



# 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

## JULY 2019

### Digital Services Toolkit

As we examine ways in which we can better support our community's most marginalized survivor, or the Last Survivor, ensuring our service access points meet the diverse needs of those we serve should be central to our approach. Online chat, text messaging, video calls, and other digital communication methods can help remove barriers survivors may face when attempting to connect with advocates and other victim service providers.



The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) recently released a Digital Services Toolkit designed for domestic violence programs, sexual assault programs, and other service providers interested in expanding their digital support services. ***How do we select a vendor? What about confidentiality? What are best practices in the field?*** NNEDV's Digital Services Toolkit will answer these questions and more!

[Learn More!](#)

## REGISTER NOW!

### Northern Regional Advocate Day of Training

August 2 | 10:00am - 3:00pm  
Northcentral Technical College | Medford, WI

End Abuse invites advocates and community partners from every part of the state to join us in Medford for the Northern Regional Advocate Day of Training (RAD), where we will discuss legal services from Judicare and issues involving Guardians ad Litem.

The morning workshop, *Help! I Need a Lawyer*, will cover how to apply for legal assistance from Wisconsin Juidcare, Inc., and what to expect when you are financially eligible. Attorneys Genie Hedlund and Amanda Rabe will cover Wisconsin Judicare services from application through the selection process of full representation of clients. Attorney Hedlund works under the Violence Against Women Act Legal Assistance to Victims (VAWA LAV) Project serving Native American victims/survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking. Attorney Rabe works with victims/survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking in family law cases and to protect the privacy rights of victims in criminal cases, as well as some work with landlord/tenant and public benefits cases. Attorneys Rabe and Hedlund will address how to apply for legal services, what the Judicare intake process involves, the financial guidelines, the priorities, and what to expect when you are financially eligible, including the different types of services provided by Wisconsin Judicare for clients throughout Wisconsin's 33 northern counties and 11 federally recognized Indian tribes statewide.

In the afternoon, join End Abuse attorneys Cyrus Behroozi and Megan L. Sprecher for a training and discussion on all things guardian ad litem. We'll go through the GAL's role, application of the 4-part framework GALs should use for custody cases where domestic abuse is present, and troubleshooting when there is a GAL making problematic choices.

[View Flyer!](#)

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## 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.**

[Register!](#)

## 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.

**Be sure to book your lodging by July 21st!**

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## WEBINARS

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### **Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children and Immigrant Victims: The Courts' Role | Part 4: Detained Immigrant Children and Parents: What Courts Want to Know? What Role Can Courts Play?**

July 9  
12:00pm CST

Presenters from the **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges** and **American University Washington College of Law, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project**, will provide an overview of the protections available under federal immigration laws, federal and state public benefits law and state family laws for immigrant children who become victims of child abuse, child neglect, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or human trafficking. The webinar will also address protections available for non-abusive immigrant parents of child victims

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### **Nuisance Ordinances: How They Work, Who They Harm, and How to Fight Them**

July 9  
2:00pm - 3:15pm CST

Nuisance ordinances - which impose civil and criminal penalties on residents for seeking police or emergency medical assistance - purport to discourage crime and promote safety and quality of life within communities. However, recent advocacy and research have revealed that these laws and policies have the opposite effect. These policies discourage residents from reporting and seeking emergency assistance for crimes, including incidents of domestic violence, and compromise the safety of survivors. Nuisance ordinances also have been used in targeted enforcement efforts against communities of color. This webinar, hosted by the **Battered Women's Justice Project**, provides an overview of how nuisance ordinances jeopardize housing for survivors of gender-based violence, as well as provide tools to combat these harmful laws.

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## Best Practices of Law Enforcement in Working With LGBTQ Victims

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

Many studies have shown that having law enforcement serve as the "front door" of victim services has a chilling effect on LGBTQ victims, who often refuse to have voluntary contact with police. This webinar, hosted by the **VERA Center on Victimization and Safety**, will highlight some of the most effective and replicable law enforcement practices being implemented across the country to improve law enforcement/LGBTQ community relations.

**Law enforcement and allied professionals are the target audience for this virtual training.**

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## Privacy Myths vs. Realities for Survivor Safety

July 15  
2:00pm CST

This webinar, hosted by the **TA Provider Resource Center**, will steer participants through the most important privacy and safety challenges, and offer practical, immediately usable tips to improve survivor safety, and will feature where-the-rubber-meets-the-road tips designed and tested to improve safety and increase survivors' ability to interact and thrive in a modern world.

[Learn More!](#)

## A Rural Perspective: Serving Survivors of Domestic or Sexual Violence with Disability in Rural Communities

July 16  
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Survivors of domestic or sexual violence with disabilities face barriers in receiving services, but when they live in a rural community, they may have an even more difficult time receiving accessible services. Local culture around disability, limited accessible transportation options, a lack of confidentiality, and the fact that there are fewer available resources are all challenges that service providers for survivors with disabilities face in rural communities. In order to best serve these survivors and help them overcome barriers, agencies need to be creative in thinking about how they can provide the most accessible services. In this webinar, hosted by the **VERA Center on Victimization and Safety**, an overview of the challenges rural service providers face in helping survivors overcome barriers will be provided, followed by some best practices and solutions to the challenges faced.

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## Welcoming LGBTQ Survivors with Open Hearts & Open Doors in Shelter

July 17

1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

- 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.

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## RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

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### Toolkits

[CCR Toolkit](#)

[SART Protocol Toolkit](#)

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