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Activism and Domestic Violence

CHURCH CERTIFICATION: AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES TO ENGAGE FAITH COMMUNITIES IN PREVENTION WORK

Session Description:

In 2017, Safe Haven launched a certification program for faith communities. This program helps equip faith communities with the education and tools to engage in primary and secondary prevention and intervention. The two primary components of the certification are a comprehensive training and the adoption of a Domestic Violence Response Plan rooted in policies and procedures that support effective prevention strategies.

This session will use this program model as the foundation for a larger conversation about the need and opportunity for domestic and sexual violence agencies to more intentionally engage faith communities in prevention and intervention strategies. This session will identify best practices and approaches for agencies to be effective regardless of whether they are a faith-based organization.

Session Presenter(s):

Tara Aday – Safe Haven
Holly Wilson – Safe Haven

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KEEPING POWER AND PRIVILEGE IN CHECK: FEMINIST NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Session Description:

The purpose of this session is to engage participants in an interactive workshop on nonprofit feminist leadership of domestic violence organizations. The goal is to equip attendees with the tools necessary to think critically about the politics, power and privilege inherent in their own organizations and themselves. The desired outcome is application of transformative leadership that pursues equality and human rights for all. This session draws on the Feminist Leadership (FL) framework of Srilatha Batliwala (2011), which consists of four components: power; politics and purpose; principles and values; and practices.

Session Presenter:

Lee Ann De Reus – Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment & Appeals Project

MAPPING RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE PRACTICES FOR SURVIVORS: LESSONS FOR PRACTICE AND PARTNERSHIP FROM A COALITION CASE STUDY

Session Description:

The purpose of this workshop is to share findings from The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice's (CSAJ) Mapping Project to help activate attendees in personal and organizational equity advocacy. While there is ample evidence pointing to real racial and economic obstacles facing survivors, there's often a disconnect in practice. CSAJ launched an exploratory project - built upon the Showing Up Report and our fuller body of work - to fill this gap. The Mapping Project has done this by: 1) Gathering data to help coalitions better understand their state's equity landscape; 2) Holding in-depth conversations with coalitions in particularly challenging environments to gather promising practices and understand challenges to equity advocacy. Through discussion and activities, attendees will: 1) Learn about the meaning and intersection of racial and economic inequity; 2) Practice "mapping" their own equity landscape via data and story; 3) Develop a set of practice recommendations for internal and external equity advocacy.

Session Presenter(s):

Kristen Mejia – The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice (CSAJ)

Sara Wee – The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice (CSAJ)

Erika Sussman – The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice (CSAJ)

Lisalyn Jacobs – The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice (CSAJ)

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Advanced Advocacy Skills

ADVANCING AND PROTECTING SURVIVORS' PRIVACY RIGHTS

Session Description:

What may – and what must – advocates and other victim service providers do to protect survivors' confidentiality? How can every-day activities such as registering to vote or signing up for a marathon compromise privacy? Do the releases we use have to be in writing? What are best privacy practices when working with community partners (Family Justice Centers, SARTs and fatality review teams)? In this interactive workshop, we will consider questions such as these and other privacy challenges that survivors and those who serve them routinely confront. In small groups and through facilitated discussion we will work through some challenging privacy scenarios, and the presenter will share tips and resources to help advance and protect survivor confidentiality.

Session Presenter(s):

Jessica Mindlin – Victim Rights Law Center

COMPLYING WITH THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) "NO FEE" CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: IMPLICATIONS FOR ADVOCATES AND ATTORNEYS THAT ASSIST SURVIVORS

Session Description:

VAWA prohibits jurisdictions from charging victims fees associated with civil and criminal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases if they receive funding under the Services* Training* Officers* Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program or the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking (ICJR) Grant Program. This prohibition is often referred to as the “no fee” provision.

This workshop will provide participants with information on facilitating compliance with the “no fee” certification requirements. The session will use scenario based examples to train participants and address common compliance issues. Participants will learn how to use the VAWA “no fee” toolkit to train and inform system actors on the certification requirements.

Session Presenter(s):

Monica N. Player – National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY: A RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS

Session Description:

An interactive presentation focused on building advanced advocacy skills in responding to domestic violence situations during and after natural disasters. This training has been adapted from NDVH's Domestic Violence Advocacy: A Disaster Response, and serves as a tool for organizations to ensure trauma-informed best practices for disaster management in the context of domestic violence. Recent natural disasters around the world - hurricanes, floods, fires, and earthquakes - have exposed the underlying social disparities among vulnerable populations, including victims of domestic violence. This training examines the intersection between domestic violence advocacy and disaster response and recovery; includes sections on the barriers and impacts that disasters have on victims of domestic violence; practical steps shelters can take to manage disaster efforts; and building wellness and resiliency for staff to mitigate burnout and trauma during and after natural disaster recovery.

Session Presenter(s):

April Jimerson – National Domestic Violence Hotline
Kristen Thomas – National Domestic Violence Hotline

MAXIMIZING PHILANTHROPY: FINDING JOY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN FUNDRAISING

Session Description:

Join us to repaint your picture of philanthropy as not one more thing to do but the main activity that keeps your organization flourishing. Fundraising is not a necessary evil but rather a meaningful privilege to walk with a donor. Hear from the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC), and learn how to create meaningful donor experiences that build strong lasting partnerships, sustainable revenue streams and advance your mission to serve your clients well. When everyone works in development, your organization and the clients you serve can thrive like never before.

Session Presenter:

Edie Dahlen – Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC)

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MEASURING SUCCESS: HOW TO CREATE PRACTICE-BASED EVIDENCE IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE WORK

Session Description:

The Measuring Success Outcomes Model was developed in response to increasing questions about how the field of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) knows that their work is making a positive difference in the lives of victims. Both internal agency and external community stakeholders want to know that the resources invested are making a positive impact on the safety of victims and survivors. This workshop will detail House of Ruth Maryland's process to develop the Measuring Success Outcomes Model, a 10 indicator way to measure interventions and show practice-based evidence programs that work. An interactive exercise will allow participants to identify a program or intervention in their agency, link it to an indicator of success and walk away with a sample measurement plan individualized to their project.

Session Presenter(s):

Janice Miller – House of Ruth Maryland
Dominic Goodall – House of Ruth Maryland

SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Session Description:

Immigrant survivors of gender-based violence have been uniquely and directly impacted by recent changes in immigration policy. Abusers often use the threat of immigration enforcement as a way to maintain power and control and to make immigrant victims less likely to seek protection. Many immigrant survivors fear going to court to access protections or reaching out for help from law enforcement or service providers for fear of risking deportation. In this interactive presentation, participants will identify barriers that immigrant survivors are facing in their own communities; assess which rights and protections are available to survivors regardless of immigration status; deepen their understanding of VAWA immigration remedies for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking; and strategize on enhanced safety planning as well as individual and systems advocacy strategies to meet the needs of immigrant survivors.

Session Presenter(s):

Cecelia Friedman Levin – ASISTA
Rosie Hidalgo – Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network

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SCALING YOUR MARKETING UP OR DOWN: HOW YOU CAN CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE MARKETING PLAN FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

Session Description:

Marketing has changed dramatically in the last 15 years with the introduction of social media and smartphones. There's more opportunities to connect with your audiences than ever before -- but how do you know which opportunity is right for your organization? Attend this workshop to learn more about current marketing strategies and how you can create and implement a simple yet customized marketing plan for your domestic violence organization in as little as one hour a day. You'll learn how to identify and achieve your top goals, use social media and content marketing to maximize your digital presence and finally make friends with your metrics so you can translate data into action plans.

Session Presenter(s):

Lynn Brewer – National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

THE INTERSECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE: A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Session Description:

Financial abuse is a common element of abusive relationships, and it has a serious, long-lasting effect on survivor's lives. A national survey conducted by the Institute for Women's Policy Research found that 74 percent of survivors surveyed stayed in an abusive relationship longer than they wanted for economic reasons. Among those who remained, half stayed for at least an additional two years. Understanding financial abuse and its impact is essential to developing policies and programs that enable survivors to break free from abuse and establish economic independence. This workshop will explore several current public policy and programmatic initiatives related to the intersection of domestic violence and economic justice, including the gap between survivor needs and the legal limits of minimum wage. This workshop will also delve into how we can help shift the focus of survivors and our broader movement from short-term safety to long-term security.

Session Presenter(s):

Kim Pentico – National Network to End Domestic Violence

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USING TELEHEALTH TECHNOLOGY TO REACH RURAL SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Session Description:

Domestic and sexual violence can be particularly dangerous in rural communities. This presentation will examine the reality of rural life, explore the specific barriers rural victims encounter when seeking services and how your agency can use videoconferencing technology to help them access services. The presenters will share their successes and challenges with utilizing a HIPAA compliant, telehealth videoconferencing platform to provide case management and therapy services to clients in their community. The training will cover best practices for developing and implementing safe service delivery with this technology.

Session Presenter(s):

Megan Setter – Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings

Wendy Miller – Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings

Behavioral Health and Domestic Violence

BRINGING AWARENESS TO VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA BY INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY WITH CULTURAL RESOURCES

Session Description:

California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH) is excited to announce Year III of our Red Women Rising Project, which continues to build on culturally responsive domestic violence services for Urban Indians in California, while increasing partnerships between Urban Indian health organizations, domestic violence service providers and traditional healing experts and our non-native organizations that partner with us on this journey to healing. The RWR presentation will share various components of resources and tools for survivors and organizations working with AIAN survivors such as: a presentation that walks people through our RWR media development and how they can join the RWR Movement; an animated vignette produced by Injunuity discussing how colonization contributes to violence against Urban Indian women; three digital stories of hope and resilience from survivors and more.

Session Presenter(s):

April McGill – California Consortium for Urban Indian Health

Jackie Pierson – California Consortium for Urban Indian Health

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Health and Domestic Violence

TRANSFORMING THE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Session Description:

Domestic violence is a crime. It is also a serious public health issue, much more common than most people would assume. In fact, alongside heart disease, breast cancer, mental health and HIV/AIDS, domestic violence is one of the biggest public health issues affecting individuals today. Transforming the Public Health Approach to Intimate Partner Violence will explore how prevention strategies fit within real-world public health and clinical systems; illustrate opportunities to develop and test innovative approaches; advance a multi-sector approach and build synergies with existing efforts and topics that intersect with intimate partner violence.

Session Presenter(s):

L.Y. Marlow – Saving Promise
Bizu Gelaye – Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, NONFATAL STRANGULATION AND SEQUELAE FOR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SURVIVORS: MOVING FORWARD

Session Description:

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and nonfatal strangulation (NFS) are increasingly recognized as risk factors for long-term neurological and health consequences for women who experience Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Twenty-five percent of U.S. women experience IPV; 60 percent have sustained more than one TBI with loss of consciousness. One study reported > 80 percent of IPV survivors had sustained multiple TBIs, 84 percent had clinically significant symptoms; only 21 percent sought medical attention. Some women experience both NFS and head injury, adding to neurological insult. Women experiencing NFS are at risk for murder by their partner. This workshop presents a brief overview of TBI, NFS and neurological outcomes. Preliminary data from our study of female domestic violence shelter residents who sustained TBI will be presented (results of neurological testing, trauma history, and MRI/PET exams), demonstrating the impact of neurological difficulties. Educating domestic violence shelters on IPV and neuro outcomes (TBI and NFS) is highlighted.

Session Presenter(s):

Kathleen Monahan – Stony Brook University

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Human Rights and Domestic Violence

CREATING A TRAUMA-INFORMED JUDICIAL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CUSTODY LITIGATION

Session Description:

The Family Courts are frequently the first-responders for families in crisis, impacted by domestic violence, mental health concerns and substance abuse. The model criminal courts have provided long-term monitoring, an informed judiciary, mental health and substance abuse treatment support to decrease recidivism. Gender bias in the family courts and disagreement about the definitions and prevalence of domestic violence have created an atmosphere in which battered women and their children are re-traumatized during custody litigation. A review of the model court movement indicates that this can be adapted to the Family Courts. Model courts addressing child custody can provide a trauma-informed response to domestic violence that includes an understanding of child development, attachment, safety concerns, the need for long-term supervised visitation programs and a commitment to prevention of harm to children and battered mothers.

Session Presenter:

Lisa Fischel-Wolovick – City University of New York at John Jay College

INTEGRATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND CHILD ABUSE WORK

Session Description:

Human Trafficking can be integrated into domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse organizations, law enforcement units and multidisciplinary teams with a thorough understanding of the intersections of these issues. In fact, agencies that work on these issues are indispensable to providing trauma-informed care and victim-centered responses to human trafficking. This workshop will examine intersectional cases and explore how domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy can be applied to human trafficking prevention and response. This workshop will also explore some of the barriers to this intersectional work with case examples and help attendees brainstorm how to overcome these obstacles. Finally, the workshop will emphasize how to claim your seat at the anti-trafficking collaborative table by reviewing the essential roles that domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse agencies typically play in these multidisciplinary teams.

Session Presenter:

Becky O. Bullard – Nashville Office of Family Safety

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Intersections of “isms” and Domestic Violence

CO-CONSPIRATORSHIP: THE KEY TO CULTURALLY HUMBLE SERVICE PROVISION

Session Description:

Many of us have used the word “ally” to describe that we are supportive of a particular community. However, there is a change coming – in that we need to do more than just be supportive. In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to explore what co-conspiracy and being a co-conspirator means through the lens of power, privilege and oppression. We will explore how each of us can take responsibility for the power we hold and use it to engage in meaningful action towards social justice in addressing domestic violence. Participants will walk away with concrete action steps to utilize within their organizations to create an environment that is survivor-centered and inclusive.

Session Presenter(s):

Jessica Li – Healing Equity United
Fiona Oliphant – Healing Equity United

CULTURAL HUMILITY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: WORKING WITH THE ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATION

Session Description:

What is cultural humility? Why is cultural humility important in working with and helping survivors? How do I apply cultural humility to domestic violence work? What can I do to make institutional change within my organization to reflect cultural humility? Participants can expect to understand the role of cultural humility as a domestic violence service provider and what it means to bring cultural humility to the work from the perspective of an organization exclusively working with the Asian/Pacific Islander population. We will begin by addressing the difference between cultural humility and cultural competency. This will then be explained through the practical example of two initiatives led by Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP): Times’ Up Peer Champions and Trauma Art Therapy. Adequate time will be left for open discussion and questions. Be open to challenging questions about your assumptions around our own identities and beliefs!

Session Presenter(s):

Lauren Pires – The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
Krittika Ghosh – Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

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EXAMINING THE INTERSECTION OF AGE, MARGINALIZATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Session Description:

This workshop will examine how providers and support systems can effectively support older domestic violence survivors from marginalized communities. We will look at the experiences of older people of color, historically marginalized communities and how historical trauma and institutional racism impacts access and barriers to healing services and just outcomes. We will also discuss resources from National Resource Center for Reaching Victims (NRC). Funded by the Office of Victims of Crime, the NRC is a national collaborative project aimed at increasing communities' capacity to identify, reach and serve victims in the margins. The presentation will include an overview of domestic violence in later life, a discussion on racism, racialized and historical trauma and their impacts on older survivors, strategies for incorporating an intersectional approach and equity principals to reaching and serving older survivors in the margins, and an overview of the NRC.

Session Presenter(s):

Katie Block – National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
Juanita Davis – National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

FUERZA UNIDA: A FRAMEWORK FOR ENGAGING COMMUNITY VOICES IN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Session Description:

Fuerza Unida (Strength United) is a community engagement process developed by Casa de Esperanza that has been manualized into a “nuts and bolts” guide to implement a similar process in any community. In 1999, Casa de Esperanza used the Fuerza Unida framework to collaborate with community Latinas and other agencies to listen to Latinas and develop an action agenda to assist them to reach their hopes and dreams. Fuerza Unida is not a model to be replicated word for word (or action for action). It is a way of thinking and a belief that—by intentionally listening to the community and believing in it—tremendous things will be accomplished. During the workshop, participants will be provided a copy of the Fuerza Unida manual. They will be presented with multiple examples of the listening session model and their demonstrated positive impacts on program development. By the end the workshop, participants will have the tools they need to implement a similar community engagement strategy.

Session Presenter(s):

Ivette Izea-Martinez – Casa de Esperanza
Lisa Nitsch – House of Ruth Maryland

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LGBTQ LATIN@ REALITIES: ADDRESSING GENDER AND SEXUAL IDENTITY BASED VIOLENCE FROM A CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE APPROACH

Session Description:

During this session the presenter will discuss the intersections of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Latin@ identities in the context of interpersonal and systemic violence. The presenter will engage the audience in assessing the possible impact of practices that are not culturally appropriate when responding to acts of gender and sexual identity based violence that target LGBTQ Latin@ communities. Additionally, the presenter will demonstrate the need for building and sustaining culturally relevant partnerships to effectively address and respond to violence.

Session Presenter(s):

Jose Juan Lara Jr.– Casa de Esperanza/National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities

UNRAPABLE: RACISM, HYPERSEXUALIZATION, SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND THE BLACK WOMAN

Session Description:

In consideration of the ecological model of health, it is important to assess how social determinants impact health outcomes for specific populations. The staggering statistics regarding sexual assault among Black women suggests a need for a particular focus on intersectional racism and sexism. The oppression and monolithic representations faced by Black communities, coupled with the unique commodification and hypersexualization of Black women's bodies, render Black woman vulnerable to victimization and shamed into silence. In order to better serve Black women and create better health outcomes with regards to sexual assault, it is imperative that these social determinants be addressed. This workshop will provide culturally relevant practices for addressing sexual violence in Black communities.

Session Presenter(s):

Nwando Ofokansi – Katie Brown Educational Program

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WORKING WITH SURVIVORS WITH DISABILITIES: A UNIQUE MODEL TO ENHANCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Session Description:

This presentation highlights how to enhance clinical services by conducting practice-based research to address the needs of survivors with disabilities. Barrier Free Living (BFL) clinicians and a Stony Brook University (SBU) faculty member will share best practices and outcomes from their practitioner-researcher 2019 fellowship funded by the Center for Victim Research. Participants will gain tangible skills for working with survivors with disabilities, including how to incorporate disability-focused questions into their intake, screening and assessment methods, clinical practice elements critical to effective interventions with this population, and strategies for creating effective partnerships between domestic violence agencies and researchers.

Session Presenter(s):

Michelle Ballan – SUNY Stony Brook Health Sciences Center
Cynthia Amodeo – Barrier Free Living, Inc.
Jules Perkel – Barrier Free Living, Inc.

Men and Domestic Violence

BEYOND THE MASK: BLACK MEN AND THE TRAGEDY OF VIOLENCE

Session Description:

This interactive workshop examines the ongoing and unmet challenges of addressing violence against African-American women predominantly perpetrated by African-American men. It proposes unique collaboration models for systematically interrupting harmful stereotypes of masculinity. The workshop tackles the well-recognized challenges involved in efforts to disrupt generational cycles of exposure to violence. It challenges participants to shift the conversations of explaining violence without encouraging tolerance to it. The workshop aims to empower participants as effective agents of change capable of creating culturally-sensitive and sustainable programs that decrease sexual assault and violence against African-American women.

Session Presenter(s):

Valencia Walker – David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Carvana Cloud – Harris County Texas District Attorney Office
Nick Senseley – Humanity United
Diane Rosenfeld – Harvard Law School

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VICTIM-INFORMED PREVENTION: ENGAGING MEN AND BOYS AS ALLIES

Session Description:

In this session, participants will learn about the value of knowing and hearing victim experiences as they develop prevention programming, particularly programs focused on engaging men and boys as allies. As part of the YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley, McNally and Brinson will detail how the agency's long history of work with victims of gender-based violence led them to pursue male-focused prevention. From the unique perspective of a women-run and women-serving organization, the presenters will offer evidence-supported guidance for including victim experiences in prevention work, the role of empathy building and techniques to reach key male populations.

Session Presenter(s):

Hannah Brinson – YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley
Maggie McNally – YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley

Offenders and Domestic Violence

BREAKING BARRIERS: EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

Session Description:

How often do you receive pushback when working with offenders? Are they truly being resistant? This interactive workshop is designed to provide participants with the opportunity to learn about how personal biases and perceptions can influence how we interact with offenders. The importance of listening to domestic violence offenders (and victims) without imposing our own values will be discussed. We will also learn how to embody the spirit of Motivational Interviewing to be effective communicators.

Session Presenter(s):

Eraina Hill – Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS: CULTURALLY-COMPETENT INTERVENTIONS AND REHABILITATION OF PERPETRATORS IN RURAL SETTINGS

Session Description:

Alaska is one of the most culturally diverse states in the United States of America. Alaska also has the dubious honor of having the highest rate of intimate partner violence and sex assault several years running. The rate of intimate partner violence and sex assault is significantly higher in Alaska's indigenous populations.

This roundtable discussion will focus on identifying causative factors unique to Intimate Partner Violence in indigenous populations. The concentration will be perpetrator traits, behaviors and causative factors in context of culturally diverse populations with emphasis on indigenous populations. An exploration of perpetrator identification, education, intervention, and treatment modalities using evidence-based, multi-disciplinary and culturally competent approach. Exploration of successful models in reducing recidivism in Intimate Partner Violence in indigenous populations will be conducted.

Session Presenter:

Amber Christensen Fullmer – University of Alaska, Anchorage

JAIL CALL COERCION: UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THROUGH PERPETRATOR JAIL CALLS

Session Description:

Despite very clear warnings that their calls are being recorded, the first person a batterer often calls after an arrest is the victim. Listen in on these calls and you'll hear abusers threatening, cajoling, pleading, and terrorizing victims into either recanting or refusing to cooperate. These calls represent a "gold mine" for understanding batterer behavior and for assisting in the prosecution of cases. The presenters have been monitoring jail calls for decades and using that information to not only increase conviction rates but to keep victims safe. In this workshop you will hear actual jail calls from batterers and observe the specific strategies they use in the immediate aftermath of an assault. We will highlight the abusive tactics used and provide specific techniques advocates, attorneys and law enforcement can use to minimize their impact. We will also review multiple jail call case studies, including one in which a batterer contacted his victim over 150 times from jail.

Session Presenter(s):

Dawn Cornell – City of Saint Paul Attorney's Office

Mike Seasly – City of Saint Paul Attorney's Office

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Survivor Focus

BUILDING BRIDGES TO SAFETY: INTERDISCIPLINARY LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS

Session Description:

An immigrant survivor's path toward safety and justice is complex. The systems they navigate are complex. The immigration courts and USCIS, the legal system, mental health and medical provision, housing, and employment weave a web of injustice. When legal advocacy teams take a holistic, interdisciplinary approach, survivors are better supported in pursuing what justice means to them. In this session, participants will learn about the barriers to justice immigrant survivors face and practical strategies for moving toward an interdisciplinary, survivor-centered approach within their agency or in collaboration with partner organizations.

Session Presenter:

Adriana Lopez – Tahirih Justice Center
Kurstin Phelps – Tahirih Justice Center

FAITH MATTERS: SUPPORTING JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND MUSLIM FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Session Description:

This workshop will help advocates adopt a faith-sensitive lens and best practices for supporting victims and survivors who are guided by their faith. Participants will learn how faith can be a resource or a barrier to hope, help and healing; gain insight into faith-specific understandings; learn about best practices and resources for engaging faith leadership as allies; and begin to strategize for working with them in their communities. The presenters are members of the Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Session Presenter:

Deborah Rosenbloom – Jewish Women International
Salma Elkadi Abugideiri – Peaceful Families Project
Sharon O'Brien – Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research Initiative

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INCORPORATING SELF-SUFFICIENCY INTO THE DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES TO SURVIVORS

Session Description:

The Legal Department at the Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) in Omaha, Nebraska adopted a new delivery services model two years ago for survivors of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Human Trafficking. The department's inability to keep up with the demand for services, and a desire to incorporate an element of self-sufficiency into the legal services delivery model, prompted this change. This workshop presentation will take you through the steps utilized by the WCA Legal Department as they moved from the traditional model of full representation to a limited scope representation/workshop/clinic format. It will include practical tools and considerations for making this change, as well as critical data collected by the WCA that demonstrates both efficacy, impact and challenges of this model, including the empowerment that results from offering clients an opportunity to represent themselves - with a little help along the way.

Session Presenter:

Eileen Reilly – Women's Center for Advancement

TRAUMA ART THERAPY FOR CULTURALLY-DIVERSE SURVIVORS

Session Description:

Participants can expect to leave this session with a strong roadmap for how to plan and implement their own Trauma Arts Therapy sessions with survivors. During this session we will cover the benefits of art therapy when working with culturally-diverse survivors, share best practices from our own programs, demonstrate certain art mediums that can be used, and share an outline that will be the basis of extended implementation discussion.

Session Presenter:

Krittika Ghosh – Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

Lauren Pires – Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

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Systems and Domestic Violence

BUILDING A BETTER SYSTEM: IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Session Description:

This session will address achievable strategies for courts and communities to enact meaningful systems-based change and enhance their response to domestic violence cases. Participants will synthesize and apply their current knowledge to specific issues around domestic violence as well as the challenges many communities face. This session will also explore effective and innovative court and community responses to domestic violence, including strategies implemented by the DeKalb County Magistrate Court, an Office on Violence Against Women Domestic Violence Mentor Court. Finally, participants will engage in thinking of new ways to facilitate coordinated community response, system mapping and action planning based on the needs of their communities.

Session Presenter(s):

Nida Abbasi – Center for Court Innovation
Judge Nora Polk – DeKalb County Magistrate Court

DISARM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED FIREARMS LAWS

Session Description:

DisarmDV is an online tool that provides state-specific information about domestic violence firearms laws, public health data and protective orders for a diverse group of stakeholders. In order to enhance the disarmdv.org website and develop the next phase of the project, we are seeking stakeholder feedback about what new content would be most useful, other improvements they would like to see and what other services we can provide that do not overlap with the services provided by other organizations. This session has two goals: to familiarize attendees with the valuable tools currently available on the Disarm Domestic Violence website and to elicit feedback from attendees to guide our next steps. We will begin by introducing attendees to the website, answer any questions they may have and then transition into a listening session. The information we receive will help us to ensure Disarm Domestic Violence meets the needs of advocates, victims and survivors.

Session Presenter(s):

Rachel Graber – National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Adelyn Allchin – Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence
Yasmín Fletcher – Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence

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FORESEEING THE UNFORESEEN: UNINTENDED IMPACTS OF FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ON VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Session Description:

As efforts to curb gun violence gain momentum, it is vital that survivors of domestic abuse are not inadvertently overlooked by firearm-restriction policies. Extreme Risk Protection Orders, also known as Red Flag laws, are one example. The impact that these might have on survivors seeking domestic violence protection orders is as yet unknown. Domestic violence has been increasingly observed to be a catalyst for mass shootings. There is a risk that survivors may be seen as the gatekeepers of potentially homicidal behavior, placing the blame for these incidents on them rather than on the perpetrator. Many jurisdictions are looking at means of removing guns from domestic abusers. There is an inclination to look to the survivor as the source of information about an abuser's guns. This places survivors at increased risk of violence. Participants should gain an increased appreciation for the nuances of gun prohibitions that ensure domestic abuse victims' safety.

Session Presenter(s):

David W. Keck – National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms
Anton Tripolskii – Battered Women's Justice Project

PARTNERING WITH CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS

Session Description:

In the words of one survivor: "I have asked everyone I could think of for advice: Child Support itself, Legal Aid, an attorney, the domestic violence shelter, as well as the Police Department, but no one has been able to tell me if I can collect child support while protecting my child as well as keeping my address from him. Is there a way to collect child support safely from a previous abuser? I'm afraid that having him pay would provoke him. If so, does it vary by state?" This workshop will provide a road map for how domestic violence service providers can work with local and state child support agencies to answer "YES" to this survivor's questions. It will include practical examples from a spectrum of states (think Texas to California to Vermont) that are providing a coordinated response to survivors accessing child support services.

Session Presenter(s):

Michael Hayes – Office of Child Support Enforcement
Krista Del Gallo – Texas Council on Family Violence

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PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR IMPACTING CONTINUUM OF CARE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Session Description:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of homelessness includes a Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence category. Yet many DV/SA providers find local Continuum of Care (CoC) practices to be neutral or even harmful to survivors. Database participation and funder audits create confidentiality and safety concerns. Workforce development and housing programs can re-traumatize survivors. Coordinated access can fail to identify victim vulnerability. This workshop will discuss the overlap of DV/SA work and HUD priorities, how House of Ruth Maryland engaged and leveraged CoC funding and policy to institutionalize DV/SA access to housing services and then fund victim coordinated entry and rapid re-housing. Advocates will learn about how to get involved in key areas of the CoC, how to protect survivor safety and confidentiality and walk away with concrete strategies on how to influence local CoC policy and practices that drive funding decisions and impact the experience of homeless survivors.

Session Presenter(s):

Janice Miller – House of Ruth Maryland

PROJECT SAFE RELEASE: LEVERAGING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO SERVE INCARCERATED SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Session Description:

Through These Doors (the domestic violence resource center in Cumberland County, Maine) and Maine Pre-Trial Services were awarded a prestigious grant from the MacArthur Foundation in October to improve collaboration between the two organizations to reach incarcerated women identifying as victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence. This pilot project, Project Safe Release, is one of the first nationally to partner victim advocacy services and pre-trial services. This session will provide an overview of the necessity of providing victim advocacy services to incarcerated women as well as the unique role that pre-trial services plays. The logistics of the collaboration as well as current successes and challenges will be shared. This workshop will provide hands-on information for advocates interested in bolstering their involvement with the criminal justice system and developing services for incarcerated women who identify as victims and survivors.

Session Presenter(s):

Jenny Stasio – Through These Doors
Shawn LaGrega – Maine Pre-Trial Services

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THE ADULT AND CHILD SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACH: PROMOTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE FACTORS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CHILD WELFARE

Session Description:

In 2016, the Children's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, launched the National Quality Improvement Center on Domestic Violence in Child Welfare (QIC-DVCW). This five-year research and capacity building project was established to test an adult and child survivor-centered approach across three states. This innovative approach seeks to improve how child welfare agencies and community organizations' work with families involved in the child welfare system who are experiencing domestic violence.

Grounded in two frameworks and six principles, the Adult and Child Survivor-Centered Approach builds on more than 25 years of evidence-based best practices by child welfare and domestic violence practitioners and policy makers. The Approach is aimed at aligning policy, practice, organizational culture, and programming in agencies and systems that serve families experiencing domestic violence.

Session Presenter(s):

Wendy Mota – Futures Without Violence

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SURVIVING AND NOT SURVIVING: PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAMS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS' ECONOMIC SECURITY

Session Description:

For many survivors of domestic violence, having access to public benefits programs can help make the difference between leaving an abusive relationship or relative economic security. While significant numbers of low-income survivors are abused, abuse also results in survivors who were not previously considered low income falling into poverty. In many cases, public benefits programs enable survivors to meet their basic needs. This workshop will examine ways the results of two surveys called "the Difference between Surviving and Not Surviving" and "We Would Have to Stay" which report on the need, barriers and policy proposals from surveying survivors and advocates around the country on public benefits. The participants will also learn the most common barriers to access services and ways to help survivors navigate those hurdles. Participants will also learn the building blocks of meaningful collaboration with local public benefits institutions and the benefits of the collaboration.

Session Presenter(s):

Marium Durrani – National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

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THE IMPACT OF ASSESSMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Session Description:

For a law enforcement agency, an organizational self-assessment can be a useful (and critical) tool for gauging the agency's capacity to provide victim-centered response and hold offenders accountable. Throughout 2019, six U.S. law enforcement agencies have piloted an assessment process developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Futures Without Violence and Chief Tom Tremblay (ret.) to enhance response to gender-based violence, including domestic violence. The assessment process combines knowledge gathered through agency self-assessment coupled with external assessment by the agency's community partners in victim/survivor advocacy roles to produce actionable goals and a plan of action for accomplishing those goals. This workshop will discuss lessons learned from the pilot test agencies, share successes that have resulted from the assessment process, and provide information on conducting the assessment and action-planning process with your law enforcement agency partners.

Session Presenter(s):

David Thomas – International Association of Chiefs of Police
Kristen McGeeney – International Association of Chiefs of Police

THE JOINT COMPONENT PROJECT (HUD COC TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO RAPID REHOUSING) A PROMISING MODEL FOR HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS

Session Description:

The Joint Component Project (JCP) is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funded housing intervention designed to provide short-term, crisis housing while helping individuals and families experiencing homelessness identify and move into permanent housing. The DVHTAC presentation will cover this hybrid model and how to implement this intervention. The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components – transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing–in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. By combining TH and PH-RRH, individuals and families experiencing homelessness have access to low-barrier, temporary housing and the financial supports necessary to help them quickly move into and maintain permanent housing. Come explore and see if this would be an effective housing model to add to the housing interventions you offer to survivors in your community.

Session Presenter(s):

Peg Hacksaylo – National Alliance for Safe Housing
Debbie Fox – National Network to End Domestic Violence
Christie Bevis – National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

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Today's Culture and Domestic Violence

BECOMING A VOICE FOR CHANGE: CHANGING THE CULTURAL NARRATIVE BY ENGAGING THE MEDIA

Session Description:

This workshop examines the power of the media in shaping societal response to domestic violence. Research shows that media coverage frequently blames victims and neglects to provide a context of these cases, perpetuating myths about intimate partner violence. Using lessons learned in producing *Finding Jenn's Voice*, a documentary film about intimate partner homicide, this workshop provides ideas for changing the media narrative of domestic violence. As demonstrated by the #MeToo Movement, the media can be a powerful ally. By engaging the media as partners, advocates can change public perceptions of perpetrators and victims and provide information to help recognize and prevent abusive relationships. Workshop participants will learn techniques for engaging news outlets and giving effective interviews. Ultimately, the workshop works to empower survivors of domestic violence by helping them use their experiences to become voices of change in our communities.

Session Presenter:

Tracy Schott – Schott Productions

THE SAFER TOMORROWS ROADMAP: BUILDING A VIOLENCE-FREE COMMUNITY IN TWO GENERATIONS THROUGH SAFETY, HEALING AND EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD

Session Description:

The Safer Tomorrows Road Map is an unprecedented, research-based innovation that is building communities where families are safe and have what they need to stabilize their lives, people heal from trauma with therapies that actually change the neural pathways in the brain, and children learn in school about healthy relationships to create a society that no longer tolerates violence. Learn how a community in Grand Forks, ND is on a mission to end violence in two generations.

Session Presenter(s):

Laura Frisch – Community Violence Intervention Center

Kari Kerr – Community Violence Intervention Center

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Youth and Domestic Violence

ADVOCATING FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS: EXPLORING HOW TO TAKE A STAND FOR HEALTHY TEEN RELATIONSHIPS

Session Description:

NCADV's Take A Stand FOR Healthy Relationships: A Teen Dating Violence Prevention Curriculum was created to provide middle and high school educators with a free, national standards-aligned curriculum designed to help students understand and develop healthy relationships, recognize dynamics of teen dating abuse and learn how to ally for themselves and others who may be experiencing it. In this workshop, participants will learn more about the program's educational resources and immersive program tools and hear about data and feedback from initial pilot efforts. Additionally, attendees will discuss ways the program will be most useful and supportive to other efforts to engage teens in conversations around dating violence and healthy relationships.

Session Presenters:

Gretchen Shaw – National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

IF IT AIN'T INTERSECTIONAL I DON'T WANT IT: DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING FOR SURVIVORS AND YOUTH OF COLOR

Session Description:

Youth experience the highest rates of sexual violence but are least tapped to identify solutions. Eighty percent of sexual assault survivors experience their first assault before 25. These rates are higher for black, brown, queer, and trans folks, but resources are rarely culturally-specific or accessible. Youth need programming that is tailored to their lived experiences; this requires understanding how intersecting identities impact cycles of violence. In 2018, the Biden Foundation launched Youth LEADS (Leverage, Energize, and Define Solutions), a year-long initiative to include youth voices in ongoing conversations around gender-based violence (GBV). This workshop uses the Youth LEADS listening session model to engage in dialogue about the realities of GBV among youth. We will discuss how marginalized communities are uniquely affected by violence and how to include youth voices to address gaps in programming and resources.

Session Presenter(s):

Kassamira Carter-Howard

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NAVIGATING BOUNDARIES IN TEEN RELATIONSHIPS: ACTIVITIES TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND BUILD AWARENESS

Session Description:

In keeping with the theme of this year's NCADV conference theme, *Voices in Action*, this workshop will share a series of concrete and practical strategies to engage and teach teens how to navigate healthy boundaries in relationships. We will lead participants through a series of activities designed to explore strategies for asserting and respecting boundaries in relationships; guiding participants through personal space, listening and conflict resolution exercises; recognizing and exploring particular challenges inherent both in verbal and non-verbal communication and in situations when power differentials exist between people. These activities have been developed and tested in partnership with high school participants in The Retreat's Teen Leadership Project and shared throughout the East End of Long Island via The Retreat's original in-school violence prevention education workshop series, "Healthy Relationships Don't Hurt" and "Navigating Consent."

Session Presenter(s):

Helen Atkinson-Barnes – The Retreat Domestic Violence Services

Ava Locks – The Retreat Domestic Violence Services

Margaret Atkinson-Barnes – Brown University