



# 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

## FEBRUARY 2019

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. provide a best practice framework through which we should approach our work with survivors. **How do we best serve all survivors in our communities?** We can achieve this outcome by ensuring Coordinated Community Response efforts utilize an intersectional approach and advocate for community supports that address the needs of the most marginalized community member, or the **Last Survivor**. Centering the realities and needs of these marginalized groups in turn enables us to reach all survivors and create effective, sustainable movement toward ending domestic violence, sexual violence, and other forms of violence and oppression.

In the words of Jackie Payne, former Executive Director of Move to End Violence, **"nobody comes to us only as a survivor of violence"**. Folks come to us in the full complexity of their lives, and when we focus narrowly on an isolated problem that we're the expert in, we tend to create solutions that won't work...The solutions that we create need to take [these lived experiences] into account...[We're talking about] **a world in which all people have the ability to thrive** and can fulfill their real potential. When we talk about something like that, we're talking about seeing all of ourselves in there, and we're seeing how all of our issues are interconnected...So ending violence against girls and women is a part of the solution, but it's not the whole solution. And when we understand that, **we see that we're actually part of a much bigger social justice movement**, and that creates the opportunity for us to join forces with others and to build the power of a movement that can create the kind of change we need to create."

Watch: Move to End Violence to the Last Girl (begins at 3:40)

## SAVE THE DATE!

# Legislative Advocacy Day

March 19 | 8:30am - 12:00pm  
Madison, WI

Join **End Abuse and WCASA** staff, advocates, and survivors from around the state in Madison to advocate with elected officials on issues that are critical to the safety and empowerment of Wisconsin survivors of gender-based violence! Participants will spend the morning at the Madison Concourse hotel learning about pressing policy issues related to domestic abuse and sexual assault, as well as how to talk effectively with legislators. The afternoon will be spent at the Wisconsin State Capitol taking direct action to influence policy change en masse. We encourage participation from interested survivors as we provide a supportive environment for direct legislative advocacy.

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## CCR Equity Webinar Series, Part 2: Improving Responses to Teen Survivors & Infusing Primary Prevention into Multidisciplinary Team Work

March 20  
10:00am - 11:30am

One in three teens in the United States will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by a current partner, and almost half of dating college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors ([www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)). Despite these alarming statistics, many communities lack the necessary support and resources needed to discuss and address dating violence, sexual assault, and healthy relationships with youth seeking services across our diverse disciplines.

On the heels of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, **End Abuse** staff members Cody Warner and Stephanie Ortiz will lead participants through a discussion on practical ways CCR and other multidisciplinary teams can engage in youth advocacy efforts to support victims of teen dating violence, as well as infuse primary prevention practices into their community response work.

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## STATEWIDE & NATIONAL TRAININGS

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### Responding to Stalking & Strangulation Cases

February 7  
Marinette, 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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## Economic Empowerment Train-the-Trainer: Northeastern Region

February 13  
Madison, WI

Please join **End Abuse** Director of Education and Membership Services, Kathryn Chapman, and Harbor House Women's Advocate, Michelle Ruhl-Ortize, who will provide information on Financial Empowerment using the Allstate Purple Purse Curriculum, Moving Ahead Through Financial Management.

The Allstate curriculum offers strategies to address the financial and safety challenges survivors face when navigating their options. It also provides resources to strengthen survivors' confidence in their ability to understand financial fundamentals such as budgeting, saving, building credit and managing debt. Kathryn and Michelle will share practical tools, resources, and success stories from the Economic Empowerment program at Harbor House.

This training is meant for advocates who can commit to support survivors with financial fundamentals and provide one-on-one or group trainings for survivors.

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## POC Regional Advocate Day of Training

February 15  
La Crosse, WI

The POC Regional Advocate Day of Training event, hosted by **End Abuse**, is a free training for advocates of color and serves as an extension of the Amplify Advocate of Color Conference that was held in June 2018. This training will feature Xong Xiong of **Cia Siab Inc.** and Ginna Isunza of **YWCA Rock County**.

Please note this training is a space only for folks that identify as people of color.

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# Teen Summit

February 24-26 2019  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

## 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!

## Questions

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## WEBINARS

### SAKI TTA Webinar: Serving Families of Victims - Unsolved Homicides

February 7  
12:45pm - 2:00pm CST

This webinar is designed to educate viewers on the struggles facing the families of unsolved homicide victims and the resources available to those working with such families. The presenter, Ryan Backmann, is a survivor of an unsolved homicide who founded a non-profit organization, **Project: Cold Case**, and works closely with other survivor families and law enforcement from around the country.

The unique challenges the presenter has witnessed firsthand and through helping others will be identified, analyzed and broken down in order to identify best practices for positive interactions when serving this unique victim population. This presentation will delve into common and not-so-common subjects, such as what constitutes a cold case, when a case is considered cold, why it is important to assign resources to cold cases homicides, how to answer difficult family questions, the complications associated with families of unsolved cases, solvability protocols, case prioritization, available resources, advancing technology, partnering with law enforcement and helping families maintain hope.

Register!

## Advance Planning Documents

February 12  
1:00pm - 2:00pm CST

Advance planning documents have been promoted by law and health professions for nearly a half a century, and yet, only one in three US adults have created any sort of advance planning document. This Legal Basics webcast will address some of the confusion surrounding advance planning documents and health care decision-making. With a focus on financial planning and health care, this program will explain how creating these documents can further the dual goals of assuring that a clients' wishes are honored and reducing the risk of abuse and exploitation. The webcast will examine the following:

- Financial planning: The basics of direct deposit, automatic payments, powers of attorney, authorized signers on accounts, and how to set up basic oversight of financial affairs.
- Health care advanced planning: Living wills, powers of attorney, and other documents appointing a health care agent.

The webcast, presented by the **National Law Center on Law & Elder Rights**, will provide a basic overview and will include a detailed Chapter Summary with additional information.

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## Perceived Credibility: Judicial Decisions in Domestic Violence Protective Orders

February 12  
2:00pm-3:00pm CST

Many women who experience intimate partner violence (IPV) seek domestic violence protective orders (DVPOs) for secondary IPV prevention. Because judges have considerable autonomy making DVPO case decisions, there is a need to describe how courtroom interactions and information available to judges may influence DVPO dispositions. This webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, will discuss a qualitative research study that involved collecting and analyzing data from DVPO hearing observations and phone interviews with District Court Judges. The presentation will describe qualitative themes that may influence judges' decision-making in DVPO hearings: case information availability, judge engagement level, and litigant credibility. Specific recommendations to enhance court processes and improve the experience of plaintiffs seeking DVPOs will be discussed.

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## Learning to Love Ourselves: Incorporating Compassion Care in our Work

February 13  
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

This webinar, hosted by the **National Indigenous Women's Resource Center**, focuses on love, healing and self-care. Dr. Duran will introduce the pillars of compassion and how through loving and taking care of ourselves we become better advocates, better human beings and more grounded and rooted in our work of ending the violence.

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# Introduction and Overview of the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center for OVW Grantees

February 19  
2:00pm - 3:00pm CST

This is an informational webinar geared toward OVW grantees to explain the various forms of training and technical assistance available through the resource center. It is intended to give participants an overview of the project, including our newly re-launched website, [Safer Families, Safer Communities](#). Originally launched in 2016, the Safer Families, Safer Communities website is the first of its kind, providing accurate, current information on topics relating to the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence. The updated website provides improved accessibility to the user and expanded resources, including spotlights of model communities, practitioner-specific best practices for different stages of the legal process, and a comprehensive online library.

Among the many forms of training and technical assistance available through the resource center, this webinar will also focus the Crisis Response component of the project, which provides individual, targeted technical assistance to communities in the immediate aftermath of a domestic violence-involved firearms tragedy.

Even if you have used the website already or have received technical assistance from the resource center, this webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, should prove informative as the center expands its impact on this timely subject.

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## RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

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### Toolkits

[CCR Toolkit](#)

[SART Protocol Toolkit](#)

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### Training and Technical Assistance

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