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### Sunday, September 23rd

#### **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 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 involved 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 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 both the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative, a project funded by the Office on Violence against Women and a project funded by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (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 Violence Against Women 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, and in 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 (DOJ). 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.

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

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:**

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.

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

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:**

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.

### **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.

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

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:**

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, 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 one's 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)

#### **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, answered Monica's calls for support while stuck in the pits of the penal enterprise, which 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, where he experienced 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 this time, 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 government-issued municipal ID; drafted model trans-inclusive policies for law enforcement; and supported various criminal justice reform initiatives.

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### HOME TRUTH - A FEATURE DOCUMENTARY

Film Screening

Sunday, September 23rd from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Not eligible for NASW CE Credits

#### **Session Description:**

In 1999, Colorado mother Jessica Gonzales experiences every parent's worst nightmare when her three young daughters are killed after being abducted by their father in violation of a domestic violence restraining order. Devastated, Jessica files a lawsuit against the police, claiming they did not adequately enforce her restraining order despite her repeated calls for help that night. Determined to make sure her daughters did not die in vain, Jessica pursues her case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and an international human rights tribunal, seeking to strengthen legal rights for domestic violence victims. Meanwhile, her relationship with her surviving son Jessie, suffers, as he struggles with the tragedy in his own way. Filmed over the course of nine years, *Home Truth* chronicles one family's pursuit of justice, shedding light on how our society responds to domestic violence and how the trauma from domestic violence tragedies can linger throughout generations.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Katia Maguire

#### **Katia Maguire**

Katia Maguire is an Emmy-nominated producer and director. She produced Participant Media's *Kingdom of Shadows*, a documentary about the lives of three witnesses to the U.S.-Mexico "drug war" that aired on PBS' POV in the fall of 2016 and was nominated for a 2017 News and Documentary Emmy Award. She recently was post-production supervisor on the documentary *RBG* about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, that premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival, was released in theaters nationwide and will broadcast on CNN in the fall. She also produced *The Graduates/Los Graduados*, a bilingual series about Latino high school students that broadcast nationally on PBS' Independent Lens in 2013. Previously, Katia worked for veteran public television journalist Bill Moyers on his PBS series *Moyers & Company* and *Bill Moyers Journal*. She was a senior associate producer on *Women, War & Peace*, a five-part PBS series about the role of women in modern conflict, and co-producer on *Quest for Honor*, a documentary about violence against women in Iraq that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was short-listed for the 2010 Academy Awards. Katia was a 2016 Impact Partners Documentary Producing Fellow and has received fellowships from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Producer's Academy, the Union Docs Collaborative Studio, the National Association of Latino Independent Producers' Latino Producer's Academy, and the Flaherty Film Seminar.

### **HOME TRUTH: USING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY TO END DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Opening Plenary Session

Sunday, September 23rd from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This plenary will highlight the courage and national/international advocacy of Jessica Lenahan (formerly Gonzales), whose three young daughters were killed after being abducted by their father in violation of a domestic violence restraining order in 1999. Devastated, Ms. Lenahan filed a lawsuit against the police, claiming they did not adequately enforce her restraining order despite her repeated calls for help that night. Determined to make sure her daughters did not die in vain, Ms. Lenahan pursued her case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and an international human rights tribunal (the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights), seeking to strengthen legal rights and improve protections for domestic violence victims. A new documentary film, *Home Truth*, chronicles Ms. Lenahan's pursuit of justice, shedding light on how our society responds to domestic violence and how the trauma from domestic violence tragedies can linger throughout generations, as well highlighting the courage, resiliency and leadership of survivors to work for social change.

This plenary session will highlight the efforts of Jessica Lenahan and her legal team's petition against the United States before the Inter-American Commission, claiming human rights violations by both the local police department, who failed to protect Ms. Lenahan and her children, and by the US courts, which failed to provide her with a remedy. Clips from the film will be used to provide narrative and chronology of this landmark case. This session will also address the development by the Department of Justice (DOJ) of groundbreaking Guidance on Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. This guidance seeks to build on the coordinated community response model reflected in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Finally, this session will describe local initiatives that have been inspired by Jessica's case, including "Freedom from Domestic Violence as a Human Right" resolutions in 30+ municipalities across the U.S.; the "Cities for CEDAW" campaign; and the COURAGE (Community Oriented and United Responses to Address Gender Violence and Equality) in Policing Project.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

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

Carrie Bettinger-López (University of Miami School of Law)

Jessica Lenahan (formerly Gonzales)

#### **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 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

### **Carrie Bettinger-López**

Caroline Bettinger-López is a Professor of Clinical Legal Education and Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the University of Miami School of Law. She also serves as an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and is a recipient of a Roddenberry Fellowship for her COURAGE (Community Oriented and United Responses to Address Gender Violence and Equality) in Policing Project. From 2015-2017, she served in the Obama Administration as the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, a senior advisor to Vice President Joe Biden, and a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls. She is lead counsel on *Jessica Lenahan (Gonzales) v. United States* (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 2011), the first international human rights case brought by a domestic violence victim against the U.S., featured in the new documentary *Home Truth*. Before joining the Obama Administration, Professor Bettinger-López was the founding Director of Miami Law's Human Rights Clinic. She previously served as a visiting Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Chicago Law School; the Deputy Director of the Human Rights Institute and Acting Director of the Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School; a Skadden fellow at the ACLU Women's Rights Project; and law clerk in Eastern District of New York. Her work has appeared in numerous publications: including *Harvard Human Rights Law Journal*, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, and *Foreign Affairs*. Professor Bettinger-López earned a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.A. from the University of Michigan.

### **Jessica Lenahan (formerly Gonzales)**

In June 1999, Jessica Gonzales' three young daughters, ages seven, nine and ten, were abducted by her estranged husband and killed after the Colorado police refused to enforce a restraining order against him. Although Gonzales repeatedly called the police, telling them of her fears for her daughters' safety, they failed to respond. Hours later, Gonzales' husband drove his pick-up truck to the police department and opened fire. He was shot dead by the police. The slain bodies of the three girls were subsequently discovered in the back of his pickup truck. Gonzales filed a lawsuit against the police, but in June 2005 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that she had no Constitutional right to police enforcement of her restraining order. She then filed a petition with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, saying that the inaction of the police and the Supreme Court's decision violated her human rights. In a landmark decision, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) found the U.S. government responsible for human rights violations against Jessica Lenahan (formerly Gonzales) and her three deceased children who were victims of domestic violence.

***[\\*See Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for additional session information.](#)***

### Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **#SURVIVORSPEAKS: AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Plenary

Monday, September 24th from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

##### **Session Description:**

The #MeToo movement has given survivors of sexual violence a chance to be heard and has made some progress in changing the way people think and talk about it; however, despite overlaps in the topic, survivors who shared stories of domestic abuse via the hashtag experienced less positive impact. In an effort to destigmatize domestic violence in ways similar to the destigmatization of sexual assault via #MeToo, and as a reflection of our mission to amplify the voices of domestic violence survivors, NCADV has implemented the #SurvivorSpeaks hashtag. #MeToo shows us that cultural and social change is obtainable when the conversation is made accessible to all who are affected by sexual violence. Our hope is that #SurvivorSpeaks will empower survivors to come forward with strength and share stories that need to be told, bringing awareness to this issues that impacts millions of women. Join us as we hear Jennie Willoughby, Laura Cowan, and Zaida Hernandez explore what #SurvivorSpeaks means to them and how opening the doors to deeper conversations about domestic violence will help shift societal assumptions around the issue of domestic violence.

##### **Session Presenter(s):**

Ruth M. Glenn, Moderator (NCADV)

Jennie Willoughby

Laura Cowan

Zaida Hernandez

##### **Ruth M. Glenn (Moderator)**

Ms. Ruth M. Glenn is the President & CEO of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). Previously Ms. Glenn was employed by the Colorado Department of Human Services for 28 years and served as the Director of the Domestic Violence Program (DVP) for the last nine of those years. Ruth has worked and volunteered in the domestic violence field for over 20 years and holds a Masters' in Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Colorado Denver, Program on Domestic Violence, as well as a degree in Communications. Ms. Glenn has served on many domestic violence program and funding boards, provided hundreds of presentations on domestic violence victimization and survival, testified before the Colorado State Legislature and the United States Congress, and provided consultation, training and technical assistance on a local and national level on victim/survivor issues as they relate to domestic violence. As a survivor, Ruth also often shares her experience to bring awareness about the dynamics of domestic violence.

### **Jennie Willoughby**

Jennie Willoughby is a former school teacher whose passion is the resiliency of the human spirit. Based out of Washington DC and New York, Jennie speaks on the benefits of mindfulness, compassion, and owning your choices to create an intentional life. She writes at [www.bornebackceaselessly.com](http://www.bornebackceaselessly.com) and has been published in the *Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, *Elephant Journal*, and *Rebelle Society*. Follow her on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

### **Laura Cowan**

Laura C. Cowan, mother of three, is an award winning speaker, educator and activist. Her tale of survival and heroism is one that will be forever etched in California's history. Before escaping from an abusive polygamist husband, Laura and her three children endured unimaginable abuse. Locked away and held captive in a cold dark garage with no heat, food, water, or plumbing. Laura was repeatedly raped, beaten and starved, alongside her children. Stripped of everything but the will to survive, not only for herself, but for her children, Laura decided to do the unthinkable. Fearing that she would never make it out of that garage alive, she began to meticulously keep detailed accounts (via pieces of scrap paper she found throughout the garage) of the horrific daily abuse that she and her children endured. However, it would not be until an unplanned outside visit to the post office with her captor that her life would forever be changed. On that fateful day, Laura was able to pass a note pleading for help to a post office clerk, who was then able to alert the proper authorities. Two days later, detectives emerged onto her captor's doorstep, where she and her children were finally rescued. Today Laura is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton College. Presently, she is serving as a Resident Services Liaison with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), working in Resident Services as their Domestic Violence Advocate, and assisting with Aging Out of Foster Care clients. Laura assists CMHA residents by empowering, educating and advocating for residents, working to end domestic violence and child abuse by providing workshops, materials, guidance and emotional support.

### **Zaida Hernandez**

Zaida Hernandez was born in New York into a large Puerto Rican family. Ms. Hernandez holds a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary and Women's Studies and a master's in Non-Profit Management. Ms. Hernandez is also a survivor of domestic violence and a member of Sisters Overcoming Abusive Relationships (SOAR), a task force of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She has dedicated her life to advocating for those who have been silenced by domestic violence. Ms. Hernandez was nineteen years old when she first met the man who would later abuse her. The relationship lasted nine years, throughout which she was terrorized by this man who said he loved her. For years, Ms. Hernandez was too scared for her own life and her family's safety to leave the relationship. In 1995, she fled the state to save her life, leaving no forwarding address or information regarding her whereabouts. Years later, she returned to Rhode Island, determined not to live in fear. Ms. Hernandez joined SOAR in 1997 to use her personal experiences with domestic violence as a tool to educate the community and advocate for change. In 1998, Ms. Hernandez participated in a statewide public awareness campaign in Rhode Island during national Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Her face, story, and name were prominently featured on billboards, in newspapers, and on television, as a public figure on a mission to end domestic violence. Since that time, Ms. Hernandez has professionally worked with different non-profit organizations serving vulnerable populations and has continued to actively educate the community by sharing her story.

### **ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS: A PANEL DISCUSSION**

Workshop (Session I)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Moderated by NCADV and the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE), this interactive panel discussion will explore current research on the economic impact of abuse to inform both policy and practice, as well as share innovative and trauma-informed approaches to offering advocacy, support, and education that promotes economic justice and empowerment for domestic violence victims and survivors. Attendees will have opportunities to participate in a live Q & A with panelists at the end.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Sherry Edwards (Caring Unlimited)

Alona Del Rosario (Institute for Women's Policy Research)

B Bradburd (Elizabeth Freeman Center)

#### **Sherry Edwards**

Sherry Edwards is the Assistant Director at Caring Unlimited, in Maine. Sherry began work in the movement to end domestic violence in 1993 and has worked extensively with families experiencing abuse. Sherry has provided extensive training in the State of Maine, developing and delivering training for law enforcement professionals, Child Protective Services employees, and other professionals. Sherry is a graduate of Class D of the Advocacy Learning Center. She chairs both the York County Coordinated Community Response Team and the High Risk Response Team.

#### **Alona Del Rosario**

Alona Del Rosario is a Project Associate for the Economic Security for Survivors Project at the Institute for Women's Policy Research. She focuses on developing partnerships, supporting study development, and providing training and technical assistance designed to increase the capacity of violence service providers to respond to the economic barriers faced by survivors of violence and abuse. She serves as an associate board member of End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI), and formerly worked at the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence as a public policy advocate and at UMOM New Days Centers as a shelter-based legal advocate. She received her M.A. in criminal justice from Arizona State University and B.S. in psychology and criminal justice from Northern Arizona University.

#### **B Bradburd**

Mr. Bradburd is Director of Operations and Communications at Elizabeth Freeman Center (EFC). He leads several of EFC's justice projects, including its Money School economic justice initiative and its LGBTQ Access Project. B previously served as the economic justice consultant to the Massachusetts Rural Economic Security Initiative, and has worked in other positions to promote gender and LGBTQ equality, educational access for low-income youth, and democratic governance. He holds an M.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley and a B.A. in Political Science and Comparative Literature from Brown University.

### **FIGHTING CYBER SEXUAL ABUSE: SAFETY TIPS AND LITIGATION STRATEGIES**

Workshop (Session I)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This presentation will address the damaging form of abuse often referred to as “revenge porn” - more appropriately termed cyber sexual abuse. The training will discuss the ways in which abusers can harass, stalk, and coerce through technology and online spaces, the incredibly damaging effects of this harassment, and cases of victims who have been affected by this form of abuse. The training will address family, criminal, and civil court strategies to addressing this abuse as well as safety planning for victims and remedies for victims to request take-downs of images and media online.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Barbara Kryszko (Sanctuary for Families)

Lindsey Song (Sanctuary for Families)

#### **Barbara Kryszko**

Barbara C. Kryszko has served as an attorney at Sanctuary for Families’ Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services for over 17 years and represents indigent victims of domestic violence in Family and Supreme Courts in Brooklyn. For the past twelve years, she has worked at the New York City Family Justice Center (FJC), Brooklyn, where she currently serves as Sanctuary’s Brooklyn FJC Family Law Project Director. In 2011, Ms. Kryszko received the “In the Trenches Award” from the Lawyers Committee Against Domestic Violence. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

#### **Lindsey Song**

Lindsey M. Song, Esq., is a Staff Attorney with the Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP) at Sanctuary for Families and represents indigent victims of domestic violence in Family and Supreme Courts throughout New York City. Ms. Song is the co-chair of the NYC-based Cyber Sexual Abuse Task Force, a collaboration of agencies, attorneys, and advocates working to end cyber sexual abuse. Prior to joining Sanctuary in 2015, Ms. Song worked as the judicial law clerk to Judge Heidi Pasichow, D.C. Superior Court Associate Judge. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center.



### **BENEATH THE BRUISES: USING THE CARE MODEL TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH SURVIVORS EXPERIENCING HEAD INJURIES**

Workshop (Session I)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

When most people hear the term "brain injury", their mind usually goes to football players or military veterans. However, there is compelling evidence that domestic violence victims experience more assaults to the head than either of these groups. For decades we have known that abusers most often target the head, neck and face; however, we have only recently begun to realize that the impact is much deeper and can affect how the brain functions. Come to this session to learn an innovative model for making these invisible injuries visible and accommodating the unique needs of survivors with head injuries.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Rachel Ramirez (Ohio Domestic Violence Network)

Emily Kulow (Ohio Domestic Violence Network)

Cathleen Alexander, MSSA, LISW-S (Ohio Domestic Violence Network)

#### **Rachel Ramirez**

Rachel Ramirez, LISW-S, RA, has been with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network for 11 years and is the Training Director. Rachel oversees training initiatives and is directing the implementation of a 3-year national demonstration grant on developing best practices when working with survivors experiencing mental health challenges and brain injuries. Prior to this, she focused on assisting agencies in developing trauma-informed programming. Rachel is also the co-author of *Trauma-Informed Approaches: Promising Practices and Protocols for Domestic Violence Programs in Ohio*.

#### **Emily Kulow**

Emily Kulow is the Accessibility Project Coordinator for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN). She works to engage and train local community partners on working with survivors who have mental health challenges or traumatic brain injury. Emily has worked in the domestic violence movement for over 10 years. Prior to joining the team at ODVN, she worked in direct services at domestic violence agencies in Summit and Portage Counties in Ohio.

#### **Cathleen Alexander**

Before joining the training team at ODVN, Ms. Alexander served as the Associate Director of Service Coordination for 10 years at FrontLine Service, a premier behavioral health organization in Cleveland, Ohio. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University and is licensed by the State of Ohio as an Independent Social Work Supervisor. Prior to her leadership role at FrontLine Service, Ms. Alexander worked for 25 years in the area of victim advocacy and domestic violence prevention. She is a certified trainer in Trauma-Informed, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, Critical Time Intervention, and Trauma Informed Care.

### **SURVIVING OR THRIVING: CREATING A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY TO SUPPORT YOUR MISSION**

Workshop (Session I)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Are you burning out by living in fundraising starvation mode? Can you imagine what your organization would look like if you built a thriving development program and adopted a robust culture of philanthropy? Learn from the inspiring fundraising journey of the Community Violence Intervention Center, which moved from an events-focused mindset, to a six-person, thriving development team raising over \$4.5 million in revenue each year. Discover how transformational the giving experience can be for everyone involved – your donors, your board and staff, and most importantly, your clients.

Participants will:

- Understand the essential components and benefits of a culture of philanthropy
- Learn which fundraising strategies achieve the best return on investment.
- Examine the importance of an annual fundraising plan and how to build it.
- Experience the joy and value of delighting your donors and providing one-of-a-kind giving experiences.
- Discover fun and fulfillment in raising financial support (yes, you really *can* actually *love* asking for money!).

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Leah Goss (NCADV)

Kristi Hall-Jiran (NCADV Board, Community Violence Intervention Center)

Edie Dahlen (Community Violence Intervention Center)

Brittany Caillier (Community Violence Intervention Center)

#### **Leah Goss**

Leah Goss, the new Director of Philanthropy at NCADV's national office in Denver, Colorado, is a passionate advocate and fundraiser, with a successful 20-year career spanning human services organizations and community colleges. She has raised over \$40 million and impacted the lives of many thousands of individuals, consistently demonstrating her ability to lead and develop staff, increase board and volunteer participation in fundraising, and inspire teams to achieve ambitious goals. Leah's past positions include Senior Vice President for Advancement at the Louisiana Community & Technical College System, Chief Advancement Officer for Lone Star College in Texas, and Vice President for Development for a mental health agency. Immediately before coming to NCADV, Leah was Project Director for Convergent Nonprofit Solutions, conducting feasibility studies and capital campaigns. With a bachelor's degree in communications and an MBA in marketing, both from Regis University, Leah brings a depth of experience and a broad set of skills to NCADV.

### **Kristi Hall-Jiran**

Kristi Hall-Jiran, President/CEO of the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC) in Grand Forks, North Dakota, is a leader who has spearheaded multi-faceted innovations that have won national and regional awards for reducing interpersonal violence. Through engaging the community and promoting a culture of philanthropy, Kristi has developed CVIC from a small, grassroots crisis center with an annual budget of less than \$500,000 to a 70-staff organization with a \$4.6 million annual budget that provides comprehensive services and education reaching nearly 15,000 people a year. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Altru Health System and University of North Dakota College of Business and Public Administration Advisory Council, as well as providing leadership to the statewide domestic violence coalition. A Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with a Master of Arts degree in Counseling and Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Health, Kristi believes strongly in a balanced and healthy lifestyle, a holistic view of our community and world, and in always taking time to laugh!

### **Edie Dahlen**

Edie Dahlen, Director of Community Investment at the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC) in Grand Forks, North Dakota, has guided the organization's development program and financial operations for more than two decades, helping to grow the annual budget by nearly 1,000 percent to \$4.6 million. Through developing a coordinated system that fosters meaningful relationships with supporters, executing successful fundraising events and promoting a culture of philanthropy within the organization, Edie has helped to increase CVIC's donor base to more than 1,500 people. She also oversees financial operations of 50 public and private grants each year. These efforts have fueled the organization's ability to expand services to holistically meet the needs of the community. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and 26 years of experience in the field, Edie has served on a number of local and statewide committees. Edie is passionate about the wellness of all people and animals and has three-year-old granddaughter and two Rhodesian Ridgebacks, which, along with her husband, Mark, are the loves of her life.

### **Brittany Caillier**

Brittany Caillier, Director of Philanthropy at the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC) in Grand Forks, North Dakota, has a passion for inspiring philanthropy and admires the impact generosity can have on a person, organization, or an entire community. She has prior professional experience in financial advising, banking, wealth management, and family philanthropy, and is an advocate for positive financial stewardship. Brittany serves on the boards of the Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals, North Dakota Ballet Company, and Valley Memorial Foundation. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Organizational Communication from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She resides in Grand Forks, North Dakota with her husband of four years, Jeff.



### **20-SECOND SELF-CARE: YOU DESERVE MORE! BUT LET'S AT LEAST DO THIS. DAILY SELF-CARE PRACTICES FOR BUSY ADVOCATES**

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Ideally, our self-care should be a main focus, given all we've been through! Realistically, that's not always possible. For those situations when time is limited, this workshop will teach you how to work self-care into daily activities that you already do. Ben is an administrator on the "Self-Care for Advocates" Facebook page. Please bring your favorite self-care activities to share!

"If you think taking care of yourself is selfish, change your mind. If you don't, you're simply ducking your responsibilities." - Ann Richards

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Ben Atherton-Zeman (National Organization for Men Against Sexism)

#### **Ben Atherton-Zeman**

Ben has done trainings and performances to stop sexism and gender-based violence for almost 30 years. He has spoken in 46 United States, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, England, Spain, Scotland, Turkey, India, South Africa and Nepal. Ben identifies as a "recovering sexist" and believes every man must challenge male violence in the world and within themselves. He fell in love with his incredible wife, Lucinda, 18 years ago while they were doing improvisational comedy in Maine. He and his wife live in Maynard, Massachusetts, and have no children except themselves. See [www.voicesofmen.org](http://www.voicesofmen.org) for more information.

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### **HOME TRUTH: USING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY TO END DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE - FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION**

Workshop (Session I)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Continuing the conversation from the Sunday opening plenary, this session will highlight the courage and national/international advocacy of Jessica Lenahan (formerly Gonzales), whose three young daughters were killed after being abducted by their father in violation of a domestic violence restraining order in 1999. Devastated, Ms. Lenahan filed a lawsuit against the police, claiming they did not adequately enforce her restraining order, despite her repeated calls for help that night. Determined to make sure her daughters did not die in vain, Ms. Lenahan pursued her case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and an international



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human rights tribunal (the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights), seeking to strengthen legal rights and improve protections for domestic violence victims. A new documentary film, *Home Truth*, chronicles Ms. Lenahan's pursuit of justice, shedding light on how our society responds to domestic violence and how the trauma from domestic violence tragedies can linger throughout generations, as well highlighting the courage, resiliency and leadership of survivors to work for social change. This session will highlight the efforts of Jessica Lenahan and her legal team's petition against the United States before the Inter-American Commission, claiming human rights violations by both the local police department, who failed to protect Ms. Lenahan and her children, and by the US courts, which failed to provide her with a remedy. Clips from the film will be used to provide narrative and chronology of this landmark case. This session will also address the development by the Department of Justice (DOJ) of groundbreaking guidance on Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. This Guidance seeks to build on the coordinated community response model reflected in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Finally, this session will describe local initiatives that have been inspired by Jessica's case, including "Freedom from Domestic Violence as a Fundamental Human Right" resolutions in 30+ municipalities across the U.S.; the "Cities for CEDAW" campaign; and the COURAGE (Community Oriented and United Responses to Address Gender Violence and Equality) in Policing Project.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

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

Carrie Bettinger-López (University of Miami School of Law)

### **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.

### **Carrie Bettinger-López**

Carrie Bettinger-López is a Professor of Clinical Legal Education and Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the University of Miami School of Law. She also serves as an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and is a recipient of a Roddenberry Fellowship for her COURAGE (Community Oriented and United Responses to Address Gender Violence and Equality) in Policing Project. From 2015-2017, she served in the Obama Administration as the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, a senior advisor to Vice President Joe Biden, and a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls. She is lead counsel on *Jessica Lenahan (Gonzales) v. United States* (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 2011), the first international human rights case brought by a domestic violence victim against the U.S., featured in the new documentary *Home Truth*. Before joining the Obama Administration, Professor Bettinger-López was the founding Director of Miami Law's Human Rights Clinic. She previously served as a visiting Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Chicago Law School; the Deputy Director of the Human Rights Institute and Acting Director of the Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School; a Skadden fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Women's Rights Project; and law clerk in Eastern

District of New York. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *Harvard Human Rights Law Journal*, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, and *Foreign Affairs*. Professor Bettinger-López earned a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.A. from the University of Michigan.

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FIREARMS: AN ADVOCATE'S GUIDE TO THE LAW, TO CHALLENGES AND TO SOLUTIONS**

Workshop (Session I)

Monday, September 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Domestic violence homicide accounts for a third of total homicides of women and one of every 20 homicides of men; two-thirds of these homicides are committed using firearms. Recent high-profile mass shootings involving domestic abusers have raised awareness about the often fatal consequences when domestic abusers are able to obtain firearms. Less recognized are the 4.5 million American women alive today who have been threatened by an abuser with a gun and the one million of those who have been shot or shot at. Firearms are a potent tool of power and control. In this session, we will explore some of the latest research about the use of firearms by abusers, develop an understanding of the strengths and limitations of federal law, and discuss the importance and effectiveness of both state and local laws. We will also consider several federal bills that address, from a variety of angles, the danger abusers with firearms pose to their victims, their families, their communities, law enforcement, and the general public.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Rob Valente (NCADV)

Rachel Graber (NCADV)

#### **Rob Valente**

Rob (Roberta) Valente is a Policy Consultant for NCADV, with specialized interests in firearms, federal domestic violence laws and interventions, and tribal issues relating to domestic violence. She was one of the national coordinators of legislative work to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. Ms. Valente also served as a consultant on civil legal issues regarding domestic violence for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the National Congress of American Indians.

#### **Rachel Graber**

Rachel Graber is the Director of Public Policy at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Prior to joining the domestic violence movement, she was a school counselor in rural Iowa. She is also a professional vocalist. She earned her bachelor's degree from Grinnell College and two master's degrees from the University of Iowa. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband and three dogs.

### **AND SO I STAYED: FINDING PEACE AND HEALING BEYOND ABUSE**

Keynote Lunch

Monday, September 24th from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = .5

#### **Session Description:**

Join writer and speaker Jennie Willoughby in an intimate discussion of domestic violence and recovery. She will recount her experiences of the highly public unveiling of the emotional and physical abuse she suffered during her marriage\* as well as discuss her pathway to healing. The remarks will take place with respect to the greater implications of abuse by those in positions of power and the added barriers this creates to coming forward and seeking help. \*Jennie was married to Former White House Staff Secretary, Rob Porter, from 2009-2013.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Jennie Willoughby

#### **Jennie Willoughby**

Jennie Willoughby is a former school teacher whose passion is the resiliency of the human spirit. Based out of Washington DC and New York, Jennie speaks on the benefits of mindfulness, compassion, and owning your choices to create an intentional life. She writes at [www.bornebackceaselessly.com](http://www.bornebackceaselessly.com) and has been published in the *Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, *Elephant Journal*, and *Rebelle Society*. Follow her on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

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### **PROACTIVE INCLUSION OF LGBTQ+ SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE**

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This workshop provides a general guide to begin making an organization more inclusive to the needs and experiences of survivors with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and/or other marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities. The workshop includes introductory information on LGBTQ+ communities, specifics of LGBTQ+ violence and trauma, how to prepare and move towards inclusion, best practices for direct services, and the outcomes and expectations of being an inclusive organization.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Tory Smith (Clinton County Women's Center)

#### **Tory Smith**

Tory Smith is an anti-violence advocate leading change efforts across Pennsylvania towards LGBTQ+ inclusion within the field of domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention. Tory serves as the Medical/LGBTQ+ Counselor Advocate at the Clinton County Women's Center. Tory holds a Master's of

Science in Social Work and Violence against Women and Children certification from Rutgers University, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work with a minor in Women and Gender Studies from Lock Haven University.

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

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

In consideration of the socio-ecological model of health, it is critical to assess how social determinants impact the health outcomes of specific populations of people. In particular, intersectional racism and sexism among Black women must be examined. The oppression and monolithic representations of Black communities, and the 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 outcomes regarding intimate partner violence, it is imperative that these determinants be addressed.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Nwando Ofokansi (Katie Brown Educational Program)

#### **Nwando Ofokansi**

Nwando Ofokansi graduated from Boston College with a degree in Sociology, Philosophy, and African & African Diaspora Studies. She is the Education Programs Coordinator at the Katie Brown Educational Program, a relationship violence prevention program. She uses intersectionality and critical-race feminism to unravel the impact of culture, identity, and oppression on health outcomes.

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### **HOW TO COORDINATE VICTIM SERVICES IN FAMILY COURTS: MODEL PRACTICES FOR PROTECTION ORDER CASES AND FAMILY COURT PROCEDURES**

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

The presentation will address the growing need for coordination between victim services and family courts in DV protection order cases and parenting determinations. Often victims are self-represented and only have an advocate and the court to rely on when maneuvering these cases. Cuyahoga County has established a model for handling domestic violence protection order cases and will showcase proven



strategies that any agency can implement to aid local courts in becoming more victim-centered. Participants will leave knowing how to introduce changes to their local courts in the context of enhanced victim safety.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Diane Palos (Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court)

Alexandria Ruden (Legal Aid Society of Cleveland)

Monica Christofferson (Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court)

### **Diane Palos**

Judge Palos has served Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court for over 20 years. Her judicial leadership brought about the creation of the Domestic Violence Department and has served to increase services to victims of domestic violence at family court. Judge Palos serves on a number of boards and was the 2016-17 President of the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges and the Chair of the Ohio Judicial College Board of Trustees. Judge Palos is an accomplished presenter and has led numerous presentations to the Judicial College and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

### **Alexandria Ruden**

Alexandria Ruden is a Senior Attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. She began her work in 1984 and was instrumental to the implementation of domestic violence laws in Ohio. She has co-authored "Ohio Domestic Violence Law" for *West Publishing* and sits on the Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence for the Supreme Court of Ohio. Ms. Ruden is a state-wide lecturer and trainer on Ohio domestic violence law and a consultant to legislators, law enforcement, judges, attorneys and community advocacy groups on the laws surrounding domestic violence, stalking and protection orders.

### **Monica Christofferson**

Monica Christofferson is the Director of the Domestic Violence Department for Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court. She has implemented the model for handling domestic violence civil protection order cases in Cuyahoga County in Ohio and has created and enforced the policies and procedures that are used in these cases. Ms. Christofferson has trained law enforcement, attorneys, prosecutors and advocacy agencies on domestic violence and best practices for issuing and enforcement of protection orders. Prior to this experience, Monica worked at the Battered Women's Shelter for Summit County, Ohio.

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## **REWRITING THE STORY: WORKING WITH JOURNALISTS TO TRANSFORM PORTRAYALS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA**

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

This session will explore how journalists, practitioners, and activists can better engage to shift the paradigm of domestic violence in the media. Using constructive guidelines and resources for both experts and

journalists, we will discuss best practices for reporting on domestic violence and how we can work together to produce meaningful stories for news outlets and readers.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Natalie Schreyer (The Fuller Project for International Reporting)

### **Natalie Schreyer**

Natalie Schreyer is a journalist and editor at The Fuller Project for International Reporting, a nonprofit news organization that covers issues impacting women and girls globally. Based in Washington, D.C., she leads The Fuller Project's domestic abuse team, covering issues such as the intersection of domestic violence and guns, police response to domestic violence, and batterer intervention. Her work has appeared in *Ms. Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Mother Jones*, and others. She is Executive Producer of the documentary film *And So I Stayed*.

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## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: ENGAGING EVERYONE IN PREVENTION**

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Community organizing is integral to prevention work with marginalized communities. These approaches may not necessarily fit conventional models of prevention but they are critical to creating relationships with key communities and challenging cultures of gender-based violence. This workshop will provide information on how community activism has the potential to change norms and patriarchal power, mobilize resources, and generate lasting change.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Diana Mancera (Jane Doe Inc.)

### **Diana Mancera**

Diana Mancera is the Director of Membership and Programs at Jane Doe Inc. (JDI) where she is responsible for developing and implementing JDI initiatives to support the coalition's diverse statewide membership, overseeing training and technical assistance, and leading innovations in prevention programming. She brings both experience and passion for education and prevention, having facilitated hundreds of presentations and trainings and developed needs assessments to identify marginalized and underserved victims and survivors of sexual and domestic abuse.

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## **REMOVING FIREARMS FROM DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE OFFENDERS, AND KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THEIR HANDS**

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

**Session Description:**

Learn about the most recent research on specific aspects of firearm surrender protocols combined with domestic violence protective orders, and the impact of those on rates of intimate partner homicide. We'll share best practices that can be practically applied in any community, as well as provide specific guidance on their inclusion in your community.

**Session Presenter(s):**

David Keck (Battered Women's Justice Center)

**David Keck**

David Keck is the Director of the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center. Over the course of his career, David has exhibited a strong commitment to legal and policy work on behalf of survivors of domestic violence, and particularly the impact of firearms on the safety of survivors, their families and their communities. He founded the Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, which provides services to over 1000 clients each year, and was instrumental in developing an innovative, comprehensive county-wide protocol for firearm surrender as a County Commissioner in Winnebago County. Born in Seattle, Washington, David completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, then went on to receive his law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law.

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## HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) LISTENING SESSION FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Workshop (Session II)

Monday, September 24th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

**Session Description:**

Staff from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs is holding an informal listening session to receive feedback from survivors, advocates and service providers on their experience with accessing housing. What HUD programs are you aware of? What HUD programs do you receive assistance or grant funding from? What HUD programs are you interested in learning more about? What housing solutions are available in your community? What barriers have you experienced in accessing or maintaining housing?

**Session Presenter(s):**

Lisa Coffman (Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD))

**Lisa Coffman**

Lisa Coffman is a Senior Program Specialist in the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). SNAPS is the office that manages HUD's homeless programs. Her primary role as Senior Program Specialist is serving as Desk Officer for the State of Illinois. In addition to her Desk Officer role, she is SNAPS' subject matter expert on the intersection of homelessness with domestic violence and human trafficking. She is also working on an initiative addressing the disproportionate number of persons of color in who are homeless. Before coming to HUD in 2010, Lisa was responsible for the City of Evansville (Indiana's) CBDG, HOME and ESG funding, served as the Director of Programs for the Indiana State Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and was a senior staff member at the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

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### **THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA): PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

Workshop (Session III)

Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This panel will explore the history of the Violence Against Women Act, hard-fought battles of the past, and details about the current legislation. If the bill has not been signed into law by the date of the conference, the panel will discuss what that means, what it does not mean (grants will continue to be funded!), and what advocacy strategies we can use to see the bill past the finish line.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Rachel Graber (NCADV)

Rob Valente (NCADV)

Lisalyn Jacobs (Center for Survivor Agency and Justice)

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

#### **Rachel Graber**

Rachel Graber is the Director of Public Policy at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). Prior to joining the domestic violence movement, she was a school counselor in rural Iowa. She is also a professional vocalist. She earned her bachelor's degree from Grinnell College and two master's degrees from the University of Iowa. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband and three dogs.

#### **Rob Valente**

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### **Lisalyn Jacobs**

Lisalyn R. Jacobs is the Legal & Policy Director of the Center for Survivor Agency & Justice, and the former Vice President of Government Relations for Legal Momentum. She advises clients on a variety of issues including campus sexual assault, workplace and other economic protections for victims of domestic and sexual violence, racial equity, criminal justice and policing reform, and the intersections of these issues. Listed by Women's Media Center for press expertise in sexual and domestic violence, Jacobs received the "20/20 Vision Award" from the American Bar Association Commission on Sexual/Domestic Violence in 2015.

### **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 (DOJ). 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.

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## **DIGGING DEEPER: WORKING ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES WITHIN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM**

Workshop (Session III)

Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

The presentation will provide an overview of the Safe Families Collaboration Program, an innovative partnership between domestic violence providers and the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF), Rhode Island's child welfare system. The program is a national model; this presentation will review the difference between this program and other models, delving into the pros and cons of each.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Kimberly Demers (Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center)

### **Kimberly Demers**

Kimberly Demers is the Director of Community Services and has been with the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center since 2002. During this time, she has continued to show her commitment and dedication to both the organization and victims of domestic violence. She was instrumental in developing and implementing the Safe Families Collaboration Project which began in 2004.

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## **ADVOCACY IN MOTION**

Workshop (Session III)  
Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Mobile advocacy is an option for survivors who do not need/want to enter shelter. To develop and maintain a mobile advocacy program, an organization must make a commitment to provide this type of service and explore ways to support the process. Safety planning must go a step further to address not only the survivor's safety, but also that of the advocate providing the mobile services. Finding ways to increase access while decreasing risk is key to mobile advocacy. While the model is gaining popularity and sounds straight forward, there are challenges and barriers that must be addressed.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Laura Horsley (Eve's Place)  
Marci Chenoweth (Eve's Place)  
Leatha Martin (Eve's Place)

### **Laura Horsley**

Laura has over 19 years of experience working with survivors of domestic violence. Over the past nine years at Eve's Place, Laura has concentrated her efforts on finding innovative models to make services to survivors more accessible. She has transitioned Eve's Place from being a small grassroots organization in the West Valley of Maricopa County, Arizona, to a progressive program focused on mobile advocacy services for survivors of domestic violence in multiple locations in Arizona. Laura has forged partnerships with community non-profits, cities, private corps and tribal governments.

### **Marci Chenoweth**

Marci has been working in the domestic violence field since 2003. She has developed programs to reach victims/survivors in isolated areas, and is the co-founder of the mobile advocacy program focusing on reducing barriers and developing best practices for mobile services. Marci has developed a customized data collection process to track mobile services and provided information to other programs regarding tracking and reporting. She has worked to create a seamless process for all victims/survivors to have access to advocacy.

### **Leatha Martin**

Leatha Martin has been with Eve's Place since 2005. Leatha worked as a Board member and later a volunteer group facilitator. Leatha was hired in December of 2015 and has provided multiple management roles including developing and directing the domestic violence mobile services in both rural areas in Arizona and within the Navajo Nation. Leatha developed a volunteer program and provided the training and coordination to assist the volunteers. Leatha also conducted orientation and training of new staff including policy and procedures and strategies for mobile advocacy.



### Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (continued)

#### **ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN THE SOLUTION: BUILDING & FUNDING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE WITH IMPACT**

Workshop (Session III)

Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

##### **Session Description:**

Domestic violence task forces can be one of the most powerful change agents in a community. When properly designed with impact outcomes and strategic committees that engage high level partners, everyone wins. This workshop is designed to walk participants through the process of transforming their task force into a powerful agent for change. Many communities have task forces specifically designed to engage community members in addressing the issue of domestic violence. Unfortunately, in addition to dealing with funding challenges (or possibly because of funding challenges), these groups seem to get little accomplished and often fail to engage those who can enact policy-level change. The result is meetings that talk about the issue but don't make real change, frustrating everyone involved. Even well-run task forces can struggle to engage everyone in meaningful work that produces real results. Participants will learn techniques to identify one outcome they want to change in their community and successfully communicate the value of that outcome to funders.

##### **Session Presenter(s):**

Carol Wick (Convergent Nonprofit Solutions)

##### **Carol Wick**

Carol started her career working with at-risk children and quickly gained national attention for her ability to create and implement innovative and sustainable solutions to century old problems. Over the years, she has developed a proven method that can be applied to any organization to help them grow, build their brand, and attract and retain investors. Utilizing this wealth of experience, Carol is assisting organizations to assess their capacity and take their organization to the next level.

#### **EIGHT COMMON MYTHS ABOUT ABUSERS AND WHY THEY STILL MATTER**

Workshop (Session III)

Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

##### **Session Description:**

How do offenders of intimate partner abuse avoid detection and accountability? Dr. Adams will discuss eight common myths of abusers as well as misunderstandings about victims. He will discuss underlying traits of abusers, including their psychological characteristics, manipulation strategies and excuses, and

their common deficits as parents and how these impact children. He will discuss how the system's heightened IQ about offenders creates better outcomes for offenders, victims and children.

**Session Presenter(s):**

David Adams (Emerge)

**David Adams**

Dr. David Adams, Ed.D. is co-founder as well as Co-Director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women, established in 1977. Dr. Adams has led groups for men who batter and conducted outreach to victims of abuse for 40 years. He has also led parenting education classes for fathers for 20 years. He is one of the nation's leading experts on men who batter and has conducted trainings of social service and criminal justice professionals in 46 states and 18 nations. He has published numerous articles and book chapters, and writes a popular blog on *The Huffington Post*. His book, *Why Do They Kill? Men who Murder their Intimate Partners*, was published in 2007.

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## ENHANCED SAFETY PLANNING FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS

Workshop (Session III)

Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

**Session Description:**

This workshop will help participants create enhanced safety plans for immigrant survivors of violence. The presenter will offer best practices to help immigrants navigate a number of systems, including encounters with Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), housing authorities, Child Protective Services (CPS), health care systems, and others.

**Session Presenter(s):**

Leo Martinez (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 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 both the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative, a project funded by the Office on Violence against Women and a project funded by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (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.

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### **REBOOT! DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS AND PETS: HOW REDROVER OFFERS ASSISTANCE FOR SUCCESSFUL CO-SHELTERING**

Workshop (Session III)

Monday, September 24th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This presentation will include an overview of RedRover's Domestic Violence grants program and the importance of recognizing pets in situations of domestic violence. This will include updates to our current grants as well as information on a new pilot program. Participants will learn about different co-sheltering models and how to use the SAF-T Start-Up Manual to create a program to fit their needs. This workshop will focus on the importance of working with the community and participants will take part in hands-on activities designed to help them overcome barriers.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Katie Campbell (RedRover)

#### **Katie Campbell**

Katie Campbell is the Outreach & Partnerships Coordinator for RedRover and has worked with nonprofits for 10-plus years. During this time she has worked with diverse communities across racial, ethnic, and economic lines in positions ranging from front line service to management roles. She has worked with survivors of domestic violence, as well as other individuals at risk, and with many nonprofits serving these communities. Katie is a firm believer that more can be accomplished when organizations work together and with the community rather than in silos.

*[\\*See Tuesday and Wednesday for additional session information](#)*



### Tuesday, September 25th

#### **THE BEST WAY TO KEEP HER SAFE IS TO MAKE HIM STOP - THE HIGH POINT MODEL CASE STUDY**

Plenary

Tuesday, September 25th from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

##### **Session Description:**

For nearly a decade, the city of High Point, North Carolina, has been succeeding with an inter-agency, community-based model of ending domestic violence by holding offenders to account in the public square and in private. Led by law enforcement, the model has been shown to deliver remarkable results by nearly eliminating homicides and reducing offender recidivism. In this plenary session, we'll screen a documentary about the program, and afterwards you'll hear directly from the Chief of Police and the Director of Victim Services who have been with the program from the beginning. Then, for the first time, you'll hear an Assistant U.S. Attorney speak about the success a county in South Carolina – nearly three times the size of High Point – is having replicating the program in what was once the worst county in the country for domestic violence.

##### **Session Presenter(s):**

Chief Kenneth J. Shultz (High Point Police Department)

Susan Scrupski (Big Mountain Data)

Jennifer Wells (South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination)

Shay Harger (Family Service of the Piedmont)

##### **Chief Kenneth J. Shultz**

Chief Kenneth J. Shultz has been a sworn officer with the High Point Police Department for over 28 years. After serving in multiple capacities throughout his tenure, he was selected as Chief in April of 2016. He now works to continue the innovative approaches that the High Point Police Department is known for as the agency continues to specifically target violent crime and prioritize safety in High Point, North Carolina. As a law enforcement officer, Chief Shultz understands the vital role that partnerships and community support plays in the success of any of their efforts. As such, he prioritizes all cooperative endeavors and works to strengthen them whenever the chances arise so that together, they can more successfully address the challenges that are faced throughout the city. Chief Shultz received a bachelor's degree from Laurel University in Management and Ethics. He has also received professional training through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. and the Senior Executives in State and Local Government course offered as part of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education Program in Boston, Massachusetts. Chief Shultz was born in High Point, North Carolina, and grew up in Davidson County, North Carolina. After graduating from Ledford High School, he joined the Army Reserve and was a member of the 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne). While working at the police department, he completed a six year enlistment with the Army Reserves, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6).

### **Susan Scrupski**

Susan Scrupski is the founder of Big Mountain Data. She has been a writer, analyst, and IT entrepreneur for over 30 years. Susan participates on various technology boards, blogs on social issues, consults, volunteers, and devotes her time to introducing disruptive technologies and new processes to combat the social epidemic of domestic violence and abuse. She is the Executive Producer of the documentary, *High Point 10-79*.

### **Jennifer Wells**

Jennifer Wells is an Assistant Solicitor in the 7th Judicial Circuit, which encompasses Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties in upstate South Carolina. She currently leads a joint Federal-State task force on domestic violence on behalf of both the Solicitor's Office and the United States Attorney's Office for South Carolina. She supervises the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for the 7th Judicial Circuit. Prior to working in South Carolina, Jennifer was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina, where she served in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) unit for just over eight years. She has prosecuted cases in both state and federal court since 2001.

### **Shay Harger**

Shay Harger is the Director of Victim Services at Family Service of the Piedmont in High Point and Greensboro, North Carolina. She has an extensive background in providing direct services to adult and child victims, victim services administration and providing professional training locally and nationwide. As Director of Victim Services, she oversees a staff of 50 which includes, a North Carolina accredited Batterers Intervention Program, two National Children's Alliance accredited Children's Advocacy Centers, two Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Programs. She serves as training faculty through Emerge.

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## **VALUING OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY: THE NEW YORK MODEL FOR BATTERER PROGRAMS**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Generally said, batterer programs have a goal to fix men and give them the tools to stop their abuse. The the New York (NY) Model has explored this issue for over 40 years in order to answer: not necessarily! Batterer Programs can hold men accountable, but not without mandates that will reliably impose consequences for non-compliance with orders to complete a program. This session will present the history, current underpinning and guiding principles of how a NY Model program functions within the context of a Coordinated Criminal Justice Response to men's violence against an intimate female partner.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Gregory White (Catholic Charities)

Phyllis B. Frank (VCS Inc.)

### **Gregory White**

Gregory R. White is a founding staff member of Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Program for Men; he has served as Director for 25 years. In his 37 years with Catholic Charities, he has been involved in social justice, domestic violence community coordination, and offender accountability efforts. White was a member of the New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) National Council. He was also Co-Director of the National Training Institute on the New York Model for Batterers, and has been a presenter at national and international conferences across the United States, Caribbean, and Europe.

### **Phyllis B. Frank**

Phyllis B. Frank works tirelessly against violence against women, racism, heterosexism, transphobia and all forms of oppression. She works to change the practice of court mandated offender accountability from a therapeutic model to one based in the belief that we must change social norms that sanction the abuse of women. She has delivered speeches, workshops and trainings to audiences across the US. She was founding board member and past president of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is today, co-director of the training institute on the NY Model for Batterer Programs. She has received many honors, including being inducted into the Rockland County Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

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## **PROTECTING ACCESS TO SAFETY AND JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND TRAFFICKING**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Abusers often use the threat of immigration enforcement as a way to gain power and control and to make immigrant victims less likely to seek protection. This interactive workshop will use case scenarios to highlight special immigration remedies for survivors under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), including VAWA provisions around confidentiality and sensitive locations. Strategies will be shared on ways to reach out to and enhance advocacy for immigrant survivors and how to access reliable and updated resources.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Cecelia Levin (ASISTA)

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

### **Cecelia Levin**

Cecelia Friedman Levin serves as Senior Policy Counsel at ASISTA Immigration Assistance, where she focuses on policy, technical assistance, and trainings related to immigration remedies for survivors of crime. Before joining ASISTA in 2012, Cecelia worked as a supervising attorney at Women Empowered Against Violence in Washington, DC representing survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil and

immigration cases. She has also provided legal representation in a variety of defensive and affirmative immigration applications as a staff attorney at Ayuda in Washington, DC.

### **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 (DOJ). 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.

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## **COMING TOGETHER TO DISARM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Guns and domestic violence are a lethal combination. More than half of all women murdered in the United States are killed by an intimate partner with a gun, and the chance of being murdered by an abusive partner increases five-fold when there is a gun in the home. Abusers also use guns as a tool to terrorize and control victims in various ways.

According to the latest research, policies that prohibit abusers from purchasing or possessing guns are effective at reducing intimate partner homicide. But despite this clear intersection, our laws still have far too many gaps that allow abusers to obtain and keep firearms. These loopholes are due in part to the variability in state firearm removal policies.

To shed light on these gaps, the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV) and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility have teamed up to launch a new initiative: Disarm Domestic Violence. This collaborative effort will culminate in a website that allows individuals to research state-specific laws on domestic violence restraining order firearm removals.

The legal avenues available to survivors of domestic violence can change as soon as they step across state lines. While some states have strong laws regarding firearm prohibition and removal, others have nebulous policies – some never even explicitly mention guns in state law.

Given this dramatic variability, exploring options for disarming abusers can be difficult for legal professionals and advocates – and even more difficult for survivors with no legal training. In order to prevent gun-related domestic violence fatalities, survivors, advocates, and those in the judicial system must have a comprehensive understanding of the existing legal nuances and options available to them.

The Disarm Domestic Violence initiative, which will launch in 2018, will demystify these discrepancies by providing a user-friendly, interactive map that allows users to see details about removal in their states. The website will be a one-stop shop for anyone seeking information on state firearm removal and domestic violence laws. By obviating the need for extensive legal research, the website will enable survivors to advocate for themselves more effectively.

Knowledge is empowering. Survivors of domestic violence deserve to know their options. They deserve to have information. They deserve to live without fear of their armed abusers. Through the Disarm Domestic Violence initiative, the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, NCADV, the Alliance, and PAGV are determined to provide them with the resources they need and deserve.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Rachel Graber (NCADV)

Rob (Roberta) Valente (NCADV)

Kelly Roskam (Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence)

Adelyn Allchin (Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence)

### **Rachel Graber**

Rachel Graber is the Director of Public Policy at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Prior to joining the domestic violence movement, she was a school counselor in rural Iowa. She is also a professional vocalist. She earned her bachelor's degree from Grinnell College and two master's degrees from the University of Iowa. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband and three dogs.

### **Rob Valente**

Rob (Roberta) Valente is a Policy Consultant for NCADV, with specialized interests in firearms, federal domestic violence laws and interventions, and tribal issues relating to domestic violence. She was one of the national coordinators of legislative work to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. Ms. Valente also served as a consultant on civil legal issues regarding domestic violence for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the National Congress of American Indians.

### **Kelly Roskam**

Kelly Roskam is the legal director of the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence where she drafts and analyzes federal and state legislation, congressional testimony, educational reports and other materials on gun violence, the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence, and the intersection of mental health and gun violence. She is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas and the Pennsylvania State University – Dickinson School of Law.

### **Adelyn Allchin**

Adelyn Allchin is the Director of Public Health Research at the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence (Ed Fund). Previously, she served as a Public Health Analyst at the Ed Fund from June 2015 to January 2018. Adelyn has a background in veteran's health, clinical research, and social epidemiology. She is passionate about translating research to create evidence-based policies that will improve public health. In particular, she is collaborating with a diverse array of researchers, advocates, and mental health practitioners to

develop model policies to de-stigmatize the association between violence and mental illness by broadening the policy focus to proven risk factors for dangerousness. Adelyn received a Bachelor of Arts in Statistics and Italian from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and completed her Master of Public Health, with a focus in Epidemiology, from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In her free time, she enjoys running, photography, and taking improv classes.

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### **INNOVATIVE HOUSING RESPONSES TO INCREASE SAFE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS FACING HOMELESSNESS**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

The Domestic Violence & Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (DVHTAC) is an unprecedented federal initiative created to improve policies, identify promising practices and strengthen collaborations necessary to improve housing options for survivors facing homelessness a result of violence. We will explore innovative safe housing models including DV Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, prevention/diversion, and flexible funding. We will also review requirements from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Coordinated Entry and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and the use of VOCA funds to create new, innovative housing alternatives.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Debbie Fox, MSW (National Network to End Domestic Violence)

Suzanne Marcus (National Alliance for Safe Housing)

Rachel Orsinger (FVPSA)

#### **Debbie Fox, MSW**

Debbie Fox, Senior Policy and Practice Specialist at the National Network Against Domestic Violence (NNEDV), leads national domestic violence related housing policy and provides technical assistance and training to NNEDV's coalition membership and as a part of the Domestic Violence Housing and Technical Assistance Consortium. Debbie has over 20 years in the field with a focus on fundraising, organizational development, nonprofit administration, and domestic violence population-specific housing and economic justice programming.

#### **Suzanne Marcus**

Suzanne Marcus, the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) in Washington, DC, was the co-founder and former Deputy Director of DASH. Drawing on her experience developing and implementing DASH's program model and approach, Suzanne now supports DASH's local and national projects to increase safe housing options for victims. Prior to DASH, Suzanne was the Director of Lang House, Safe Horizon, a transitional shelter for battered women in their children in New York City. Suzanne also previously worked at the Vera Institute of Justice, providing technical

assistance on national projects with the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice. She also worked for New Destiny Housing Corporation, where she researched trends among women exiting domestic violence shelters in New York City and was the Co-Director of Community Education at My Sister's Place, a domestic violence shelter in Washington, D.C. Suzanne holds an M.S. in Nonprofit Management from the Robert J. Milano school of Management and Urban Policy at the New School University in New York City.

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### **TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF IN YOUR PROFESSION AND HOW TO PREVENT BURN OUT**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This workshop further explores the signs and symptoms of vicarious trauma identified by the American Counseling Association, which may impact the following areas: behavior, interpersonal relationships, personal values/beliefs, and job performance. Presenters will explore differences between compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma, secondary trauma, and burnout, with an emphasis on why burnout is dangerous. The workshop will incorporate intervention and prevention strategies while providing participants with tools to prevent burnout, including a 10-minute mindfulness exercise.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Courtney Mohr Taylor (Children's Home Society of Washington)

#### **Courtney Mohr Taylor**

Courtney has been working with survivors of traumatic events in the Chelan-Douglas counties area in Washington for the past six years. She is currently a therapist at a not-for-profit agency that specializes in mental health services for children. She also educates other professionals about vicarious trauma and provides intervention strategies to create a healthy working environment. Courtney previously worked for a nonprofit that specialized in survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and crime victimization. She is currently working on her doctorate in psychology with an emphasis in instruction and cognition while focusing her research on vicarious resilience.

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### **BEYOND THE OBVIOUS – INTERPRETING POWER, CONTROL AND MANIPULATION**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

This session will enable participants to see offender manipulation through the eyes of the victim, law enforcement, and advocate, as well as understand its impact. This session will enhance the participants' understanding of the power, control and manipulation tactics used against the victim and the service provider as well as probable cause, interpretation of injuries, justifiable self-defense, and determining the dominant/primary aggressor.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Mark Wynn (Wynn Consulting)

### **Mark Wynn**

Mark has been a national trainer to police executives, patrol officers, training officers, prosecutors, and others in all fifty states for over 30 years. He is an international lecturer at police academies in Australia, Canada, Germany, England, Northern Ireland, Russia, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Georgia, the Federated States of Micronesia, China, the Islands of the Bahamas, Brazil, Turkey, Cyprus, Singapore, the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Ghana. He is also a Fulbright Specialist for the Department of State and is a survivor, enabling him to teach both effectively and passionately.

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## **OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO SEEKING SAFETY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Workshop (Session IV)

Tuesday, September 25th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

In 2006, Barrier Free Living (BFL) opened the doors to Freedom House, a crisis domestic violence shelter for people with disabilities. Freedom House was the first totally accessible DV shelter. This training will focus on the unique challenges a person with a disability faces when in a domestic violence situation, including barriers to seeking safety. We will educate service providers about what it means to be accessible and review strategies to overcome barriers. Various disability perspectives will be considered, including but not limited to D/deaf/hard of hearing, visually impaired, and other medical conditions.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Cynthia Amodeo (Barrier Free Living)

Paul Feuerstein (Barrier Free Living)

### **Cynthia Amodeo**

Cynthia Amodeo is a licensed mental health counselor who graduated Teachers College, Columbia University with her Master of Education and Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology in 2006. Ms. Amodeo specializes in trauma with a particular focus on domestic violence and disabilities. Ms. Amodeo has been

working at Barrier Free Living since 2008, where she started as the children's counselor at Freedom House, a domestic violence crisis shelter. She is now the Chief Program Officer for the agency.

### **Paul Feuerstein**

Paul Feuerstein is founder and CEO of Barrier Free Living, the largest domestic violence program for people with disabilities in the country. He has over 30 years of experience in the field of domestic violence, homelessness, and disability. He authored "Disabled Women and Domestic Violence: Notes from the Field" for the textbook *Service Delivery for Vulnerable Populations*.

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## **VOICES RISING! ADVOCACY, ACTIVISM AND ACTION**

Keynote Lunch

Tuesday, September 25th from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = .5

### **Session Description:**

As advocates, we may not organically think of ourselves as activists, nor do we necessarily feel our experience and day-to-day interactions with victims and survivors fall under that umbrella. But our voices, our experiences, our perspectives and the sheer wealth of knowledge we can offer to shift the paradigm around how our society views and responds to domestic violence is critical. If you are an advocate you ARE an activist, and victims and survivors need you now more than ever.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Lynn Rosenthal (The Biden Foundation)

### **Lynn Rosenthal**

Lynn Rosenthal is the Director for the Ending Violence Against Women Initiative at the Biden Foundation. She leads the Foundation's work to prevent sexual and domestic violence through cultural change and support for survivors. From 2009 to 2015, Lynn served as the first-ever White House Advisor on Violence Against Women. She co-chaired the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault on behalf of Vice President Biden. Lynn also represented the Vice President on the White House Council on Women and Girls and co-chaired the Federal Interagency Group on HIV/AIDS and Violence Against Women. After leaving the White House, Lynn was the Vice President for Strategic Partnerships at the National Domestic Violence Hotline. In 2015, Lynn was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and received the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Award. From 2000 to 2005, Lynn served as the Executive Director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) where she played a key role in advocating for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and worked closely with corporate leaders to develop new initiatives addressing domestic violence. She was the executive director of state domestic violence coalitions in Florida and New Mexico, and began her work at the grassroots as a women's health activist and organizer. Lynn was born in New Mexico, raised in beautiful Miami, and today lives in Mount Rainier, Maryland.

### **ENHANCING SERVICES FOR MALE-IDENTIFIED SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Utilizing information gathered through site visits to several local domestic violence programs and an expert roundtable convened by the Family Violence Prevention and Service Program (FVPSA), this presentation will highlight successes and challenges articulated by programs addressing the needs of male-identified survivors of domestic violence. In addition to providing an overview of the various approaches used by local programs and coalitions, the presentation will also provide guiding principles to support programs in building their capacity to serve male-identified survivors.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Damien Frierson (Family Violence Prevention & Service Program - U.S. Department of Health & Human Services)

Pierre R. Berastain (National Latin@ Network, a project of Casa de Esperanza)

#### **Damien Frierson**

Damien Frierson, Ph.D., MSW is a Senior Program Specialist at the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA) in the Family and Youth Services Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He also serves as the Project Officer for FVPSA's three Culturally-Specific Special Issue Resource Centers, the National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Prior to joining FVPSA, Dr. Frierson served as a technical assistance program specialist at Break the Cycle. He also served as the Assistant Director for Domestic Violence Services at Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### **Pierre R. Berastain**

Pierre R. Berastain is the Director of the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (OSAPR) at Harvard University where he leads and provides oversight of advocacy, education, and prevention services, and coordinates across the University to address the needs of people who have experienced interpersonal harm. Prior to his role at Harvard, Pierre served as the Assistant Director of Innovation and Engagement at the National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities (NLN), the federally-funded, Latino-specific institute for gender-based violence in the United States. During his tenure, Pierre led multi-year federal grant programs under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); participated in public policy initiatives with federal agencies; oversaw organizational strategic communications; and conducted trainings nationally on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. He worked with federal agencies, college campuses and universities, domestic and sexual violence state coalitions, shelters, and community programs to infuse cultural competency on violence intervention and prevention initiatives. In previous roles, Pierre worked for Renewal House, a domestic violence shelter in Roxbury, Massachusetts, as the Restorative Justice Advocate, and served as the Director of Media Relations for the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition. He co-founded the Massachusetts Restorative Justice Collaborative and served as the Co-Chair of the Massachusetts



Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) Domestic Violence Coalition. From 2012 to 2013, Pierre was a Fellow at the Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's National People of Color Media Institute. His work has appeared in national and international publications and books, including the *Huffington Post*. He currently sits on the board of MERGE for Equality, an organization that works to engage men around violence prevention. He holds a bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology with a minor in Ethnic Studies: Human Rights from Harvard College, as well as a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. Originally from Peru, Pierre immigrated to the United States with his family in 1998 and remained an undocumented immigrant for 14 years until he received Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status in 2012.

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### **TRANSFORMING THE ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE FACING SURVIVORS**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This workshop will engage attendees in activities to address the questions: What is the “economic ripple effect” of domestic violence in their communities? How does racial bias show up for survivors, within our programs, and in navigating safety? How do we develop strategies that center the voices and experiences of marginalized survivors and work towards systems change?

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Erika Sussman (Center for Survivor Agency and Justice)

Lisalyn Jacobs (Center for Survivor Agency and Justice)

#### **Erika Sussman**

Erika Sussman is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Survivor Agency and Justice (CSAJ), a national organization that promotes advocacy approaches that remove systemic barriers, enhance organizational responses, and improve professional practices to meet the self-defined needs of domestic and sexual violence survivors. During her tenure, CSAJ has launched the Consumer Rights for Domestic and Sexual Assault Survivors Initiative, the Safe Economic Security Atlas Project, the Legal Impact for Racial and Economic Equity of Survivors Project, and engaged in other work focused on survivor-centered advocacy and economic security for survivors living at the margins. Prior to her work with CSAJ, Ms. Sussman served as the Senior Attorney of the Legal Assistance Providers' Technical Outreach Project, a national project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which offered technical assistance to civil attorneys and advocates funded by the Office on Violence Against Women. For several years, Ms. Sussman served as an adjunct professor at Cornell Law School, where she taught a seminar course on Law and Violence Against Women. She also taught law students and litigated in Georgetown University Law Center's Domestic Violence Clinic. As a litigation associate at Swidler Berlin Sherreff Friedman, LLP, she provided pro bono representation to domestic violence survivors and co-counseled, with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a class action lawsuit against the State of Maryland for the practice of racial profiling by law enforcement. Immediately following law school, she served as a Law Clerk to Justice Gregory Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court. Ms. Sussman earned her JD from Cornell Law School and her LLM in Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center. She has published numerous

articles and chapters and served as faculty for various academic and practitioner workshops related to violence against women, with a particular emphasis on survivor-centered advocacy and economic justice.

### **Lisalyn Jacobs**

Lisalyn R. Jacobs is the Legal & Policy Director of the Center for Survivor Agency & Justice, and the former V.P. of Government Relations for Legal Momentum. She advises clients on a variety of issues including campus sexual assault, workplace and other economic protections for victims of domestic and sexual violence, racial equity, criminal justice and policing reform, and the intersections of these issues. Listed by Women's Media Center for press expertise in sexual and domestic violence, Jacobs received the 20/20 Vision award from the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Sexual/Domestic Violence in 2015.

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## **A NATIONAL PORTRAIT OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE APPROACHES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

This session presents findings from a national survey of restorative justice programs and tribal peacemaking circles that address domestic violence and sexual assault conducted in 2018 and funded by the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The presenters will share findings on where the programs are located, how long they have been in existence, why the programs were started, and the programs' goals and objectives. Discussions will include best practices, performance measures, challenges and what is happening in participants' communities.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Rebecca Thomforde Hauser (Center for Court Innovation)

Joan Pennell (Department of Social Work, North Carolina State University)

### **Rebecca Thomforde Hauser**

Ms. Thomforde Hauser is the Associate Director of Domestic and Sexual Violence at the Center for Court Innovation in New York, New York. Working from a perspective of social justice and grounded in collaboration, Rebecca assists jurisdictions nationally in enhancing their court and community responses to domestic and sexual violence. Rebecca engages communities to identify internal strengths and challenges in their efforts to address domestic and sexual violence, and provides on-going support in those efforts, including training to judges and court stakeholders on a variety of issues.

### **Joan Pennell**

Joan Pennell, PhD, MSW, is the Founding Director of the Center for Family and Community Engagement and a Professor of Social Work at North Carolina State University. She has conducted research on alternative approaches to stopping family violence against child and adult members. These approaches include family conferencing in child welfare and schools and fathering programming for men who have

abused their children's mothers. She has done research on family group conferencing in situations of child maltreatment and domestic violence.

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### **PROMISING FUTURES: FOSTERING HEALING FOR ADULT AND CHILD SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This workshop will provide an overview of the "Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children, Youth, and Parents Experiencing Domestic Violence" capacity-building website and related tools. Presenters will focus on some of the major complexities involved in implementing common outcome measures for domestic violence programs work with children and lessons learned from the 12 highly varied Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) funded grantees we are working with to implement the measures. Finally, presenters will discuss the role state coalitions and advocates can play in better addressing the needs of children and youth.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Leiana Kinnicutt (Futures Without Violence)

Eleanor Lyon (Consultant)

#### **Leiana Kinnicutt**

Leiana Kinnicutt, MSW, joined Futures Without Violence in 2003, and is currently a Program Director in the Children & Youth Department. Leiana is a national technical assistance provider for various federal initiatives focused on improving community responses to violence. Leiana is currently the Program Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-funded Promising Futures Capacity Building Center, which provides support to the network of domestic violence state coalitions and local community-based programs on enhancing services for children, youth and parents who are survivors of domestic violence.

#### **Eleanor Lyon**

Eleanor Lyon, Ph.D, is a researcher-advocate who retired from the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work in 2011, where she served as Director of the Institute for Violence Prevention and Reduction. During her career of over 30 years, she directed a battered women's shelter and conducted research and evaluation at the local, state, and national levels. Since 2011 she has consulted on research and evaluation issues with several state and national organizations. Currently, she is the Senior Research Advisor to the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health.

### **~~ART HEALS WHEN WORDS FAIL: UTILIZING TRAUMA – INFORMED ART PRACTICES TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE~~**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

For many trauma survivors, abusive experiences are too overwhelming to verbalize and the traumatic material remains trapped in their bodies, causing distress and discomfort. Art can be a powerful tool for self-expression, for grounding and containment, and to recover from abuse. Through the use of didactic and experiential activities, this workshop will engage participants and teach strategies that can be used to empower survivors, establish a sense of safety, regulate affect, as well as process, contain, and help integrate traumatic material. Case examples will also be utilized.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Robbin Loonan (The College of New Jersey)

### **Robbin Loonan**

Robbin Loonan, LPC is a Certified Domestic Violence Specialist and Certified in Child Maltreatment. For more than 20 years, Ms. Loonan has worked in the field of family violence, counseling adult and child survivors of abuse. Robbin currently works at the College of New Jersey's counseling center where she provides individual and group counseling to students who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or child abuse. Ms. Loonan is known statewide for her innovative and engaging trainings on Creative Techniques to Heal Trauma, Trauma-Informed Play & Art Therapy, and Sexual Abuse.

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## **DYNAMICS OF FORCED MARRIAGE – CLOSING PROTECTION GAPS AND RESPONDING TO INDIVIDUALS AT RISK**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Forced marriage, itself a form of family violence, often results in physical, psychological, and sexual abuse and frequently intersects with other forms of harm. These intersecting forms of harm, often perpetrated by individuals close to the victim, make forced marriage cases extremely complex. Attendees will come to understand and appreciate these dynamics and be equipped with guidance and tools on how best to assist through both direct service provision and policy advocacy, with special attention given to cases involving international travel, immigration concerns, and status as a minor.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Casey Swegman (Tahirih Justice Center)

Jeanne Smoot (Tahirih Justice Center)

### **Casey Swegman**

Casey Carter Swegman is a nationally recognized expert on forced marriage in the United States. As Forced Marriage Initiative (FMI) Project Manager, she provides direct social services to individuals facing forced marriage, fields technical assistance requests nationally, chairs the national Forced Marriage

Working Group, and was the principle developer of PreventForcedMarriage.org - a one of a kind resource for survivors, individuals at risk and professionals. Casey also engages in extensive domestic and international outreach and education and has spoken at numerous national conferences.

### **Jeanne Smoot**

Jeanne Smoot is a nationally recognized expert on the vulnerability of immigrant women to abuse, and on U.S. laws addressing forced and child marriage. She helped defend and expand protections for immigrant survivors in The Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA); directed Tahirih's groundbreaking 2011 survey which identified thousands of United States forced marriage cases; and helped launch Tahirih's innovative Forced Marriage Initiative. She is a frequent media spokesperson and leads Tahirih's state-by-state campaign to end child marriage, which recently secured bipartisan laws limiting marriage to legal adults in Virginia, Texas, New York and Kentucky.

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## **WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO BE TRAUMA-INFORMED AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?**

Workshop (Session V)

Tuesday, September 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Trauma-informed programs involve interventions at many levels. Management must truly understand trauma-informed care, be able to translate the theory into practice, and embrace trauma-informed practices agency-wide. High-level, trauma-informed, organizational change involves a paradigm shift and this shift comes from training, program assessment, and engagement in the trauma-informed movement. This talk gives service providers and leaders in the domestic violence movement practical tools to become more trauma-informed in their work.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Katharine Tyler (Health Imperatives, Inc.)

### **Katharine Tyler**

Katharine Tyler is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of Massachusetts. Katharine acts as the Vice President of Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) at Health Imperatives, Inc. She oversees all VIP programs including home visiting programs for young parents, sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs and prevention programs. Katharine has been working with domestic violence victims for ten years. Lastly, she was a founding member of the Trauma Informed Task Force of Greater Los Angeles and has been actively involved in the trauma-informed movement throughout her career.

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## **THE INTERSECTION OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND CO-OCCURRING COMBAT-RELATED CONDITIONS**

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

The United States was at war in Afghanistan and Iraq for over 10 years. Over 2.7 million people served in one or both of these war zones, including an unprecedented number of Reserve and National Guard personnel. Many experienced multiple deployments, extended tours, and decreased breaks from combat.

Most people returning from war zones have stress reactions and need to readjust to being home. This can be especially intense during the first months after returning. It is important to understand these stress reactions and their relationship to intimate partner violence (IPV) to conduct adequate risk assessment and safety planning. This understanding is also important to provide effective information and referrals to victims whose partners have been exposed to the trauma of combat and are exhibiting violent or abusive behavior. These common stress reactions are a normal part of readjustment. Anger, anxiety, fear, aggression, and/or withdrawal are common war-zone stress reactions. Even minor incidents can lead to over-reactions.

Stress reactions and problems that last for months or even years can affect relationships, work, and overall well-being if not addressed. A person may be coping with stress by drinking, taking drugs, withdrawing, isolating, and/or he/she may be having sleep problems, bad dreams or nightmares, or sudden emotional outbursts. He/she may also startle easily and have problems trusting others. These issues can lead to people becoming involved with the criminal justice system.

This presentation will highlight the intersection between intimate partner violence and co-occurring conditions that are often associated with combat exposure. Discussion will also focus on the context of violence and how risk and danger is affected by context and co-occurring conditions. The session will address the importance of appropriate concurrent screening, assessment, and intervention. The presentation will include case scenarios and video clips.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Glenna Tinney, MSW, ACSW, DCSW

#### **Glenna Tinney**

Glenna Tinney, MSW, ACSW, DCSW, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.) is a consultant on violence against women, social justice, environmental justice, and animal rights. She was most recently the Senior Advisor for the Military and Veteran Advocacy Program of the Battered Women's Justice Project, a national technical assistance provider for the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In this role, she provided subject matter expertise for a special project to develop a model coordinated community response to intimate partner violence where there are also co-occurring combat-related conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, depression, etc. Ms. Tinney created and assisted with maintaining a network of subject matter experts to serve as resources for victim advocates serving military-related victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She monitors legal, military, veteran, and public policy developments nationwide that affect civil/criminal justice responses to intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She served in the Navy for 24 years working with military families and managing worldwide family violence and sexual assault programs in the Department of Defense. She also served as the Deputy Executive Director for the Congressionally-mandated Defense Task Force on



Domestic Violence. Ms. Tinney is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence and chairs the Military/Veteran Committee for the 2018 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). In recognition of her work, Ms. Tinney was selected by the White House as a “Woman Veteran Champion of Change” in March, 2013. Ms. Tinney has numerous publications, including a chapter on intimate partner violence, women in the military, and women veterans in *Women at War*, published in 2015, and one on military sexual assault and one on intimate partner violence in *Intimacy After Injury*, published in 2016.

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW IN RURAL & NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Montana has served as a model for other states establishing their own domestic violence fatality review teams or reinvigorating existing teams. Recently, the state created a second team, focused on Native American intimate partner homicide, due to extraordinary rates of intimate partner homicide. Currently, this is the only team of its kind in the country. The presentation will highlight similarities and differences in domestic deaths across a large, western, rural state and Indian Country, which includes seven reservations in Montana.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Eric Parsons (U.S. Department of Justice, State of Montana)

#### **Eric Parsons**

In 2014, after spending several years as a civilian police dispatcher and a part-time firefighter in his native Massachusetts, Eric Parsons moved to Montana to pursue an opportunity with the Office of Consumer Protection & Victim Services. Parsons became heavily involved with the work of the Montana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission and other special projects and in January 2017 assumed the role of Program Specialist. This position includes management responsibility for the Montana Hope Card program, Address Confidentiality Program, and work on several consumer protection issues. Parsons recently began acting as the coordinator for the Montana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission and Native American Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. He also volunteers with Lewis & Clark County Search and Rescue and serves as the Swift-water/Ice Rescue Team Lead.

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### **COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER CASES: A MODEL PROGRAM FOR ADDRESSING PARENTING TIME ISSUES**

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Since 1992, the Children's Law Center's Domestic Violence Program has provided volunteer attorney guardians ad litem to represent the best interests of children in civil protection order cases in Denver County Court. Each year, approximately 200 cases are handled by 50 volunteer attorneys and law student interns, working in concert with a social worker, ensuring that child safety is paramount. This presentation will describe the program's multi-disciplinary model, successes and challenges, and offer a framework for the development of similar community-based programs around the country.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Jennifer Eyl (Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center)

### **Jennifer Eyl**

Jennifer Eyl is an Attorney and Licensed Professional Counselor who has been working in the fields of domestic and sexual violence in Colorado since 1994. Jennifer is the Director of the Domestic Violence Program at the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center. She is known for her expertise in domestic violence and domestic relations law, and trains attorneys, victim advocates and others on these issues. Jennifer is co-chair of the Board of the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In 2016, she received the Victim Advocate of the Year Award from the Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

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

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

NCADV, the national voice of victims and survivors of domestic violence, and Discovery Education, the leading provider of digital content and professional development for K-12 classrooms, have collaborated to launch *Take A Stand FOR Healthy Relationships: A Teen Dating Violence Prevention Curriculum* – an initiative funded by a contribution from the Verizon Foundation – to provide classrooms nationwide with tools, information, and lesson plans aimed at helping their students understand and develop healthy relationships, recognize dynamics of teen dating abuse, and learn how to safely ally for themselves and others who may be experiencing abuse. Available at no cost to classrooms nationwide, “Take A Stand FOR Healthy Relationships” ([www.teens4healthyrelationships.org](http://www.teens4healthyrelationships.org)) provides middle and high school classrooms with educational resources and immersive program tools, including self-paced modules and interactive lesson plans that focus on teaching students how to understand and build healthy relationships, reject abuse, and safely ally for themselves and others experiencing abuse. Additionally, information and support resources and materials are provided to educators and students on the topic of teen dating violence and how to best support those experiencing or witnessing abuse.

### **Session Presenters:**

Gretchen Shaw (NCADV)

Emily Treas (NCADV)

Alyssa Stephens (NCADV)

### **Gretchen Shaw**

Gretchen Shaw has worked within the domestic violence field for more than 20 years and currently serves as the Deputy Director of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She directed the development and production of *Take A Stand FOR Healthy Relationships: A Teen Dating Violence Prevention Curriculum*, a resource on teen dating violence and healthy relationships targeted toward school educators that is free, easy to use, and engages youth in critical discussions around the topics of teen dating violence and healthy relationships. Originally from Alabama, she now lives in Denver with her husband and daughter.

### **Emily Treas**

Emily Treas is a curriculum designer with a Masters in Gender and Cultural Studies as well as a Masters in Teaching. For the past 14 years, Emily has worked in the fields of domestic violence and education, becoming interested in connection between education and advocacy. As a curriculum designer Emily's goal is to promote the agency of young people by creating innovative curriculum that places ownership of the learning process in the hands of students. Most recently Emily has worked with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to develop the *Take A Stand FOR Healthy Relationships: A Teen Dating Violence Prevention Curriculum*, a resource on teen dating violence and healthy relationships targeted toward school educators that is free, easy to use, and engages youth in critical discussions around the topics of teen dating violence and healthy relationships.

### **Alyssa Stephens**

Alyssa Stephens worked as the Project and Evaluation Coordinator for the launch of the "Take a Stand" curriculum in 2018. A social scientist and self-proclaimed "data nerd", Alyssa has made it her mission to use research and education to make the world a little better. When she's not at work, Alyssa enjoys reading, teaching kickboxing, and practicing aerial arts.

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## **HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) LISTENING SESSION FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Workshop (Session VI)

Monday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Staff from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs is holding an informal listening session to receive feedback from survivors, advocates and service providers on their experience with accessing housing. What HUD programs are you aware of? What HUD



programs do you receive assistance or grant funding from? What HUD programs are you interested in learning more about? What housing solutions are available in your community? What barriers have you experienced in accessing or maintaining housing?

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Lisa Coffman (Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD))

### **Lisa Coffman**

Lisa Coffman is a Senior Program Specialist in the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). SNAPS is the office that manages HUD's homeless programs. Her primary role as Senior Program Specialist is serving as Desk Officer for the State of Illinois. In addition to her Desk Officer role, she is SNAPS' subject matter expert on the intersection of homelessness with domestic violence and human trafficking. She is also working on an initiative addressing the disproportionate number of persons of color in who are homeless. Before coming to HUD in 2010, Lisa was responsible for the City of Evansville (Indiana's) CBDG, HOME and ESG funding, served as the Director of Programs for the Indiana State Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and was a senior staff member at the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

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## **OUR JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION**

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence has been on a transformational journey – beginning with an inward-facing individual and organizational transformation to an outward-facing transformation. Kelly Miller and Jeff Matsushita will share what inspired the transformation, our theory of change process, and the essential practices that build muscle for our ongoing transformation toward an emergent worldview. The Idaho Coalition will share ongoing challenges and successes in working toward a multi-cultural, liberating organization and our social change approach to center on historically marginalized communities.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Kelly Miller (Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence)

Jeff Matsushita (Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence)

### **Kelly Miller**

Kelly Miller is working toward beloved communities where everyone is valued, everyone is safe and everyone can thrive. Kelly is currently the Executive Director of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence and an alumni cohort member of Move to End Violence, an initiative of the NoVo Foundation. After thirty years in anti-violence work as an attorney, prosecutor, and activist, she believes

that in order to move toward a world that is interdependent, resilient and regenerative, we have to live into that vision ourselves. We cannot become what we cannot imagine.

### **Jeff Matsushita**

Jeff Matsushita is a father, partner and believer in change. Since 2004 he has been a member of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence team. Jeff travels, listens, asks questions and is part of the movement to end violence against women, girls and gender non-conforming community members. In this time of movement, Jeff honors individuals' stories, the connection to one another and a solid pick-up game of basketball.

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## **ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TEN MEN AT A TIME**

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Ten Men aims to shift harmful gender norms that contribute to a culture in which violence is tolerated. To this end, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) recruits ten male community leaders annually who are asked to work within their spheres of influence by: 1) educating themselves and others about men's role in ending domestic violence (DV); 2) bringing visibility to men engaged in DV prevention efforts through public awareness campaigns and communications strategies; and 3) mobilizing the community to find solutions for preventing DV. Participants will learn about Ten Men's program structure and communications strategies.

### **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 Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence's (RICADV) 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.

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## **REDEFINING SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY: RETHINKING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Workshop (Session VI)

Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1994, coalitions and agencies serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence have been inextricably linked with the criminal justice system. Communities of color warned at the time that this would have a negative impact on their communities, and nearly 25 years later, it's clear they were right. Coalition representatives will share information about efforts they are undertaking to divest from the criminal justice system and invest in communities, the partnerships that have evolved as a result, and the alternatives to safety that are being considered.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Allie Bones (Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence)

Sarah Robinson (Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence)

### **Allie Bones**

Allie Bones is the Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV). Throughout her career, she has held a variety of governmental and advocacy positions focusing on issues of violence against women, homelessness and hunger. Since 2008, she has been in leadership at ACESDV and has overseen the organization becoming a dual coalition in 2013 as well as transforming to an organization focusing on ending sexual and domestic violence by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people, the mission of ACESDV.

### **Sarah Robinson**

Sarah Robinson, MSW is the Deputy Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Her work is guided by the core values of love and community. Sarah oversees a diverse portfolio at the Vermont Network focused on advancing organizational priorities and ensuring that the organization is nimble, future-focused and responsive to trends. She is a current board member for several statewide organizations, and serves as an adjunct instructor in the graduate Social Work program at the University of Vermont.

*[\\*See Wednesday for additional session information](#)*



### Wednesday, September 26th

#### **STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES IN YOUR AGENCY AND COMMUNITY**

Workshop (Session VII)

Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

##### **Session Description:**

This session focuses on the information and tools needed to successfully implement human trafficking services and resources into pre-existing domestic violence programs and community collaborations. We will discuss ways that policies can be altered to fit this population, as well as adding questions to intakes and referrals. Finally, we will emphasize the importance of a community-wide response and share a guideline that will be implemented in our community so victims and agencies know who to contact and how to access services for victims. Discussion includes how to implement community education.

##### **Session Presenter(s):**

Kate Wyatt (Northland Family Help Center)

Shaleen Seward (Northland Family Help Center)

##### **Kate Wyatt**

Kate Wyatt, is the Mobile Advocate/Human Trafficking Program Coordinator at Northland Family Help Center. Kate will obtain her Masters of Social Work from Arizona State University in August 2018. Kate has worked at Northland Family Help Center since 2012 and is experienced in the delivery of services for youth and adults via providing case management, client advocacy, crisis intervention, and community referrals. In 2017, she took on the role of Human Trafficking Project Coordinator and has assisted the community in training and service delivery to Human Trafficking Survivors.

##### **Shaleen Seward**

Shaleen Seward is the Residence Director at Northland Family Help Center (NFHC) where she supervises staff in the two shelter programs. She has been with NFHC for nine years, starting as an intern and eventually becoming the Shelter Manager in the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter. In 2014 she began to also supervise the Youth Shelter. Shaleen oversaw the transition of the domestic violence shelter into a trauma-informed, gender-inclusive program, and recently into a program that is inclusive to human trafficking victims. For five years Shaleen taught sociology courses at Northern Arizona University and Coconino Community College.

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#### **GETTING OUT THE VOTE: ELECTION EFFORTS IN A POLARIZED ENVIRONMENT**

Workshop (Session VII)  
Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

**Session Description:**

Non-profits are often reluctant to get involved in anything that might appear to be partisan or political. However, there are many activities that non-profits can participate in, such as helping people register to vote and providing education to help inform voters about the issues. This session will discuss efforts at federal, state and local levels to mobilize Boards of Directors, staff and volunteers, program recipients, and supporters in voter registration and education efforts.

**Session Presenter(s):**

Allie Bones (Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence)

**Allie Bones**

Allie Bones is the Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV). Throughout her career, she has held a variety of governmental and advocacy positions focusing on issues of violence against women, homelessness and hunger. Since 2008, she has been in leadership at ACESDV and has overseen the organization becoming a dual coalition in 2013 as well as transforming to an organization focusing on ending sexual and domestic violence by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people, the mission of ACESDV.

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## **WORKING WITH SURVIVORS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE CHALLENGES: A TRAUMA-INFORMED ADVOCACY APPROACH**

Workshop (Session VII)  
Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM  
NASW CE Credits = 1.5

**Session Description:**

Erin and Erin will provide attendees with information about the neuro-biology of trauma and how substance abuse and mental illness can impact survivors. From a non-clinical lens, we talk about how staff can support all survivors, no matter how complicated their presentations are. By providing real-world examples and getting information from participants, our presentation provides concrete solutions to challenging situations that programs and advocates face.

**Session Presenter(s):**

Erin E. Miller (Rosie's Place)  
Erin C. Miller (Newton-Wellesley Hospital)

**Erin E. Miller**



Erin E. Miller is the Vice President of External Programs and Training at Rosie's Place, in Boston, Massachusetts, which is an organization committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. Erin's expertise lies in supporting women with complex histories of trauma, including domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, addiction and mental illness. Erin holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a focus on Domestic Violence from the University of Colorado at Denver.

### **Erin C. Miller**

Erin C. Miller holds Master's degrees in Africana Studies and Domestic Violence, as well as certifications in addictions and traumatic stress studies. Her areas of expertise include the intersections of trauma and addictions, sexual & domestic violence in LGBTQ/T communities, and the needs of Haredi (Orthodox Jewish) survivors of violence & abuse. She has consulted and/or trained for the Department of Justice, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, amongst others.

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## **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: PROMISE AND PERILS**

Workshop (Session VII)

Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

The presentation will address the history of restorative justice (RJ), as an alternative and community-based vehicle for providing healing and accountability. It will then pull in statistics regarding the domestic/sexual violence context, particularly the increasing reluctance of some communities to engage with law enforcement, followed by a discussion of the potential uses of RJ to address some domestic/sexual violence cases as an alternative to engaging the carceral system. The presentation will also address the pros, cons and potential unintended consequences of restorative justice use.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Lisalyn Jacobs (Center for Survivor Agency and Justice)

### **Lisalyn Jacobs**

Lisalyn R. Jacobs is the Legal & Policy Director of the Center for Survivor Agency & Justice, and the former Vice President of Government Relations for Legal Momentum. She advises clients on a variety of issues including campus sexual assault, workplace and other economic protections for victims of domestic and sexual violence, racial equity, criminal justice and policing reform, and the intersections of these issues. Listed by Women's Media Center for press expertise in sexual and domestic violence, Jacobs received the "20/20 Vision" award from the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Sexual/Domestic Violence in 2015.

### **PARENTAL ALIENATION TRUMPS ABUSE IN CUSTODY LITIGATION: LEGAL STRATEGIES AND REFORMS**

Workshop (Session VII)

Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

Empirical analysis of over 4,000 appellate and trial court decisions (Joan Meier, Principal Investigator; funded by National Institute of Justice) confirms that mothers are losing custody to abusive fathers when the father alleges parental alienation. In this data set, when a mother alleged that the father abused her or their children, a father's allegation of parental alienation significantly increased his chances of winning custody or other outcomes he sought. Legal strategies to combat alienation claims will be presented, as will a template for legal reforms at the state level to improve court outcomes in custody and abuse cases.

#### **Session Presenter(s):**

Chris O'Sullivan (Independent Consultant)

Sasha Drobnick (DV LEAP)

#### **Chris O'Sullivan**

Dr. O'Sullivan has conducted research on domestic violence and the criminal justice response and evaluation of domestic violence programs, for 20 years. She has coordinated projects serving marginalized communities using the criminal justice system and victim services, and designed and helped to deliver trainings for professionals in the family court and criminal court systems. She was co-Principal Investigator with Jacquelyn Campbell on a national field test of risk assessment methods, and on studies of custody evaluators, and impact of family court responses to DV allegations on the lives of women and children.

#### **Sasha Drobnick**

Sasha S. Drobnick is managing attorney at the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP) in Washington, D.C. where she litigates appeals of unjust family violence rulings, conducts judicial and attorney training, and consults on individual custody and abuse cases. Sasha formerly maintained a private law practice in Maryland focusing on domestic violence and family law.

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### **LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM: AN OUTREACH MODEL**

Workshop (Session VII)

Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

#### **Session Description:**

This workshop will detail House of Ruth Maryland's (HRM) outreach model of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). Partnering with law enforcement to administer the lethality assessment, HRM Outreach



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Specialists contact victims, regardless of lethality score, freeing police resources and engaging populations reluctant to work with police and mainstream systems. The workshop will outline pros and cons of this model, implementation recommendations, tips to create productive partnerships, how to use data collected to support programming, and considerations for outreach.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Erin Fox (House of Ruth Maryland)

Janice Miller (House of Ruth Maryland)

### **Erin Fox**

Erin Fox has worked with victims of sexual assault and intimate partner violence for the past 11 years. In their capacity as Contact Center for the House of Ruth Maryland, Erin manages House of Ruth's (HRM) 24-hour hotline, outreach-based Lethality Assessment Program, and a bilingual outreach program providing a connection to the Latinx and Muslim communities. Erin currently serves as the co-Chair of HRM's LGBTQ taskforce, and is leading an agency-wide self-assessment on LGBTQ services. Erin is passionate about harnessing the power of data to inform service provision.

### **Janice Miller**

Janice Miller has worked with victims of gender-based violence for the past 28 years and is considered an expert in the field. As the Director of Programs and Clinical Services for the House of Ruth Maryland, she oversees House of Ruth's victim service programming. Ms. Miller's strength lies in developing programs that maximize client strengths and potential, while providing new paths to success. She has presented regionally and nationally on innovative programming, and contributes to thinking and policy around the intersections of service provision and victim safety and autonomy. Ms. Miller was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by The Daily Record in 2018.

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## **HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) LISTENING SESSION FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Workshop (Session VII)

Monday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

NASW CE Credits = 1.5

### **Session Description:**

Staff from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs is holding an informal listening session to receive feedback from survivors, advocates and service providers on their experience with accessing housing. What HUD programs are you aware of? What HUD programs do you receive assistance or grant funding from? What HUD programs are you interested in learning more about? What housing solutions are available in your community? What barriers have you experienced in accessing or maintaining housing?

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Lisa Coffman (Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD))

### **Lisa Coffman**

Lisa Coffman is a Senior Program Specialist in the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). SNAPS is the office that manages HUD's homeless programs. Her primary role as Senior Program Specialist is serving as Desk Officer for the State of Illinois. In addition to her Desk Officer role, she is SNAPS' subject matter expert on the intersection of homelessness with domestic violence and human trafficking. She is also working on an initiative addressing the disproportionate number of persons of color in who are homeless. Before coming to HUD in 2010, Lisa was responsible for the City of Evansville (Indiana's) CBDG, HOME and ESG funding, served as the Director of Programs for the Indiana State Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and was a senior staff member at the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

## Conference Closing Session

### **WE CHOOSE ALL OF US: YOUTH ORGANIZING TO END GENDER VIOLENCE**

Closing Plenary

Wednesday, September 26th from 11:00AM to 12:30 PM

NASW CE Credits = .5

### **Session Description:**

Wonder what it looks like for young people of color to organize in rural states to end gender violence fueled by multiple systemic oppression? Join us to hear Idaho Coalition staff and youth activists share how we are creating an inter-generational collaborative to shift social norms in Idaho. Learn the five core elements of youth organizing and how we are centering the lived experiences of historically marginalized youth and communities in our work. Explore our "We Choose All of Us" campaign rooted in self-reflection, storytelling and art, and community practices of coming together as whole human beings.

### **Session Presenter(s):**

Kelly Miller (Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence)

Oluwabukola Ogunrinola

Dalton Tiegs

Tanisha Newton

Jessica Hernandez-Garcia

### **Kelly Miller**

Kelly Miller is working toward beloved communities where everyone is valued, everyone is safe and everyone can thrive. Kelly is currently the executive director of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual &



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Domestic Violence and an alumni cohort member of Move to End Violence, an initiative of the NoVo Foundation. After thirty years in anti-violence work as an attorney, prosecutor, and activist, she believes that in order to move toward a world that is interdependent, resilient and regenerative, we have to live into that vision ourselves. We cannot become what we cannot imagine.

### **Oluwabukola Ogunrinola**

Oluwabukola (Bukky) Ogunrinola is a first-generation Nigerian woman of color who has found a passion for loving, supporting, listening and fighting for marginalized folx in her community. As a current student at Howard University and Youth Organizer at the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Bukky hopes to gain insight on ways she can empower other youth, specifically youth of color, to become revolutionaries of their own that correct injustice and recreate communities that everyone, regardless of their identities, are able thrive and be fully and wholly themselves. She also enjoys a good teen rom-com and loves a good game of 21 on the basketball court.

### **Dalton Tiegs**

Dalton Tiegs immigrated from the Philippines in 2008 to Idaho where their adopted dad and mom found a home in Nampa, Idaho. They are in their final year at Boise State University studying Ethnic Studies and currently gearing up to practice for the LSAT in hopes of attending law school one day. Currently, Dalton is employed at the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence where they work to center the lived experiences of the most vulnerable in their communities. From day to day, you can find them reading books, organizing within their communities, gardening, doing water color and photography, and being hella queer. Dalton believes wholly that a world where everyone is valued is entirely possible and is on the way. Dalton believes in the power of youth, queer and trans folx of color, and historically marginalized communities in being able to lead the way in transitioning from the decaying world view to the verdant, healing centered, emergent new world.

### **Tanisha Newton**

Tanisha Newton (she/her) is a collegiate intern at the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. I bring my studies of History, Secondary Education, and Sociology—along with my lived experiences as a young, queer Black woman—to cultivate youth activism within our community. Through healing-centered liberation, skill building, and empowerment, I aspire to co-create a world with young people where identities can be wholly recognized & celebrated.

### **Jessica Hernandez-Garcia**

Jessica Hernandez-Garcia is a student, leader, and organizer at the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. As a student, Jessica is constantly learning more about herself, her community, and how she can improve the lack of youth engagement in her community. As an organizer, she strives to increase the access of resources given to youth to recognize, educate, and empower them. As a leader, she has committed her summers to volunteering and teaching about healthy lifestyle choices to children most of which live in low income communities. As a Mexican-American, Jessica stands strong, loud, and very firm for herself and her people.