



MONTHLY CCR BULLETIN

CONNECTING CCR AND OTHER MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS WITH THE LATEST NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND BEST PRACTICE STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION

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Tip Sheet: Protection Orders and Working with People with Disabilities



The *Protection Orders and Working with People with Disabilities* tip sheet, developed by the **Battered Women's Justice Project** and the **Vera Center on Victimization and Safety**, is a tool attorneys, advocates, and other service providers can use to familiarize themselves with common types of disabilities, the unique barriers people with those disabilities may experience in the protection order office, and strategies for overcoming those barriers that can be implemented in their work. This tip sheet is designed to assist practitioners in foreseeing, recognizing, and eliminating barriers to justice in the protection order process for people with disabilities.

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IN-PERSON TRAINING EVENTS

Western Regional Advocate Day of Training

September 6
Bolton Refuge House | Eau Claire

End Abuse invites advocates and community partners from every part of the state to join us for the Western Regional Advocate Day of Training (RAD)!

There are many ways that advocates can play a role in preventing domestic violence homicides in WI. In the morning workshop: ***What Does Homicide Prevention Look Like?*** we will review homicide risk factors, safety planning with victims in high danger, and

strategies for proactively collaborating with community partners to identify victims at the greatest risk and connect them with help. Representatives from Menomonie Police Department and The Bridge to Hope will walk through processes they've formalized to prevent DV homicides in their community.

Many of us have worked to understand the needs of LGBTQ+ survivors of violence, and to make our programs welcoming and responsive. So why aren't we serving more LGBTQ+ people? In the afternoon workshop, **LGBTQ+ Inclusivity: Challenges & Strategies**, we will look at some of the social determinants of health that can drive vulnerability to violence and keep LGBTQ+ populations from accessing services, along with strategies for overcoming these barriers.

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Wisconsin State Victim Assistance Academy

September 25 - 27
Appleton

The Wisconsin Victim Assistance Academy provides victim advocates, counselors, attorneys, and law enforcement with basic knowledge, skills, and legal approaches for best serving victims of crime. Gain insights into victims' rights as well as the trauma that victims are experiencing. The academy is highly recommended for those who are new to victim services (0-5 years of experience).

Please note there is a cost associated with this training.

Note on financial assistance: "A limited amount of financial assistance to cover lodging may be available for Wisconsin-based service providers who serve crime victims AND are employed by a nonprofit organization. After you register, please provide a current resume, letter of support, and a signed supervisor support form (found in resources tab) to Rachel Staedt at staedt@fvtc.edu. This Academy is supported by the Victims of Crime Act funds awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime."

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WEBINARS

How Do I know You're Not Lying? Gender Bias and Sexual Assault Response

September 3
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

A systematic and impartial law enforcement investigation must seek to avoid drawing on gender-based stereotypes and attitudes at every step of the process. This is why the US Department of Justice (DOJ) published groundbreaking guidance for law enforcement in 2015, entitled, Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

In this webinar, hosted by **End Violence Against Women International**, the presenters will explore the phenomenon of gender bias, both explicit (conscious) and implicit (unconscious), and the resulting stereotypes and attitudes that can influence the professional response to, and investigation of, sexual assault. The presenters will begin by introducing the concept of implicit bias, and then address key questions about gender bias in particular that can disadvantage (or advantage) either the victim or suspect. The presenters will also describe the critical role gender bias plays in the designation of false reports in cases of sexual assault and will consider the intersection of gender bias and victim recantations.

Unfortunately, one common manifestation of bias is the view that sexual assault disclosures are “false until proven true” – victims are viewed with skepticism until they can prove that they were “really raped.” This is why EVAWI launched Start by Believing, a global campaign to increase awareness of sexual assault and improve societal responses. Communities and agencies that embrace the Start by Believing philosophy can use a variety of EVAWI-created materials to implement reforms and develop their own campaigns and local initiatives. But Start by Believing is more than just a few words. It is not simply a campaign or a pledge; it is a philosophical stance that “flips the script” on the message victims have historically received from professionals and support people, which is: “How do I know you’re not lying?”

[Register!](#)

Mental Health 101: The Long-term Mental Health Impacts of Childhood Trauma

September 4
11:00am CST

Trauma — specifically trauma experienced as children or adolescents — can significantly impact individuals across their entire lives. In fact, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (@NCTSN) notes that survivors of childhood trauma are more likely to have long-term health problems and are at a higher risk of premature death than their peers. Correlatively, @NCTSN noted, “Adult survivors of traumatic events may also have difficulty in establishing fulfilling relationships and maintaining employment.”

As the stigma surrounding mental health begins to slowly fade — in faith communities, as well as the broader culture — people are starting to ask questions, such as, “What constitutes as trauma?” “How does it affect the whole person?” and “How can it be addressed most effectively?”

This webinar, hosted by **The Partnership Center: Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives** of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, seeks to address these and other questions by focusing on the impact untreated childhood trauma — also referred to as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)— can have on those who may be struggling with mental health concerns. We hope to help local faith and community leaders recognize ACEs' signs and symptoms, and to equip them with proven resources they can choose to incorporate into their congregational and community outreach efforts.

[Register!](#)

Nuisance Ordinances: How They Work, Who They Harm, and How to Fight Them

Rescheduled from July 9
September 4
2:00pm - 3:15pm CST

Nuisance ordinances – which impose civil and criminal penalties on residents for seeking police or emergency medical assistance – purport to discourage crime and promote safety and quality of life within communities. However, recent advocacy and research have revealed that these laws and policies have the opposite effect. These policies discourage residents from reporting and seeking emergency assistance for crimes, including incidents of domestic violence, and compromise the safety of survivors. Nuisance ordinances also have been used in targeted enforcement efforts against communities of color. This webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, provides an overview of how nuisance ordinances jeopardize housing for survivors of gender-based violence, as well as provide tools to combat these harmful laws.

Please note that even if you registered for the originally scheduled July 9th webinar, you will need to register again using the link below.

Register!

Legal Rights an Challenges Facing Homeless Youth

September 5
2:30pm - 3:30pm CST

Each year, an estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness, 700,000 of whom are minors who are not with a parent or guardian. Despite federal law requiring schools to identify and enroll homeless students, many youth and families do not know their rights or face challenges in enrolling. Outside of school, laws affecting other aspects of homeless youth's existence vary widely from state to state.

The **National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty** has a variety of new tools to help youth, families, and advocates in fighting for their rights. These include a new know-your-rights toolkit for families and youth advocating for educational access, and a national [State Index on Youth Homelessness](#), produced with True Colors United which catalogs and ranks all 50 states and D.C. on their laws and policies affecting homeless youth. The Index also provides recommendations for policy change in each of the areas, with a view towards strengthening the supports available to and legal rights of unaccompanied youth.

This webinar will provide an overview of these tools, including highlights of policies and recommendations, and will feature the voice of a young person with direct experience of the barriers youth face living on their own.

Register!

Intersection of Faith and Domestic Violence

September 12
12:00pm - 1:30pm CST

Oliver Williams, professor and leading expert in domestic violence in the African American community, will explain the historical challenges of domestic violence in faith communities and highlight tangible action steps to more holistically address domestic violence in contexts of faith. Williams will be co-presenting with Dr. Andy Johnson from Bethel University in St. Paul Minnesota, co-author of Religion and Men's Violence Against

Women; Mrs. Elizabeth Petersen, MSW Executive Director of SAFFI (South African Faith and Family Institute-Cape Town South Africa); and Minister LaDonna Combs, Director of Prevention Sisters in Detroit, Michigan. This panel of faith leaders will dive into how to debunk gender roles and address domestic violence within communities of faith.

The objectives of this webinar, hosted by **Alliance for Hope International**, are to:

1. Educate service providers on the intersections of faith and domestic violence
2. Expand on how faith communities can be proponents of the intervention and prevention of domestic violence
3. Explain how to interpret religious texts that center around gender and equality

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Strategies and Tools for Serving Survivors with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: A Webinar for I/DD Service Providers

September 17
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are 7 times more likely to experience sexual assault than people without disabilities and are also more likely to experience domestic violence. It is important that service providers such as chapters of The Arc are prepared to address victimization that may occur. The Office on Violence Against Women's Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program is one way in which chapters of The Arc and other I/DD service providers can build the relationships and develop the tools that they need in order to serve survivors with I/DD. This webinar, hosted by the **Vera Center on Victimization and Safety**, will provide chapters of The Arc and other I/DD service providers with an overview of the problem as well as potential solutions. Two grantee chapters of The Arc, along with their collaborative partners, will be featured to discuss what they have learned about serving survivors with I/DD and the resources and relationships they have developed to strengthen their service provision.

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An Introduction to National Sources of Intimate Partner Violence Victimization Data

September 19
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

This webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, is designed as a descriptive and non-technical introduction to national sources of data on intimate partner violence (IPV) victimization in the United States. Target audience members are practitioners and others who are not primarily engaged in conducting their own research but are interested in learning more about the data systems that inform policy. The webinar focuses on three data collections: the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (UCR-NIBRS), the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), and the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS).

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Defense-Based Advocacy: Principles and Practices

September 24
2:00pm - 3:15pm CST

Victims of battering charged with crimes are best served when advocates understand and support the role of the defense in the criminal legal system. This webinar, hosted by the **National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women**, will explain what it means to advocate from a defense perspective, discuss values shared by anti-domestic violence practitioners and criminal defense practitioners, and suggest some concrete advocacy strategies for working on behalf of victim defendants in ways that maximize opportunities for justice and help prevent further victimization.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Southeastern Regional Advocate Day of Training

October 4
Dr. John Bryant Community Center | Racine

End Abuse invites advocates and community partners from every part of the state to join us for the Southeastern Regional Advocate Day of Training (RAD)!

In the morning workshop, ***LGBTQ+ Resiliency: Liberation Beyond Trauma*** by **Kathy Flores**, we will discuss how violence happens to LGBTQ+ individuals on interpersonal levels as well as community. Learn how microaggressions, homophobia and other forms of violence impact an LGBTQ+ survivor of Intimate Partner Violence and their decisions to reach out to mainstream programs for help. Or not. Learn some tools to make your programs more welcoming and inclusive for LGBTQ+ Survivors.

The afternoon workshop, ***Unpacking Our Trauma Trash Can*** by **Milly Gonzales**, will go over the importance of taking a trauma-informed approach as well as a social justice approach when serving clients with trauma. We will go over the basics of trauma and how it effects our brain, and how to be mindful of what we bring to the table when we serve and do work in our communities

[Register!](#)

2019 Wisconsin Human Trafficking Conference

October 29 - 30
Osthoff Resort | Elkhart Lake

This conference, hosted by the **Wisconsin Department of Justice**, is intended for a multidisciplinary audience of local, state, federal and tribal officials, and representatives of non-governmental agencies - the individuals who investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes, provide services to victims, and perform outreach to their communities to enhance efforts to identify and prevent human trafficking. This two day conference will

provide information on a variety of human trafficking topics AND an opportunity to interact and learn from others involved in efforts to counter human trafficking.

Topics include:

- Technology and Tools for Law Enforcement
- Addiction and Human Trafficking
- Collaborative Advocacy Model
- Trafficking in Rural Areas
- Proving Coercion & Defeating Common Defenses
- Working with Victim Service Providers
- Building a Labor Trafficking Case
- Human Trafficking 101

Please note there is a cost associated with this training.

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