

HIGH POINT, NC - CCR PART 1

Offender Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative (OFDVI)

Workshop A1

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Lt. Christopher Wolanin, Cpt. Tim Ellenberger, and Det. Blackman

Workshop description:

This workshop will focus on the how-tos for implementing the focus deterrence style of policing, as applied to the Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative (OFDVI) that was piloted by the High Point (NC) Police Department. This model has been replicated in different communities and tailored to each community's specific needs. Workshop participants will gain 1) an understanding of "Focus Deterrence" policing as applied to crime problems in any community; 2) an ability to understand and evaluate DV offenders in your jurisdiction; 3) guidance for establishing partnerships in your work communities to implement the Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative (OFDVI); and 4) strategies for implementing the OFDVI strategy in your community.

About the presenters:



Lieutenant Christopher Wolanin has served with the High Point Police Department since 1998. Since 2011, Wolanin has been directly involved with High Point's Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative, both as a Sex Crimes and Robbery/Homicide Detective and currently as a Supervisor. Wolanin's current duties as Lieutenant over the Special Victims Unit are housed at the Family Justice Center of High Point, which is a location of collaborative efforts by working partners, including law enforcement, the Department of Social Services, Family Services (Victim Advocates), Legal Aid, Children's Advocacy Center, and mental/physical health practitioners.



Captain (Ret.) Tim Ellenberger served with the High Point Police Department since 1992, recently retiring after 30 years in law enforcement. Since 2012, Ellenberger oversaw High Point's Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative. Ellenberger has presented this strategy on various levels to over 25 law enforcement agencies. Ellenberger has also presented at several conferences, including the Center For Problem Oriented Policing Conference, where the initiative received the 2016 Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem Oriented Policing.



Detective Matt Blackman has been with the High Point Police Department for 10 years and has served as patrol officer, Field Training Officer, Tactical Team member and Detective. Currently he serves as the Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative Detective.

Addressing the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Mental Health

Workshop A2

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST, Monday, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Shatel Francis, PhD, LPC, NCC and Julie Solinski, LCSW

Workshop description:

This training is provided through a partnership between the Partnership Against Domestic Violence - Georgia's first and largest domestic violence agency - and View Point Health, a community behavioral health center providing services to individuals needing treatment and support for mental illness, substance abuse and intellectual and developmental disabilities. During this training, attendees will learn more about the fields of domestic violence and mental health, and how to incorporate this knowledge into their work. Presenters and attendees will explore the intersection between domestic violence and mental health, gaps that exist in service delivery to individuals experiencing both of these issues, and how to fill these gaps to provide more comprehensive and effective services. The goal of the training is to help ensure that professionals who come into contact with individuals having both Domestic Violence and Mental Health needs are looking at the individuals in a holistic manner, comprehensively assessing them for service and safety needs, and effectively connecting them to available supports and services.

About the presenters:



Shatel Francis is the Crisis Mental Health Advocate with Partnership Against Domestic Violence, working in the legal advocacy program in Fulton County, also known as the Safe Families Office. Shatel joined the Fulton County Task Force in 2018 as the elected co-chair of the Fatality Review Subcommittee, presenting to domestic violence prevention agencies throughout metro Atlanta. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Africana Studies from the University of Miami in 2008 and her Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling from Nova Southeastern University in 2010. After four years with the Virgin Islands Housing Authority as a Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Coordinator, Shatel relocated to Atlanta to obtain her Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision from Mercer University, completing a certification in crisis, violence, trauma and torture work from the University of Maryland as part of her concentration. Shatel serves as an adjunct professor at Mercer University, a licensed professional counselor, and a board-certified counselor.



Julie Solinski serves as the Director of Outpatient/Core Services at View Point Health (Community Service Board). With more than a decade of clinical experience, Julie's current role provides clinical leadership to five outpatient clinics located across Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton counties. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Julie utilizes her clinical expertise from working in various roles in community crisis services and private practice to leading comprehensive outpatient behavioral health centers. She is a servant leader who promotes a supportive team and collaborative environment to ensure that individuals in all communities served by View Point Health have access to high quality behavioral healthcare. Using a trauma informed lens in her daily work, Julie brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to train clinicians and develop program leaders that are also motivated to support individuals who are on their journey to resilience and recovery.

#MeToo Meets the Emergency Room: Providing and Paying for Care after Sexual Assault

Workshop A3

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Stacey Worthy and Shruti Kulkarni

Workshop Description:

Sexual assault is most frequently perpetrated by someone a survivor knows personally, such as an intimate partner. Recognizing that survivors of assault are a highly vulnerable population who have been subjected to physical and emotional trauma, states and the federal government have enacted laws to promote access to appropriate care free of charge. Yet, all too often, survivors are denied such care or charged large sums, in violation of the law. Survivors who are erroneously charged may receive a bill at home or calls from collection agents. If the perpetrator lives with the victim, such bills or calls could put the survivor in danger.

Our workshop will identify problems that survivors often face when seeking treatment after assault; provide an overview of state and federal protections for survivors of sexual assault, highlighting Georgia law, in particular; address areas in which legal protections fall short; and provide recommendations on legislative, regulatory, and enforcement changes to address these problems. The workshop will also provide advocates with strategies to increase access to care specific to survivors of intimate partner abuse, including an overview of healthcare privacy protections for survivors and special marketplace exchange insurance enrollment and tax credits for domestic violence survivors.

About the Presenters:



Stacey L. Worthy, Esq. is counsel to Aimed Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that works to protect and enhance the rights of health care consumers and practitioners. She provides unique legal insight through research and analysis of laws, regulations, and legislation; assists with advocacy initiatives; offers policy analysis and drafting; and supports coalition-building efforts of allied organizations focused on advancing common goals. She is also a partner at DCBA Law & Policy where she counsels nonprofit patient advocacy organizations, health care professionals and programs, and other members of the healthcare industry. Ms. Worthy has also authored several scholarly articles, including "Now or Never: The Urgent Need for Action Against Unfair Coverage Denials for Quality Health Care," which was published in the Loyola University Chicago Law Journal. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the George Mason School of Law, and graduated magna cum laude from Boston's Suffolk University.



Shruti Kulkarni, J.D. is an attorney at DCBA Law & Policy and counsel to Aimed Alliance. Ms. Kulkarni provides legal, regulatory, legislative, and policy counsel to pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies. Additionally, in her capacity as a policy advisor, Ms. Kulkarni offers insight on the prevention of diversion, misuse, and abuse of controlled prescription

medications and treatment of substance use disorders. In this capacity, she has analyzed existing and proposed legislation, regulations, and policies; drafted legislative and regulatory language, testimony, and white papers; and educated state and federal legislators and policy makers. Ms. Kulkarni also serves on the board of the not-for-profit organization Female Opioid Research and Clinical Experts (FORCE), and is counsel to Center for U.S. Policy. Ms. Kulkarni has over 10 years of experience in the healthcare industry. She previously completed a legal internship at the FDA's Office of Policy in the Office of the Commissioner. Ms. Kulkarni obtained her Juris Doctor degree from George Mason University School of Law. She received her bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Saint Joseph's University.

Look Who's Stalking: Why Stalking Victims Contact the Police and How First Responders Can Enhance Cooperation

Workshop A4

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Patrick Brady

Workshop Description:

A review of current research found that victims who are stalked by an intimate partner are three-times more likely to be murdered by the same partner (Spencer & Stith, 2018). In other words, inadequate responses to stalking complaints are homicides waiting to happen. Understanding victims' experiences, such as what made them decide to report stalking behaviors to the police, can improve our responses as a system and ultimately is vital for homicide prevention. This interactive session will identify ways to improve victim participation in stalking cases, identify tactics for corroborating victims' accounts, and discuss strategies for enhancing our ability to hold stalking suspects accountable. Using actual case studies and recent data collected from stalking victims, police, and prosecutor case files, we will discuss concrete ways first responders can use this information to inform our ability to work with victims of stalking.

About the Presenter:



Patrick Brady is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology at the University of West Georgia. After working for a number of years with justice-involved juveniles, his work focuses on improving community and justice system responses to domestic and sexual violence and reducing burnout among criminal justice professionals. You can follow him (legally) on Twitter @Patrickology_.

One Voice, One Purpose: Leveraging Partnerships for Expanded Reach and Impact through Social Marketing
Workshop A5
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020
Presented by: Chinua Ivey, MA

Workshop description:

Relationship Violence is a public health risk. The objective of this workshop is to empower professionals of various backgrounds to seek opportunities to partner, from a social marketing perspective, with the joint goal of ending relationship violence in Georgia.

When organizations partner, their collective reach and influence increases. Social marketing campaigns provide an innovative opportunity to approach saturated markets with a fresh, new concept that can change the target audiences' behavior for the good. Information alone is not enough; social marketing is about changed behavior and a large part of this transformation is self-efficacy. The target audience must be able to see both the costs and the benefits of the behaviors that are promoted by the partnership, and their ability to be empowered to make the desired behavior change. A strategic social marketing campaign geared towards the end of family violence in Georgia can make a lasting impact on the region and the nation.

About the Presenter:



Chinua Joi Ivey is a communications practitioner who focuses on engaging others through storytelling. She is passionate about the responsibility we all share in advocating for the health of the communities in which we live and serve. When asked about her 15-year career in corporate communications, she explains, "Effective communication is an art form that can unify masses and encourage social change." Her vast communications experience includes print, radio, public relations, and marketing.

As a victim of crime, she understands what it means to be voiceless. Chinua Joi Ivey's childhood home in Washington, DC was filled with intimate partner violence, child abuse, substance abuse, mental illness, and neglect. As a result, she became a ward of the court. She eventually aged out of the foster care system. Today, she notes that the love and support of two amazing foster families blessed her with security, stability, and most importantly, hope.

She has a BA in Mass Communications/Speech Communication (2002, Bethune-Cookman College), a MA in Organizational Management (2004, University of Phoenix), and a Graduate-level Certificate in Domestic Violence Prevention (2011, University of Massachusetts Lowell). Currently, she is researching a teen dating violence prevention social marketing campaign while obtaining a second master's degree in Strategic Communication at American University (2021).

As a committed advocate, she increases awareness of the risks and consequences of relationship violence through her non-fiction IRIS (Incredible Resilience and Inner Strength) Book Series, Mentoring Program, workshops, and more. She is keenly aware of the importance of branding and positioning for thought leaders. Through her boutique PR business, Ivey Media Agency, she is a freelance writer and consultant to small businesses and nonprofits. She resides outside of Atlanta, Georgia with her husband. Together, they have three adult children.

Factions and Fractures: Multidisciplinary Intervention in a Post – #MeToo Era

Workshop A6

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Erica Olson, MSS, MLSP and Julie Germann, JD

Workshop description:

Interpersonal violence (IPV) is a complex issue requiring coordinated responses from multiple professionals and sectors. Innovations like cross-training, embedding staff, and multidisciplinary teams such as SARTs and DVFRTs have resulted in major improvements for serving survivors and reducing violence.

While multidisciplinary efforts are now commonplace, many organizations and systems still operate in silos, viewing each other with mistrust and defensiveness. The current climate of extreme polarization in the US augments those barriers and further erodes critical elements to effective collaboration: communication, trust, understanding, and accountability. Social movements like #MeToo and #YesAllWomen allow survivors to be seen and heard without shame while promoting transparency and accountability, but they can also unintentionally exacerbate existing divisions. We know from experience that disparate community responses result in re-victimization and additional trauma. In turn, fewer victims report crimes or seek care, and IPV continues to take a devastating toll on individuals, communities and society. In this workshop, we'll examine the challenges of coordinated community responses to IPV in the current climate and share how to build and maintain multidisciplinary efforts that result in concrete, victim-centered, trauma-informed change.

The goal of this workshop is to help attendees identify barriers to effective coordinated community responses to interpersonal violence (IPV) in a polarized climate. We will share concrete, evidence-based strategies and tools to overcome those roadblocks to build and maintain multidisciplinary efforts that result in victim safety and wellbeing, offender accountability, and reduction in violence and trauma. Attendees will learn how to identify unconscious biases or expectations regarding different types of victim service professionals and how those biases negatively impact working relationships on multidisciplinary teams. Attendees will also learn effective cross-communication skills, and receive best practice strategies and tools for handling situations likely to cause tensions on teams including addressing individual or departmental failures, case review, and audits. This workshop is suitable for anyone working on coordinated response efforts or teams in their community.

About the presenters:



Erica Olson, MSS, MLSP is the owner of Anassa Consulting, providing subject matter expertise and technical assistance on gender-based violence and IPV, and a 20 year veteran in addressing domestic and sexual violence in community and systems-based settings. As Director of the NJ Domestic Violence Fatality/Near Fatality Review Board, Ms. Olson led a high-level, multidisciplinary group tasked with reviewing cases, formulating recommendations and implementing statewide systemic change. She has

worked with multiple SART and DV working groups, the CDC's RPE and NVDRS pilot programs, presented at national conferences, co-authored curricula, legislation and regulations on domestic and sexual violence, and published in Victims & Violence.



Julie Germann, J.D., is the founder of Finding the Right, LLC, where she provides training and technical assistance to improve response to sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse. She's a former prosecutor with over a decade of experience prosecuting cases of violence against women and children. Julie has worked with sexual assault and child abuse multidisciplinary teams. Julie trains nationally, provides best practice reviews, and contributes to legislative advancements and policy manuals such as the SART Toolkit published by the NSVRC. Julie obtained her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law and her B.S. in psychology from the University of Wisconsin.

HIGHPOINT, NC - CCR PART 2

Workshop B1

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Lt. Christopher Wolanin, Mark Ellenberger, and Det. Matthew Blackman

Workshop description:

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Childhood Domestic Violence: Recognizing, Addressing and Preventing Hidden but Common Adverse Childhood Experiences

Workshop B2

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Dr. Shanta Dube and Dr. Linda Olson

Workshop description:

Childhood domestic violence (CDV) is a prevalent but hidden adverse childhood experience (ACE) that increases the risk of multiple deleterious health outcomes across the lifespan. Georgia Department of Public Health reported that in 2016, one in five adults in Georgia reported witnessing domestic violence in childhood. Exposure to childhood domestic violence is more than witnessing it and requires better awareness alongside domestic violence (DV) and intimate partner violence (IPV). Children of CDV adult survivors are impacted across the lifespan, increasing the risk of an intergenerational cycle. The proposed workshop will provide the audience with a deeper understanding about CDV, its definition, prevalence, and the long-term impact on health and social behaviors across the lifespan. Using a cross-disciplinary clinical approach, the audience will learn how CDV exposure is recognized and addressed within a school setting, pediatric clinical setting, and outpatient clinic. In addition to learning about how CDV is recognized and addressed across three settings, participants will learn about clinical approaches to promoting resiliency among persons of all ages exposed to CDV. The participants will gain knowledge about internalized false beliefs that result from CDV exposure and ways in which to change these false beliefs to promote resiliency.

About the Presenters:



Dr. Shanta R. Dube is Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences in the School of Public Health at Georgia State University. Dr. Dube received an MPH in Epidemiology from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and a PhD in Health Promotion and Behavior from University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Dr. Dube's public health career spans over 20 years. She started her career at the CDC, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in 1999, when she was awarded the APTR (nee ATPM) Fellowship to work on the landmark Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. Her community-based projects span across various settings and various geographic areas in Georgia. Dr. Dube is Assistant Director for Training at GSU's Prevention Research Center, focused on refugee health in Clarkston, GA. Dr. Dube serves as an ACE Research mentor for Emory University School of Medicine students, who have developed a taskforce on ACEs to supplement medical students' experience. She has several projects with GA Department of Public Health, focused on ACEs research translation in the community. She is on the board for Georgia Childhood Domestic Violence, which focuses on increasing awareness about this very hidden but common childhood adversity. Dr. Dube serves as Associate Editor for Child Abuse & Neglect and on the editorial boards for International Journal of Environmental and Public Health and the newly launched Adversity and Resilience journal.



Dr. Linda Olson earned a Masters in Clinical Social Work and a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from the University of Iowa and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University, Georgia School of Professional Psychology in Atlanta, Georgia. She completed a pre-doctoral internship at the Georgia Regional State Hospital, focusing on forensic testing and adolescent and adult court ordered evaluations. Her post-doctoral training was completed at the New Learning Center in Westport, Ct., a comprehensive outpatient center where she focused on child custody evaluations and provided individual, couples and family therapy to clients with histories of domestic and sexual abuse. Dr. Olson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist who has been working for over 30 years in the area of Childhood Domestic Violence (CDV) which is children who grow up living with domestic violence, abuse and trauma. She has also specialized in working with eating disorders, sexual abuse, obsessive/compulsive disorders and anxiety, and self-regulation issues. Her intensive training has been in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Mindfulness, Exposure Response Prevention (ERP), and Attachment theory. She furthered her training with Dr. Harville Hendrix's Imago Relationship Therapy for couples and relationships. With her expertise and unconditional support, Dr. Olson is highly skilled in providing a customized trauma-focused and cognitive-behavioral approach which can be tailored to the individual needs and goals of each patient.

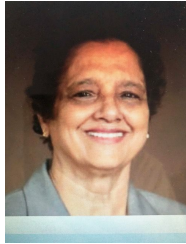


Lisa Jamison, LCSW, MSW, earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies at the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1988. It was during my tenure at SUNY Binghamton where I met my beloved husband now for over 30 years. We have been blessed with two children. I earned a Masters in Social Work from Barry University in 1994.

My rich experience with children and families began in Georgia over 20 years ago. I served as a school social worker in an alternative school setting in rural Georgia. At that school, I provided individual, group and family counseling for students who were placed on a short or long term expulsion. I also served on a multi-disciplinary team and facilitated the integration of students back into the mainstream school settings and/or alternative settings.

As a licensed clinical social worker, through my private practice, Newness of Life Counseling Services, LLC, I'm committed to walking with clients to unveil solutions to daily challenges they face. I'm reminded of the proverbial message in Proverbs 27: 17 "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." I find it a humble honor to serve in this capacity.

Currently I serve as a board member, on the Georgia Chapter of Childhood Domestic Violence (CDV). The scope of this work unveils the psychological impact that domestic violence has on a person well into adulthood. An area of focus for the Georgia chapter is training practitioners to screen for childhood domestic violence, identifying the link between health and mental health abnormalities when a person grows up in a home with domestic violence.



Varada Divgi MD, a pediatric consultant from Mumbai, India and trained at the University of Florida as a pediatric pulmonologist, pioneered that subspecialty in the State of Georgia in 1981, making everyone aware that the children are different, have different needs mainly with their breathing! Several treatment modalities she had initiated are still being practiced as “Standards of Care” at Scottish Rite Campus of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Her awareness about the “Mind and Body Connection” has guided her passion for “Permanent Healing” in the lives she encounters. With her decisive, strategic, intuitive interventions she has helped thousands of children and their families. She is very aware of the vulnerabilities of young children growing up in unhealthy environments.

After almost 40 years of practice she is now a “PHYSICIAN CHAMPION” in Transformational Healing. Her transition has been proactive, focused, persistent, and rewarding! She is focused on creating a generation with positive paradigms. She is now a life coach with her own programs “Fill That CUP”, raising awareness about the diet for our minds and “RECLAIM YOURSELF” a holistic healing self-discovery for anyone who is willing to discover their own unlimited potential and live a very passionate life at a full score of TEN!

Understanding Human Trafficking for the First Responder and Medical Provider - Part 1

Workshop B3 - Note: This Workshop Will Not Be Recorded

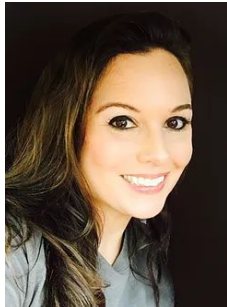
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Sarah Pederson and Erica Mortonson

Workshop description:

Although human trafficking victims present to medical facilities for a variety of medical complaints, first responders and medical care providers lack the training and resources to identify victims in a variety of settings, resulting in missed opportunities to help them. All responders should be trained to recognize the behavioral observations, verbal cues, and physical findings that a trafficked patient may exhibit when they present to hospitals/clinics for medical care. This workshop is designed to provide up to date education including ways to better identify the clinical presentation of human trafficking and the steps to respond to and assist victims of trafficking.

About the presenters:



Sarah Pederson is the Statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Coordinator for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). In this role Sarah coordinates and supports existing and developing SANE programs throughout the state of Georgia. With Ms. Pederson's support, the CJCC promotes consistent, professional and patient-centered medical and forensic response and treatment of sexual assault victims across the state. She also coordinates training to create opportunities for continuing education for SANE nurses and other disciplines within the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

Erica Mortonson is the Human Trafficking Unit Supervisor with Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. She has over 7 years' experience in human trafficking, sexual assault and child sexual abuse services. Erica holds bachelor's degree in Sociology, Anthropology and Gender Studies. She is also a licensed clinician (LCSW) having earned her master's degree in Social Work, graduating with honors from the University of Georgia.

Bridging the Gaps from the Ground up: Building an Evidence-Based Case From 911 Call to Sentencing and Beyond

Workshop B4

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Rachel Ashe and Tommie DeGonzague

Workshop Description:

This workshop will explore gaps that form in the justice system from case initiation through closure with the use of case studies and guided discussion with attendees. We will look at several gaps we have seen across jurisdictions from gaps in legislation to gaps in communication amongst agencies and beyond. After an introduction to common hurdles, participants will be asked to explore ways in which these gaps can be closed utilizing evidence-based investigation, collaboration, and prosecution. We will examine multiple areas that impact case outcomes including legislation, training, resources, intra-agency communication and, understanding the effect of trauma on victims and witnesses.

About the Presenters:



Rachel Ashe is an Assistant District Attorney assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit in the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit (Cherokee County). In her position, Rachel works alongside her investigator and victim advocate to ensure that victims of intimate partner violence are given a voice in the judicial process. Rachel was a recipient of Cherokee County's Top 10 in 10 Young Professionals Recognition in 2016, is a member of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Cherokee Class of 2018, and in 2019, she was named liveSAFE Resource's Woman of the Year in recognition of her commitment to crime victims. Rachel is a Past President of the Blue Ridge Bar Association and is the current Co-Chair of the Cherokee County Domestic Violence Task Force.



Tommie DeGonzague has been employed at Cherokee Family Violence Center (CFVC) since 2005, where she currently holds the position of Legal Program Director. Prior to her position at CFVC, Tommie served as the Director of the Family Violence/ Sexual Assault Program at the YWCA of Northwest Georgia and altogether she has over twenty years of experience providing advocacy to victims of family violence. Tommie is a qualified expert witness in the area of family violence, cycle of violence, power and control wheel and victim trauma and is an active member of the Cherokee County Domestic Violence Task Force, where she currently serves as Co-Chair. She received the Col. Robert "Bob" S. Stubbs, II Distinguished Service Award from the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit Bar Association in 2018, in recognition of her outstanding service in support of the judicial system.

"Working Together, Not Apart": Child Protection and Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence

Workshop B5

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Andy Kogerma

Workshop description:

The goal of this workshop is to give participants information and tools to understand and work with families and partner agencies where both child maltreatment and IPV/DV are present. Participants will be better able to work collaboratively with DFCS and DV/IPV Service Providers through an understanding of the history of our collaborative efforts and how they have evolved. Participants will gain an enhanced understanding of the relationship between IPV/DV and child maltreatment based on the last 30+ years of research. Participants will leave with a basic understanding of current DFCS Policy and Practice regarding IPV/DV cases, and a copy of the latest DFCS IPV/DV Protocol will be provided (electronically). Participants will understand how the different types of IPV/DV affect children and families differently, especially Coercive Controlling Violence, and how this might impact working collaboratively.

About the presenter:



Andy Kogerma is an Instructional Designer and Training Development Specialist with the Training and Professional Development Section of DFCS. He has worked in the field of child protection and adult learning for 30+ years, and during that time has developed and presented numerous training sessions on the relationship between child protection and Intimate Partner Violence. For example, he wrote the DFCS multi-day IPV training "IPV and Child Protection", which is mandated for all DFCS social services staff, and helped Kim Washington develop the DFCS IPV Protocol, which serves as formal policy guidance for DFCS staff working with families where IPV is present. Years ago he participated in inter-agency discussion groups related to developing the Georgia Family Violence Law, which made explicit the connection between Intimate Partner Violence and child maltreatment.

Surrendering Firearms and Saving Lives

Workshop B6

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST, September 14, 2020

Presented by: Julie Germann and David Keck

Workshop description:

The most dangerous time for a domestic violence victim is the time immediately after leaving the relationship. Women are 3.6 times more likely to be killed shortly after leaving their partner. The presence of firearms increases the lethality of the violence and expands the number of victims. Research has shown that enforcement of firearm surrender laws reduces the number of intimate partner homicides. There are several opportunities under federal and state law to pursue firearm surrender during the course of a criminal proceeding or protection order proceeding; as a condition of release on bail, as part of a protection order, pursuant to a conviction for domestic violence or as a condition of probation. Taking the steps to ensure that those who are ineligible to possess firearms surrender them could very well save a life. In this session, participants will learn the steps necessary for developing a firearm surrender protocol in their community. We will explore all aspects of a successful protocol from getting buy-in from the necessary criminal justice partners to procedure and paperwork. We will present some of the protocols/procedures utilized by communities that are already successfully surrendering firearms.

The goal of this session is for attendees to understand the connection between firearm access and domestic violence homicides. Attendees will receive powerful statistics and information about how effective firearm surrender protocols can be in reducing intimate partner homicides. Attendees will learn how to identify and work with criminal justice partners to develop a surrender protocol in their community. Attendees will also receive information about protocols, forms and procedures that are working for other communities, both those that rely on the federal firearm ban and those that have mirroring state laws. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and will also be provided with contact information to receive free technical assistance to develop or improve their firearm surrender protocol.

About the presenters:



Julie Germann, J.D., is the founder of Finding the Right, LLC, where she provides training and technical assistance to improve response to sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse. She's a former prosecutor with over a decade of experience prosecuting cases of violence against women and children. Julie has worked with sexual assault and child abuse multidisciplinary teams. Julie trains nationally, provides best practice reviews, and contributes to legislative advancements and policy manuals such as the SART Toolkit published by the NSVRC. Julie obtained her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law and her B.S. in psychology from the University of Wisconsin.



David Keck, J.D., is the Director of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms through the Battered Women's Justice Project. He provides training and technical assistance on topics related to the intersection of domestic violence and firearms. Previously, Dave worked for 13 years as a Public Defender and 10 years as a Court Commissioner in Wisconsin. Dave obtained his J.D. from the University of Puget Sound School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Washington.