



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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“For many survivors, **experiences of policing, criminalization, and incarceration are deeply intertwined with gender-based violence**. Yet very little research exists about criminalization of survivors. [Survived and Punished aims] to **equip more people with tools, resources, ideas, and models** to pursue urgently needed community-based research projects. We hope this guide inspires more organizers, advocates, attorneys, scholars, and survivors — especially those who are currently and formerly incarcerated — to lead research projects that will contribute to a growing body of data and information to **fight for the freedom and well-being of criminalized survivors**, and of all people.”

- Survived and Punished -

[Learn More: A Guide to Free Criminalized Survivors](#)

REGISTER NOW!

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.

[Register Now!](#)

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). 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.

[Register Now!](#)

[View Printable Flyer!](#)

Wisconsin Batterer Treatment Provider Association Annual Conference and Training

March 20 - 22
Madison, WI

This training institute, hosted by the **Wisconsin Batters Treatment Association**, is intended for those who are working or want to work with abusive men as counselors, supervisors or program administrators, or for anyone who wishes to learn more about interventions for men who batter. This course is also designed to help batter treatment programs meet the program and individual training requirements as specified by the State of Wisconsin "Male Batters Treatment Standards."

Conference Focus Areas:

- Elements of initial & on-going assessment
- Risk assessment
- Integrating Power and Control issues in abuser treatment
- Elements of Group Treatment
- Conflict resolution skills
- Behavioral and cognitive rehearsals
- Dealing with group member resistance
- Group facilitator skills
- Working with co-leaders
- Later stage work: Family of Origin, shame, male dependency, genuine empathy
- Simulated group practice

Please note that while registration is listed as closing on March 1st, registrations

will continue to be accepted through the first few days of March.

Register by March 6th!

STATEWIDE & NATIONAL TRAININGS

Responding to Stalking & Strangulation Cases

**March 6 & March 7
Green Bay, WI**

March 6 | Responding to Strangulation Cases

This day-long training is intended to aid law enforcement and prosecutors in understanding the complexities of strangulation to enhance overall investigation and prosecution 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 and prosecution direct exam.

The repercussions of having been strangled, both during the event and in its aftermath, will also be introduced, with a focus on multiple strangulation events and long-term damage to the victim. Law enforcement and prosecutors who attend this event 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.

Victim advocates, forensic nurse examiners, probation agents, and other community partners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

March 7 | Responding to Stalking Cases

This training will delve into the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases. Participants will explore how to conduct thorough investigations, including evidence preservation and collection as well as investigative strategies for interviewing victims and suspects. Evidentiary issues, particularly around technology, prosecutors may face when trying stalking cases will also be discussed.

As a result of this training law enforcement and prosecutors 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.

It is imperative that each person working in the criminal justice system work together to hold offenders accountable and keep victims safe, so advocates, forensic nurse examiners, victim/witness specialists, probation agents, and other community collaborators are encouraged to attend, as well.

Register! (Strangulation Cases)

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National Institute for SART Team Leaders

**June 11-13
Minneapolis, MN**

The Institute is a 2½ day program designed for coordinators, team leaders, and state and territorial level leaders who coordinate or support local teams responding to sexual violence. The Institute's primary goal is to build the capacity of team leaders to design and facilitate effective team processes. The Institute will help you lead multidisciplinary teams as they design, implement, and evaluate their community's response to sexual violence.

In order to create a dynamic and meaningful environment, the National Institute is limited to 100 total participants and registration is limited to two people per team. The National Institute will most benefit team coordinators, team leadership, and state/territorial level positions that coordinate or support local teams responding to sexual violence. We strongly encourage the attendance of 2 team members per team. First priority is given to OVW funded Rural Grantees. OVW grantees are pre-approved to use OVW training dollars to attend the National Institute. We strongly encourage all interested grantees to connect with your OVW grant specialist prior to arranging travel for this event.

Please note there is a cost to attend this training.

[Learn More!](#)

WEBINARS

Reviewing the Murder of Susie Casey: The Process of Domestic Violence Fatality Review

March 5
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

In this webinar, hosted by the **National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative**, Dr. Websdale addresses the complexities of the life and murder of Susie Casey, a Montana woman who disappeared on April 12, 2008 from Glendive, Montana, only to be found dead three weeks later. The long search for and prosecution of her killer raised many issues that the anti-domestic violence movement confronts in its day-to-day work. The case analysis renders problematic our notions of "perpetrator" and "victim." It also challenges many of our assumptions about "battered women," who they are, their agency, and their resistive maneuverability. Through the lens of the case, Websdale explores the philosophy of fatality review, the review process, team membership, confidentiality and privacy, the links between fatality review and risk assessment, and the outcomes of review work.

[Register!](#)

How to Improve Outcomes for Defendants and Victims Through Enhanced Problem-Solving Court Models

March 5
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

Domestic violence courts around the country are enhancing traditional models to address the complex needs of defendants. This webinar, hosted by the **Center for Court Innovation**, will look at innovative approaches to drug, domestic violence, and veteran issues (from the Miami-Dade County, FL; Tucson, AZ; and, Tarrant County, TX sites) that

target these aspects of defendant behavior and promote victim safety. Speakers will discuss implementation strategies, collaborative partnerships, enhanced services, victim-centered approaches, lessons learned, and how to rethink performance measures.

[Register!](#)

It Takes a Village, People! Advocacy Tools for Working with Survivors' Friends and Families

March 5
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

Most survivors of domestic violence reach out to a friend or family member long before they attempt to access a social service agency for support, but friends and family may not know how to help a loved one who is being battered. This webinar, presented by the **National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence**, will walk participants through the It Takes A Village People Toolkit and show advocates how to apply advocacy skills to help diverse survivors break isolation, strengthen social connectedness and increase safety.

[Register!](#)

Thinking Outside the "Kit" Transportation Options for Improving Access to Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exams

March 7
12:00pm - 1:30pm CST

Survivors of sexual assault face numerous hurdles in the aftermath of the crime, not the least of which is ensuring they can access a medical-forensic exam conducted by a trained medical professional. These trained professionals, often referred to as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE), Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE), or Forensic Nurses (FN) ensure that victims' injuries are treated, prophylaxis against infection and pregnancy are administered, and forensic evidence is expertly collected. Using a trauma-informed approach, SANEs treat victims with respect and dignity, while honoring their choices throughout the process. Research indicates that when victims receive services from a SANE, they are more likely to seek help (e.g., counseling, therapy) and participate in the criminal justice process.

But what happens if the victim doesn't have transportation to the post assault healthcare services they need? What if the crime occurs in a rural area and the only clinic with trained SANEs is located hours away from where the assault occurred? What if the only transportation available is the bus or taxi, but the victim can't afford to pay the fares? What if the victim lives in a rural community where there are no buses or taxis? Affordable, safe, discrete, and reliable transportation is key to ensuring that victims of sexual assault have access to medical-forensic exams.

This webinar, hosted by **End Violence Against Women International**, will engage in a discussion with guests representing organizations around the country that are providing a range of transportation options for sexual assault survivors.

[Register!](#)

Effectively Serving Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities

March 12
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with mental health disabilities can experience increased impact of their disability after suffering trauma from violence. When this exacerbation happens, there are strategies that service providers can use to ensure that services remain safe and accessible to these individuals. This webinar, **hosted by the Vera Center on Victimization and Safety**, will explore strategies for service providers when working with people with mental health disabilities as well as potential solutions to overcome common concerns and ensure access to a wide range of services for all survivors.

[Register!](#)

Nonfatal Intimate Partner Violence: The Special Role of Firearms

March 21
1:30pm - 2:30pm CST

Firearms are the most common weapon used to kill an intimate partner in the U.S. Less acknowledged is the role that guns play in intimate partner violence (IPV) that doesn't result in death. In this 60-minute webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, two researchers who have worked with individuals, community groups, and government agencies will review key points about what is known about how guns are used in nonfatal IPV. The presentation will include research findings, discuss the use of firearms to threaten intimate partners, and address prevention. Substantial time will be set aside for Q&A.

[Register!](#)

Are Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessments Racially Biased?

March 28
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

In this webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, we explore the question of whether Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) risk assessments (RAs) are racially biased. We situate IPV RAs within the broader movement to assess risk, links to bail reform and changes in pretrial detention, and research examining claims of racial bias in RAs. We then review some of the case law regarding acceptable use of RAs at various points in the legal process. We next turn to the development of IPV RAs in the field of violence against women. We discuss how these tools work and some of the pros and cons of using them. Our discussion leads us to ask whether IPV RAs might be racially biased against the accused, the alleged victim, or both parties. Importantly, the extant research does not answer the extraordinarily complex question of whether IPV RAs are racially biased. We therefore stress the need to consider the implications of using IPV RAs in the broader movement to confront IPV, particularly noting their limitations and tendency to

mask bigger questions.

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RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

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[CCR Toolkit](#)

[SART Protocol Toolkit](#)

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