



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

MAY 2019

"Between 2.9 million and 3.8 million LGBT people live in rural America. That's up to 5 percent of the rural population and up to 20 percent of the LGBT population... 'The most important goal [of this initiative] was to work against the stereotype that LGBT people only live in the cities or on the coast and to shine a light on the millions of LGBT people living in rural America... ' LGBT people face the same challenges that others in rural America face: limited access to health care, housing shortages, a growing opioid epidemic and job loss. But being LGBT can make those challenges more difficult."

- LBGT People a Fundamental Part of the Fabric of Rural Communities -

A Note from Diara, Director of Policy & Systems Change at End Abuse

As it relates to serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, we should be asking ourselves whether or not our efforts are taking a holistic approach and **nurturing all of a survivor's identities**. Can we provide this comprehensive support within our agency? If not, are we connected to other organizations that can fill these gaps and contribute to a co-advocacy support model for survivors? As we continue to improve our community responses to survivors around the state, our focus should remain on how our efforts can best support the most marginalized community member, or the Last Survivor. As Jackie Payne, former director of Move to End Violence asserts, "nobody comes to us as only 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.**"

Read: LGBT People a Fundamental Part of the Fabric of Rural Communities

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Roundtable

In 2016, Wisconsin experienced the highest number of domestic violence-related homicides since **End Abuse** began tracking this information in the year 2000. Spend a day learning about and discussing ways that we can work together to reduce this grim statistic.

Please note registration closes May 28.

[View Flyer!](#)

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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!](#)

AMPLIFY Advocates of Color Conference 2019

June 27-28
St. Norbert College, De Pere

This annual conference, taking place Thursday and Friday, June 27-28 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Milwaukee, is a safe space for folks of color only. If interested, contact Danny Ho from **End Abuse** at dannyh@endabusewi.org.

Please note registration closes soon!

[Register!](#)

WEBINARS

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

Webinar Recording

Missed Part 2 of the CCR Equity Webinar Series? The webinar recording is now available!

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.

End Abuse staff members Cody Warner & Stephanie Ortiz lead participants through a discussion on practical ways CCR & 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.

[View Recording!](#)

Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women to Guide our Advocacy for Change

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

During the period of 1979 through 1992, homicide was the third-leading cause of death of Indian females aged 15 to 34, and 75 percent were killed by family members or acquaintances. In 2005, the movement for safety of Native women resulted in the "Safety for Indian Women" being included under the Violence Against Women Act. A study released by the U.S. Department of Justice has found that in some tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average. Over the last decade awareness of this national issue has increased but more must be done to stop disappearances and save lives. During this webinar, hosted by the **National Indigenous Women's Resource Center**, presenters will honor missing and murdered Indigenous women and together increase our national awareness and demand change at the tribal, federal and state levels

[Register!](#)

Meeting the Complex Needs of Intimate Partner Homicide Child Survivors and their Families

May 8
12:00pm - 1:30pm CST

This webinar, hosted by the **Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative**, will focus

on the experiences and complex needs of children who survive the loss of a parent (or two) to intimate partner homicide, and their families. Melissa Rhodes, Clinical Director of the Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative (ACASI), will give an overview of ACASI's direct victim and therapeutic support services, and share lessons learned from the project's three years of providing services specifically developed to meet the healing, economic stabilization and justice needs of an acutely vulnerable, underserved victim population.

[Register!](#)

Mental Illness 101: Anxiety Disorders

May 9
11:00am CST

Did you know anxiety disorders are more than temporary worries or fears? It's true. And for someone struggling with this type of disorder, the anxiety does not just "go away." In fact, symptoms can get worse over time and interfere with daily activities, including job performance, school work, and relationships.

Through this webinar, hosted by the **Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**, faith and community leaders will learn how to recognize the signs and types of anxiety—including generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, and various phobia-related disorders—and then guide individuals to proper care.

[Register!](#)

Advocacy Under Fire: Leading Safe and Effective Community Response to Domestic Violence and Firearms

May 9
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Advocates' skills and expertise make them uniquely qualified to lead community efforts to develop effective, empowerment-based responses to risks posed by abusive intimate partners with access to firearms, but their role is too often minimized. This webinar will provide participants with the knowledge, perspective, and skills to garner the necessary public support to make positive, lasting, impactful change. As a part of this process, it is crucial that advocates and other officials critically evaluate their current policies and practices, individually and as they relate to the systemic response. This webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, will offer advocates considerations for reviewing their practices, to enhance their program response and improve their services, and model the same for others in their community. This will lead to a more holistic approach which respects survivor choice, encourages creative option generation, and prioritizes safety.

[Register!](#)

Autonomy is Safety: Using Supported Decision-Making to Facilitate the Safety of People with Disabilities

May 14
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

People with disabilities are more likely to experience domestic and sexual violence than people without disabilities. Society has traditionally responded to this increased likelihood of violence by limiting the choices that people with disabilities can make, using strategies such as institutionalization, mandatory reporting, and guardianship. Limiting the amount of autonomy people with disabilities have, however, has actually increased their risk of victimization. Alternatively, providing people with disabilities with control over their own lives empowers them and better facilitates their safety. This webinar, **hosted by the Vera Center on Victimization & Safety**, will outline the problems with historic responses to violence against people with disabilities and review supportive strategies that can be applied to help people with disabilities live safer, more autonomous lives.

Register!

Ordinary Magic: Working with Survivors of Violence

May 16
9:00am - 10:30am CST

Resilience builds our ability to overcome risk, oppression and adversity to succeed in life. Researchers have been studying resilience for about 50 years and find that resilience is everywhere. It only takes ordinary interactions to help build or bolster the magic of resilience. That resilience helps people overcome the challenges in their lives while we try to change the conditions that create those challenges. This webinar, hosted by the **Vera Center on Victimization & Safety**, will explore how we can work with survivors in a way that continues to build their resilience.

Please note registration closes May 9.

Register!

Invisible Dangers: Repetitive Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries and Strangulation in Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

May 16
12:30pm - 1:30 pm CST

Globally, nearly 1 in 3 women over the age of 15 have experienced intimate partner violence (IPV), and several reports have shown that women subjected to IPV experience repetitive mild traumatic brain injuries (rTBIs) at alarmingly high rates. Women have also reported high rates of symptoms (cognitive difficulties, depression, anxiety, sleep problems) that are consistent with outcomes following rTBIs in other populations. However, for women experiencing IPV, many of these symptoms have been overlooked or interpreted as being associated with partner violence itself, rather than TBIs. Consequently, there has been a lack of data that can be used to guide our understanding and ability to address effectively the effects of IPV-related TBIs. In this webinar, I will present data on the effects of IPV-related TBI on women's cognitive and psychological functioning as well as structural and functional neural connectivity. I will also address ways to identify and assess for potential MTBIs as well as ways to improve interactions to more effectively work with women who have experienced IPV-related TBI. As the neural consequences of strangulation may interact with or exacerbate effects of IPV-related TBIs, I also touch on recognizing and understanding strangulation in these women as well.

During the webinar, hosted by the **Harvard Medical School**, participants will:

- Learn about the potential hidden dangers of repetitive "mild" hits to the head.
- Learn about symptoms that may occur following a mild traumatic brain injury.
- Learn ways to improve interactions with women who may be suffering with effects of repetitive mild traumatic brain injuries.

Register!

Language Access Bank

May 28

1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Legal and victim services organizations in the Washington, DC area benefit from a unique model in providing language access. The local nonprofit Ayuda applies for grant funding to run a centralized service, which handles the language access needs of more than 90 nonprofits in the area. Ayuda vets interpreters, trains interpreters in how to work in legal or victim services, contracts with the interpreters, fills the requests for in-person interpreters from the nonprofits, handles invoicing and payment, and arranges for telephonic interpretation and document translation services for free to the nonprofits. This webinar, hosted by the **Vera Center on Victimization & Safety**, will highlight this model, which takes advantage of economy of scale, specialization, and collaboration. Ayuda funds its interpreters' banks with a variety of grants and other unrestricted funding.

Please note registration closes May 21.

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RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

Toolkits

[**CCR Toolkit**](#)

[**SART Protocol Toolkit**](#)

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