faculty member of the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy and the National Organization for Victim Assistance. She works to assist communities to better provide a comprehensive, flexible, compassionate response to Domestic and Sexual Violence. Ms. Nicholas does community trainings on the local, state, national and international levels.

CHALLENGING PRIVILEGE, EMPOWERING CHANGE: ENGAGING MEN IN THE MOVEMENT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

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Session Description:

Engaging men to break the silence and changing the culture of men’s power and privilege are both critical to ending violence against women and girls. But how do we engage and seek change at the same time? What does that look like? This intensive session will allow for an open and dynamic exploration of the approaches to, and challenges of, enlisting men as allies in this work. The format will be facilitated conversation—creating space for participants to have focused and in-depth dialogue, each bringing their own questions, experiences, and best practices to the table. How to balance and align meaningful efforts to promote healthy masculinity with the ultimate goal of preventing men’s violence against women will be an underlying theme.



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Session Presenter(s):

Lee Clasper-Torch (Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

Lee Clasper-Torch

Lee Clasper-Torch served on the Humanities faculty of the Moses Brown School for 25 years. He is currently the RICADV's Men's Engagement Coordinator for the Ten Men Project and an adjunct faculty member in Philosophy of Religion at the Community College of Rhode Island. Lee regularly presents, teaches and leads classes and workshops in a variety of settings on the topics of comparative religion, philosophy, spirituality, and social action.

ONWARDS: UNDERSTANDING INCLUSION, NAVIGATING ACCOUNTABILITY, PRACTICING NONPUNITIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION, AND BUILDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP

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This workshop is intended to support organizations and communities in better upholding values of inclusivity, and creating cultures of transformational healing to reduce the impact of gender-based violence. It will breakdown the different facets of intersectional violence affecting transgender people, and bring awareness to the resulting negative socio-economic impact on the individual and the larger interconnected communities. The Presenters will share stories of trials and tribulations from their individual and collective walks of living the values of a prison abolitionist, practicing transformative and restorative justice principles, and guided by the very act of self-determination. Using concrete examples, from their own work of building leadership capacity within impacted communities, Presenters will share models and strategies on building transformational leadership capacity and tangible resources, and will put forth examples of what it looks like to put theory into practice, and center the experiences of the most impacted in ones walk towards collective liberation. The workshop will also engage in exploring the path forward in building intentional and sustainable prison-abolitionist frameworks for addressing potential harm and sexual violence within social justice communities, while holding on to the lessons of harm-reduction, restorative justice, and healing.

Session Presenter(s):

Monica James (Conflict Liberation LLC)

Tanvi Kaushal Sheth (Conflict Liberation LLC)



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Monica James

Monica is a Movement to End Violence fellow, Chief Consultant at Conflict Liberation LLC, and is the founding board-member of Try Together, a nonprofit organization created to advance the empowerment and healing of LGBT people impacted by incarceration. For the past nine years, Monica has devoted her life to the fight for trans equality and justice, and served as a board member and the torch-bearer of Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois (TJLP). In 2009, Owen Daniel-McCarter (DMC), the founding collective member of TJLP's answer to Monica's calls for support, while stuck in the pits of the penal enterprise served as a catalyst in helping her break free from the grips of systemic carceral violence. In that moment, a unique, precious, and life-affirming alliance was formed between two trans elders, giving birth to that reality which made TJLP a fertile ground for trans healing, excellence, and empowerment.

Tanvi Kaushal Sheth

Tanvi Kaushal Sheth (TKS) is a Principal Advisor at Conflict Liberation LLC, and serves on the board of Try Together, a non-profit organization focused on the empowerment of LGBT people impacted by incarceration. He is also a licensed attorney in the State of Illinois, and a trained circle keeper. In 2004, TKS immigrated from India, and landed in Chicago. There, as a young queer transgender immigrant, he found himself at the doorsteps of TJLP, and got to experience the power of healing, acceptance, and self-determination. With iconic trans civil rights leaders like Monica James (MJ) and Owen Daniel-McCarter as his example models, TKS began his journey to John Marshall Law School, and upon becoming a licensed attorney, joined TJLP as one of their board members. With MJ by his side, TKS led TJLP as their project attorney until early 2018. During his time at TJLP, he helped hundreds of people with legally changing their name and gender-markers on state and federal documents; served as the lead attorney on TJLP's impact litigation initiative, challenging the felony restrictions in the Illinois Name Change Statute; assisted with the creation of Chicago CityKey, a valid govt-issued municipal ID; drafted model trans-inclusive policies for law enforcement's interaction with transgender community, and supported various criminal justice reform initiatives.