



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

JUNE 2019

*"Providing advocacy for immigrants is different than providing advocacy for non-immigrants...**Often our biggest challenge is to convince the client that our organization is a safe place and that we, as advocates, would not do anything to hurt them.** Reporting a crime and attending court when you are an immigrant can be particularly intimidating. **The fact that most immigrants do not know the laws in this country affects their judgment of what they can or cannot do.**"*

- Araceli Wence, New Beginnings APFV (Whitewater, WI) -

Resources for Service Providers

The latest issue of the Coalition Chronicles from End Abuse sheds light on immigration and gender-based violence in Wisconsin. Inside, you'll find voices and stories from advocates, information and links to resources for legal assistance and language access in the courts, as well as news about current issues affecting immigrant and refugee victims and the advocates who assist them in Wisconsin and around the nation.

Special thanks to Megan Sprecher for her work on this issue, and to contributors Carmel Capati, Robin Dalton, Grace Huang, Amanda Rabe, Araceli Wence, and UNIDOS WI.

[Read: Coalition Chronicles - Immigrants in Wisconsin](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence

July 9 - 12
Washington, D.C.

The National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence (NIPDV) is a three-and-a-half-day interactive training that explores the complex issues that arise in intimate partner violence cases. The Institute challenges prosecutors to exercise sound judgment and creativity in their efforts to hold offenders accountable while minimizing the burdens that

the criminal justice process places on victims. The curriculum focuses on the importance of evidence-based prosecution and includes the following topics

- Practical case evaluation
- Risk assessment
- Coordinated community response
- Trauma-informed interviewing
- Strangulation
- Witness intimidation and forfeiture by wrongdoing
- Trial strategies
- Expert testimony
- Cultural humility
- Ethical considerations

This training is **open to prosecutors only, and attendance is free of charge**; however, priority will be given to OVW grantees.

[Learn More!](#)

Welcoming LGBTQ Survivors with Open Hearts & Open Doors in Shelter

July 17 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm CST
Webinar

- How can we ensure that our programs provide equal access to all survivors in shelter, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation?
- What are some concerns for agencies in providing shelter to LGBTQ survivors experiencing intimate partner violence?
- How can we use our wisdom as advocates to identify what the pattern of abusive power and control looks like in LGBTQ relationships?

In order to effectively work with LGBTQ survivors, we must go deeper than just a checklist of abusive behaviors. It is key that we study context, intent, and impact of those behaviors. Together, let's explore the barriers and solutions to ensuring equal access to all survivors. This webinar, **hosted by End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and presented by Kathy Flores of Diverse & Resilient and Courtney Olson of Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.**, continues the series begun in 2015 on serving LGBTQ people, reflecting on organization practices and culture, and building bridges to innovative, emerging practices. Sharon Lewandowski from DCF will join us to explain DCF's policies and requirements for LGBTQ inclusion. Participation in this webinar meets the Department of Children & Families Requirements for domestic violence programs.

[Learn More!](#)

Coming Together to Create a Cultural Response to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and their Children

August 13 - 15
Minneapolis, MN

The **National Indigenous Women's Resource Center** is excited to announce the upcoming Specialty Institute "Coming Together to Create a Cultural Response to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and their Children," in Minneapolis MN on August 13-15, 2019. The question, "what about the children?" has been in the hearts, minds and souls of advocates, families, communities, child welfare agencies, social

services programs, law enforcement and the courts for decades. And while there has been a lot of discussion, policies and practices around the topic of domestic violence and the intersection of child welfare, there continues to be a lot of unanswered questions, unresolved issues, misunderstandings and even harmful practices. This Specialty Institute is committed to addressing these issues from the root causes to identifying cultural best practices, strength based approaches and practice-based policy recommendations. This Specialty Institute is designed to strengthen our advocacy, promote tribal sovereignty and build our capacity to respond appropriately and effectively to children and their non-offending parent who are impacted by domestic violence.

Please note there is a cost associated with this training.

[Learn More!](#)

Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference

August 21 - 23
Wisconsin Dells, WI

This conference, hosted by the **National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College**, brings multidisciplinary team members from around the state together to learn about best practice strategies on how to best serve and support victims of crime.

Please note there is a cost associated with this training, but a limited amount of financial assistance to cover lodging may be available for those who serve crime victims and are employed by a nonprofit organization in the state of Wisconsin. Awards are dependent on funding from the Department of Justice and based on financial need and justification.

[Learn More!](#)

WEBINARS

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2019: Lifting up Voices

June 5
1:00pm CST

The **National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)** and the **National Center on Elder Abuse** will offer a premiere showing of the draft video series, *Lifting Up the Voices of Older Survivors*, funded by Office for Victims of Crime. In this webinar, they'll explore how the WEAAD 2019 theme, Lifting Up Voices, and other initiatives are raising awareness about older survivors throughout the country.

[Register!](#)

Forensic Examinations for Suspects

June 6

All too often suspect examinations are overlooked in a sexual assault investigation, as well as other crimes. Most law enforcement agencies, as well as forensic nurse examiner programs, have failed to establish appropriate policies and procedures for obtaining comprehensive forensic examinations for suspects.

The purpose of this webinar, hosted by **End Violence Against Women International**, is to make the case for the importance of suspect examinations, for the collection of evidence from both the suspect's body and clothing, to explore some of the reasons and barriers as to why they often are not done, and to provide concrete recommendations for overcoming these barriers and using suspect examinations effectively in your jurisdiction.

[Register!](#)

The Impact of Violence, Trauma, and Racial Oppression on Survivors

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

This interactive webinar, hosted by the **National Resource Center for Reaching Victims**, will highlight the complexity and various forms of violence experienced by historically marginalized communities, strategies for intervention and intersectional responses being employed by advocates and educators working with survivors from African American, Muslim and Native American populations and undocumented college age Immigrant women.

Please note registration closes June 7.

[Register!](#)

Providing Accessible Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Who are Blind or Have Low Vision

June 18
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Blind survivors and survivors with low-vision face unique barriers when seeking services after experiencing domestic or sexual violence. These barriers can impact intake, service provision, and referrals. They may include a lack of materials available in screen reader accessible format or Braille, a lack of understanding about the unique dynamics of violence in the lives of Blind survivors, a lack of accessible support groups, and other obstacles. This webinar, hosted by the **Vera Center on Victimization and Safety**, will help domestic and sexual assault service providers understand how to best serve Blind survivors and explore strategies for increasing the accessibility of their services.

[Register!](#)

Radical Self-care with Becky and Zoe!

June 25
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

The **Women of Color Network, Inc.**'s summer installment webinar will get “Down to the Root” with public speaker, trainer and self-care advocate, Yolanda Pourciau. Yolanda will take us through her journey of trauma, addiction and her road to healing. She will also share strategies for taking care of yourself that won't break the bank! This is going to be another illuminating conversation! You won't want to miss it.

[Register!](#)

Working with Law Enforcement in Cases Involving Child Survivors of Intimate Partner Homicide: Practice Field Considerations

June 27
12:00pm - 1:30pm CST

This webinar, hosted by the **Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative**, will highlight practical field considerations for cases involving child survivors of intimate partner homicide.

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RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

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