



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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"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."

- Audre Lorde

The new year provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the amazing work we are all doing across the state to advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and other forms of oppression. As we engage in this reflection process, it is also important for us to think critically about how we are supporting ourselves - and each other - in this movement.

[Read: Sustaining Oneself in Social Justice Movements](#)

STATEWIDE & NATIONAL TRAININGS

Responding to Stalking & Strangulation Cases

January 30
Richland Center, WI

During this training, hosted by **Wisconsin Department of Justice** staff member, Keeley Crowley, participants will delve into the investigation of stalking cases. We will explore how to conduct thorough investigations, including evidence preservation and collection as well as investigative strategies for interviewing victims and suspects. It is imperative that each person working in the criminal justice field work together to hold offenders accountable and keep victims safe. As a result of this training law enforcement will have a better understanding of the unique challenges for handling a stalking case or a case that involves stalking behavior, whether or not stalking is charged.

The second part of this training is intended to aid law enforcement in understanding the complexities of strangulation to enhance overall investigation efforts. Specifically, participants will understand the mechanisms used during strangulation and how those

operate on the victim to either stop blood flow or cut off the airway or both. The symptoms experienced by the victim of each kind of strangulation will be discussed, and connections made between those symptoms and the law enforcement interview.

Officers who participate in this training will gain a deeper understanding for the serious impact of strangulation and its connection to lethality, and will develop tools for successfully investigating and presenting strangulation cases.

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Teen Summit

February 24-26
Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells

About

The Teen Summit - **End Abuse's** largest annual training - is meant for teens working on or interested in learning about healthy relationships, teen dating violence, and sexual assault. Adult mentors working with or supporting teens including parents and caregivers, sexual assault & domestic violence programs, tribal programs, runaway programs, school personnel, youth development organizations, etc.

This year's program includes 24 workshops, 2 peer roundtable sessions with over 10 covered topics, educational and enthusiastic plenary speakers including keynote addresses by Dr. Bettina Love; Rosa Clemente; and Ajani Carr, as well as entertaining topic-related performances. We anticipate our highest attendance yet, with over 500-600 participants!

Lodging

A room block is reserved for this conference until Friday, January 25, 2019. To reserve a room at the state rate of \$82 (single) or \$129 (double) please contact the Kalahari Resort at (877) 253-5466, and be sure to reference the Room Block TEEN SUMMIT 2019.

Questions

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2019 Conference on Crimes Against Women

April 8-11, 2019
Dallas, TX

The goal of the **National Conference on Crimes Against Women** is to provide practical instruction, the newest ideas and most successful intervention strategies to those professionals responsible for combating the many and varied forms of crimes against women.

The conference is conducted for the sole purpose of providing training to only those people employed by governmental or non-profit agencies in the fields of law enforcement, prosecution, social work, victim's advocacy, therapy, probation/parole, campus safety and medicine who work directly with victims of crime.

Please note there is a cost associated with this national training event.

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2019 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence and Increasing Access

April 22-25, 2019
San Diego, CA

The **International Conference on Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, and Increasing Access** focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. We consistently bring together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

Please note there is a cost associated with this national training event.

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WEBINARS

A Scan of the Field: Learning about Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking

January 10
12:00pm - 1:30pm CST

Casa de Esperanza - National Latin@ Network conducted research with the aim to gain a better understanding of current services for survivors of trafficking provided by domestic/sexual violence organizations across the country. The study included a web-based survey of domestic/sexual violence organizations and in depth case studies of five organizations that serve trafficking survivors. We invite you to join this conversation where we will share the findings and lessons of our research.

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Building and Sustaining an Effective Response to Domestic Violence Crimes: The Blueprint for Safety St. Paul Success 8 Years Later

January 10
2:00pm - 3:15pm CST

In 2010 the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, launched an ambitious approach to its response to domestic violence-related crimes. This project, known as the Blueprint for Safety, has transformed the City's ability to effectively intervene in these cases. Working closely with the local advocacy program, city and county officials have developed new ways of engaging with one another and, more importantly, with victims of violence. The Blueprint has been adapted and implemented in a number of other jurisdictions across the country, but Saint Paul, as the originator and the longest practicing Blueprint community, stands out

as a site where the new practices in the Blueprint have become almost second nature and are now part of the landscape of the community response to domestic violence. Learn from local criminal justice practitioners and advocates about how they were able to institutionalize this ground-breaking work and the difference it's made in their community. This webinar is hosted by **Praxis International** with support from the **TA2TA Project** through the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

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Trauma Informed Victim Interview (TIVI) for the Justice System - Part 2

January 11
2:00pm-3:15pm CST

Part 2 of this webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, will build on what was learned in Part 1 and will focus on how to use the information discovered in the trauma-informed victim interview. By acknowledging that these interviews are structured for the justice system and to effectively build a case, we will start by showing what information and evidence may be uncovered using this interview method, how to facilitate the interview, and how to recognize when and how follow-up questions should be asked. We will listen to interviews and point out the difference between inadequate questions and strong questions. We will discuss the new evidence that has been uncovered by this interview method and how to use it to build a strong case.

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Not One Path: Speaking to Our Relationships with Those Who Abuse - Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) Leadership Forum Webinar 3

January 15
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

This 90-minute panel discussion, hosted by the **National Resource Center on Domestic Violence**, will explore the challenges and opportunities in naming our complex relationships with those who have caused harm to us and/or our caregivers. Presenters will explore the importance of humanizing those who abuse, speaking to personal accountability, forgiveness, and more. Speakers will discuss the challenges of navigating on-going family dynamics and how to speak truth to this through our stories.

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Stalking Awareness Month: Know It, Name It, Stop It - Part 2

January 15
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

January is Stalking Awareness Month and poses a unique opportunity to highlight the

prevalence and dynamics common in stalking cases and discuss strategies for increasing victim safety while simultaneously focusing on offender accountability. In part one of this two-part series, hosted by **The Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center**, participants will identify common stalking behaviors that occur within the context of domestic and sexual violence, become familiar with the common technologies use to locate, monitor, and surveil victims, and discuss victim safety strategies. Part two of this webinar series will discuss building a coordinated response that ensures first responders and other allied professionals have the specialized knowledge to identify and respond to the crime of stalking.

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Intro to the Wisconsin Regional Anti-Human Trafficking Program

January 16
10:00am - 11:30am CST

The UMOs Wisconsin Regional Anti-Human Trafficking Program is a statewide initiative aimed at building the capacity of Wisconsin communities to identify and protect domestic and foreign-born victims of labor & sex trafficking. This webinar will give participating first responders, community members and law enforcement a more in-depth view of how Wisconsin is seeing and handling Sex & Labor trafficking cases.

The webinar will consist of, but not be limited to:

- An overview of the UMOs Wisconsin Regional Anti-Human Trafficking Program
- WI state statues on human trafficking
- Understanding force, fraud & coercion (examples)
- Relationship building
- Victim screening & identification (rapid response vs. comprehensive intake)
- Safety planning
- Harm reduction/reducing the risk
- Best practices in a safe response
- Leveraging resources
- Accessing resources and immigration remedies for foreign national victims (continued presence & T-Visa)

This webinar is hosted by the **Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA)**.

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Navigating Bankruptcy & Student Loan Solutions with Survivors (Webinar Series)

Part 1 (Bankruptcy): January 16 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm CST
Part 2 (Student Loans): January 30 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Part 1: Bankruptcy

Given what we know about the economic hardship survivors face as a result of abuse – debt in particular – filing bankruptcy can be a powerful tool for survivors to obtain relief. However, there are important safety and privacy factors to consider, alternatives to weigh, and handling and enforcing debt relief in family or domestic violence courts is often limited, while bankruptcy law can feel unfamiliar or inaccessible to many attorneys and advocates working with survivors.

In this webinar, hosted by the **Center for Survivor Agency & Justice**, Karen Tjapkes will unpack the bankruptcy process, share legal remedies and strategies, and walk through case scenarios in order to enhance individual survivor centered economic advocacy. Attendees will walk away from Part 1:

1. More familiar with concepts in bankruptcy.
2. Able to identify when bankruptcy might be an option to address debt facing survivors.
3. Having explored the connection between bankruptcy and family law, identifying and discussing key strategies in case scenarios.
4. Equipped with unique or innovative practices from group discussion.

Part 2: Student Loans

Student loan debt is one of the largest sources of debt in the U.S., generally. And survivors face unique risks of not being able to pay (default), as well as challenges in resolving, paying off, and/or accessing new student loans. This can result in restricting a range of options for economic security, including access to housing, employment, and future education. Thus, helping a survivor avoid or get out of default may be important to their long-term financial security. This webinar will help attendees better understand the student loan system, options, and integrate student loan strategies into a holistic, survivor centered economic advocacy approach.

In this webinar, Persis Yu, from the National Consumer Law Center, will provide an overview of the student loan system, options and common issues for survivors, and provide in-depth strategies to get survivors out of default and into income driven repayment plans.

Attendees will walk away from Part 2:

1. Familiar with how student loans impact survivors and their families.
2. Able to issue-spot the kinds of loans survivors have, and potential problems.
3. Able to discuss the unique pitfalls or challenges survivors face when getting into income driven repayment plans.
4. Equipped with strategies to address challenges, from discussion and case scenarios.

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Signs of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

January 16
1:00pm - 2:00pm CST

Lawyers and others who work with older adults should be aware of potential signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This awareness requires an understanding of abuse signs, as well as the questions to ask when abuse is suspected. As the first part in the forthcoming National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) Elder Justice Toolkit, [this webcast](#) will help lawyers tune in to potential warning signals and learn key questions to ask when elder abuse is suspected.

The fast paced, one-hour program, hosted by the **National Center on Law & Elder Rights**, will include checklists of signs of physical, behavioral, emotional, and sexual abuse, self-neglect, caregiver neglect, and exploitation.

Presenters:

- David Godfrey, Senior Attorney, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging
- Sarah Galvan, Staff Attorney, Justice in Aging

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Predicting Intimate Partner Violence Injuries Based on Police Reports

January 16
2:00pm - 3:00pm CST

Approximately half of all victims of intimate partner violence are injured (Truman & Morgan, 2014). There are several different sociodemographic and incident related factors that increase the likelihood of victims being injured such as being a woman, having children present, and the perpetrator being under the influence of alcohol. In this webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, we will look at results from a study of police reports of intimate partner violence incidents in South Carolina during a one-year period. In this project, the aim was to use information from police reports to predict visible injuries in victims of intimate partner violence. A range of sociodemographic as well as situation-specific factors was explored as possibly affecting the likelihood of a victim being injured. Specific recommendations will be discussed in regards to documentation of intimate partner violence in police reports.

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Multiple Victim Homicides, Mass Murders, and Homicide-Suicide as Domestic Violence Events

January 24
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

While intimate partner homicides are generally discussed as events in which there is a single homicide victim, they often involve multiple homicide victims and even the homicide offender's suicide. These additional homicide victims are often the children of the targeted intimate partner, though they are also other family members, friends, acquaintances, or others. Sometimes the number of people killed in an intimate partner homicide event reaches four or more, making it a mass murder. This webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, will cover how often multiple victim intimate partner homicides and homicide-suicides occur, the frequency of firearm use in these homicides, and opportunities for intervention.

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