# **MENDING**THE TIES THAT BIND

Domestic Violence and the Family Unit | THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

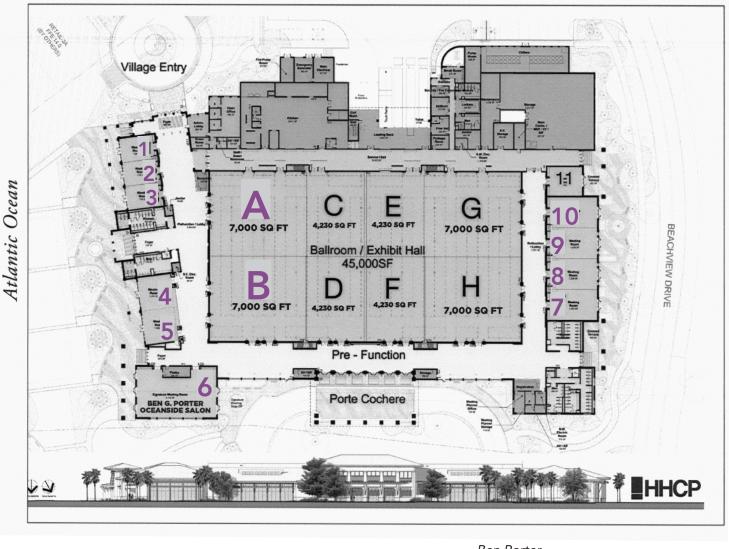


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Georgia Commission on Family Violence

# **CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE**





# DON'T FORGET...

Looking for daily evaluation QR codes? They're available on the back cover of this program.

Conference materials will be made available by the end of October. You will receive an email announcement with the link to access these materials.

# **CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE**

We're glad that you've joined us in Jekyll Island and hope you enjoy your time here. During the conference, there will be 25 workshops, 5 self-care sessions, 3 keynotes, and a lunch and learn training opportunity for FVIPs.

The schedule is broken down by day and time in this conference manual. Any updates to this schedule will be communicated in the morning announcements.

If you cannot find something you are looking for, please do not hesitate to go to the Registration Counter or ask one of our staff or volunteers for help.

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

# WE HEARD YOU!

We take your feedback about the annual conference very seriously. We work hard every year to incorporate what you've shared and to improve on the prior year. Here are some of the things we heard from you regarding our previous conferences and improvements we've made:



### You asked for...

### "Better food, especially breakfast."

This year we've expanded breakfast options on Monday and Tuesday! The menu on these days will include scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes with peppers and onions, stone-ground grits, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit and yogurt, danishes and preserves, juice, coffee, and herbal teas. *Bon appétit*!

# "Workshops that specifically address the conference theme."

A majority of the selected workshops this year specifically address the impact of domestic violence on children and family relationships.

## "More advanced workshop topics."

While conference attendees span the gamut in terms of experience in the field of domestic violence, workshops offered this year will address the needs of both new and seasoned domestic violence professionals.

## "Workshops that address vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, and self-care."

You'll find several workshops addressing vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, and self-care at this year's conference. Be sure to check out the self-care sessions scheduled, including yoga and meditation on the beach as well as a line dancing class!

#### "More time to network."

We have built in several opportunities for networking at the conference, including Sunday night's reception and Tuesday's boxed lunch. We encourage you to use the extra time you have with early conference end times on Monday and Tuesday to network outside of the conference setting.

Please be sure to complete the Overall Conference Evaluation this year to let us know how we did and what you want to see next year! Read more about changes to the Overall Conference Evaluation process on page 9.

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Ms. Jennifer Thomas Executive Director Ms. Jameelah Ferrell FVIP Certification Coordinator Ms. Jenny Aszman Program Manager Ms. Stacey Seldon Family Violence Coordinator Ms. Niki Lemeshka Fatality Review Coordinator Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Violence Conference! The conference theme this year is Mending the Ties that Bind: Domestic Violence and the Family Unit. This conference will focus on how domestic violence impacts families, including child survivors, familial relationships, and parenting. The Conference Planning Committee has secured outstanding presenters and planned workshops to fit the needs and interests of the various professions represented at this conference.

We are honored to bring five highly-acclaimed keynote speakers:

SUSAN STILL is a survivor of domestic violence and an advocate for battered women and their children. Susan left her abusive marriage in May 2003 after surviving 24 years of abuse.

CASEY KEENE, MSW, LSW, is the Director of Capacity Building and Education, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Casey co-leads the Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) Leadership Forum and provides national level technical assistance and training on childhood trauma and resilience.

JOHNNY RICE II, Dr. PH., is the Senior Program Associate, Supervised Visitation Initiative, Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Victimization and Safety. Johnny has contributed to several national domestic violence initiatives and has a long history of working with low-income fathers and families to address responsible fatherhood, and enhancing the stability and safety of the communities they live in.

Z. RUBY WHITE STARR is the Chief Strategy Officer, Casa de Esperanza. Ruby's expertise on children exposed to domestic violence, systems collaboration and reform, resilience, and cultural competency has informed several national initiatives addressing child custody, supervised visitation, and the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment.

LUNDY BANCROFT is an author, workshop leader, and consultant on domestic abuse and child maltreatment. His work focuses on best practices for intervening with male perpetrators and empowering women and children in their healing.

Whatever your particular field is, we want to thank you for your service. Together we are making great strides to create safer homes for Georgia families.

Additionally, we offer a very special thank you to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for their financial support of this conference. Due to their contribution, scholarships were available for domestic violence advocates, sexual assault advocates, and DFCS personnel.

Sincerely,

Holly Tuchman GCFV Chair

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# DCS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The DCS Advisory Council is composed of practitioners appointed by the governor and court councils representing every level of the state's justice system. Their valuable insights help guide the Board and DCS.

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In 2013, Governor Nathan Deal and the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation creating The Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform. The Council was charged with conducting periodic comprehensive reviews of Georgia's criminal justice system. Special attention was given to parole, probation and community-based offender supervision practices in Georgia. The council's findings made it clear to Governor Deal that tremendous enhancements to public safety and governmental efficiency could be achieved through streamlining this element of the criminal justice system.

As the next step in Governor Deal's ongoing criminal justice reform efforts, HB 310 was introduced during the 2015 legislative session. HB 310 transferred the community-based offender supervision components of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Corrections, and Class A and B designated juvenile offenders from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Community Supervision. The bill also shifted oversight responsibilities of private and governmental misdemeanor probation entities from the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council (CMPAC) to the newly created Board of Community Supervision.

The Georgia General Assembly passed HB 310 and on May 7th, 2015, Governor Deal signed the bill into law establishing the Department of Community Supervision (DCS). DCS began operations effective July 1st, 2015. As a part of the executive branch of Georgia's government, DCS is responsible for the effective and efficient supervision of approximately 180,000 adult felony offenders and Class A and Class B designated juvenile offenders. Some offenders under the supervision of DCS have been granted parole or a reprieve by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles while others have received probated or split sentences through Georgia courts.

The creation of DCS has enabled the consolidation of the once separate and independent supervision components of parole and probation. This consolidation allows case assignments to be made based upon the geographic location of an offender's residence as opposed to the offender's status within the criminal justice system. DCS field offices are aligned with the established ten (10) judicial districts which are comprised of the current forty-nine (49) judicial circuits.

# **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Georgia Commission on Family Violence is an approved provider of Continuing Education created on behalf of the following organizations:

CLE	7 regular continuing legal education hours through the State Bar of Georgia.
NASW	13 continuing education clock hours through the National Association of Social Workers.
POST	13 continuing education hours through the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.
LPCA	13 continuing education hours through the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia.
ICJE	13 continuing education hours through the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education for State and Superior Court Judges.
GACA	. 13 continuing education hours through the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association.
GAMFT	. We have applied for 13 core hours through the Georgia Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.
FVIP	13 continuing education hours for facilitators of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

# TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

## • SIGN IN AND OUT DAILY

Anyone seeking Continuing Education hours must sign in and out daily by visiting the registration counter. GCFV will only submit CEU hours for those participants who sign in and out of the conference every day. Sign in sheets will be be available every morning from 7:30a until the conclusion of the Keynote presentations. Sign out sheets will be available every afternoon once the last workshop of the day has concluded.

## COMPLETE AN OVERALL CONFERENCE EVALUATION

During the last workshop on Wednesday, September 21, we will release the link for our Overall Conference Evaluations. Once you complete the Overall Conference Evaluation, you will be provided a link to apply for CEUs. GCFV will email you a PDF certificate within 2 weeks.

If you are receiving MCJE hours, please complete the attendance form and mail it to ICJE.

You must complete the Overall Conference Evaluation to receive your certificate. If you need a paper copy, please see a staff member or volunteer for assistance.

# **GCFV PORTAL UPDATE & TRAINING**

On August 1, 2016, the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV) launched our new GCFV Portal. FVIPs will now use the GCFV Portal to report participants, locations, classes, victim liaisons and facilitators, and for program certification and recertification. FVIPs will no longer use the Registrar system.

On August 1, 2016, FVIPs received an email from donotreply@pap.state.us.gov with instructions and a link to set up a new account. We requested this be completed before August 15th. The email was sent to the email on file with GCFV through the Registrar system.

In Mid-August, we completed the transfer of information from the Registrar system to the GCFV Portal. We requested FVIPs log on and verify their information, including confirming their mailing address, class locations and times, approved facilitators, etc. FVIPs were also asked to begin entering FVIP participants for July.

FVIPs will now receive a monthly invoice by email based on the number of participants entered in the GCFV Portal for the previous month. After August 15, 2016, all FVIP participants must be entered in the GCFV Portal by the 10th of the following month. FVIPs will receive an email from GCFV with an invoice for the amount owed for July and August participants in September. You may either pay online or mail a check to our new office: 270 Washington Street, Suite 5145, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Release notes with instructions on how to navigate the new GCFV Portal were sent to the email on file with GCFV and are also available on www.gcfv.georgia.gov/gcfv-portal.

# LUNCH & LEARN FOR FVIPs

Join GCFV staff and GCFV Portal developers during lunch on Tuesday, September 20th in Ben Porter Oceanside Salon 6 from 12:45-1:45p.

We'll answer questions and ask for feedback as you learn about the functionality of the GCFV Portal and future plans for the platform.

FVIPs will receive an additional 1 hour of FVIP CE for attending. If you cannot make this training, we will repeat the presentation on a webinar in October 2016.

# **SELF-CARE SESSIONS**





# YOGA ON THE BEACH

Presented by Laura Barton Oceanside Meeting Room 1/2/3 Monday 4:30-5:30p Tuesday 7:00-8:00a

Laura Barton has practiced yoga since 2001. She is trained in Vinyasa Flow and Vastu Yoga. Vastu Yoga is rooted in the teachings of Swami Sivananda and moves through the chakra system in a meditative asana practice. Originally a ballet and modern dancer, Laura appreciates the flow and creative sequencing as well as the practice of yoga. Her classes are a blend of vinyasa flow, the 12 Basic Sivananda asanas, restorative postures, and reflective themes. Laura is a community organizer in the fields of domestic violence, LGBTQ activism, and social justice. She strives to share the healing practice of yoga in these spaces and the community at large. In her spare time, Laura enjoys writing poetry, knitting, traveling, and philosophizing.



# MEDITATION ON THE BEACH

Presented by Debbie Lillard Liam Oceanside Meeting Room 4/5 Monday 4:30-5:30p Tuesday 7:00-8:00a

Debbie Lillard Liam is a clinical social worker and advocate who has worked in the field of ending violence against women for 25-plus years. She has spent the majority of her career working in rape crisis center and with domestic violence programs. She currently has a private psychotherapy practice, Mosaic Counseling, Inc., where she works with PTSD, intimate partner violence, sexual violence/rape, GLBTQQI issues, life transitions and meditation/self-care. She is the trauma therapist for the Fatality/Near Fatality Review Project and does consulting for the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

# **SELF-CARE SESSIONS**



# LINE DANCING

Presented by Jameelah Brown Ferrell Ben Porter Oceanside Salon 6 Tuesday 4:30-5:30p

Jameelah Brown Ferrell began dancing at the tender age of six, when her mother enrolled her in tap and African dance classes. She was introduced to Hip Hop Line Dancing 15 years ago by her mother who took classes at the local recreational center and taught Jameelah the latest dances. Ever since then, Jameelah's love for line dancing has grown. Jameelah holds a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and a Master's degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Creative Writing. Aside from line dancing, in Jameelah's spare time she enjoys hairstyling, writing screenplays, directing films and playing with dogs.





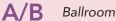
<b>7:30-8:30</b> A	A/B	Ballroom	BREAKFAST "Georgia On My Mind"
8:30-10:30A	A/B	Ballroom	WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Opening Plenary "L.I.V.E." by Susan Still
10:30-10:45 <sub>A</sub>	BREAK		
10:45-12:15p	WORKSHOPS A		
	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Teen Dating Violence: Why We Can't Afford to Ignore This Issue
	7/8	Marshside Meeting Room	Comprehensive Legal Assistance: TPOs and Beyond
	9/10	Marshside Meeting Room	Bridge to Safety: Screening and Responding to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with Refugee Women at the International Rescue Committee in Atlanta
	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	Rules & Regulations for Family Violence Intervention Programs
	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Second Hand Abuse: Effects of Children Witnessing Domestic Violence



12:15-1:45p	A/B	Ballroom	<b>LUNCH</b> Award Presentation
1:45-2:00p	BREAK		
2:00-3:30p	WORKSHOPS B		
	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Understanding Trauma and Response/Trauma-Informed Interviewing
	7/8	Marshside Meeting Room	Abuse In Later Life
	9/10	Marshside Meeting Room	Georgia's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project: A Call To Action
	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	The Next Frontier: Supporting Criminal Justice-Involved Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Reframing Family Violence Intervention Programs: Men Stopping Violence's Organizing Model to End Male Violence Against Women
	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	Yoga on the Beach
4:30-5:30p	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Meditation on the Beach



# **OPENING PLENARY** 8:30-10:30A





# "L.I.V.E."

# SUSAN STILL, SURVIVOR AND ADVOCATE

SUSAN STILL speaks on behalf of those whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence. She is a survivor of 24 years of abuse by her former husband. Their case is unique, as in December 2004 Justice John F. O'Donnell handed Ulner Still a 36 year sentence, a landmark for New York State as the longest sentence given for the crime of domestic violence where the victim survived. Instrumental in the conviction was a videotape, on which he had one of their children film him while he was abusing her. Susan has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Oprah's LifeClass, Oprah Where Are They Now, and 20/20 with Diane Sawyer, to bring awareness to domestic violence and its effects on families. She speaks at conferences nationwide, to law enforcement, attorneys, and judges on criminal justice response, and travels to businesses speaking on the effects domestic violence has on the workplace and what employers can do to help. Susan participates in trainings for law enforcement, crime victim advocates, and other community responders, and has spoken on military bases, at youth conferences, high schools and colleges about the warning signs, and the importance of breaking free of abusive relationships.





#### 6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon

#### TEEN DATING VIOLENCE: WHY WE CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE THIS ISSUE Presented by Tomieka R. Daniel

This workshop will include a road map to starting a teen dating violence project directed at teens, parents and school personnel. Advocates will be encouraged to share best practices from others who have worked with youth in the area of teen dating violence. We will define teen dating violence as well as explore the warning signs that serve as indicators of an abusive relationship. We will also discuss how dating violence affects teens. We will discuss tactics abusers use to control their partners while identifying positive characteristics in a dating partner. We will identify steps to practice healthy relationships with dating partners. We will discuss social media and the role it plays in perpetuating the violence among young people. We will also discuss outreach efforts and training tips for advocates desiring to work on teen dating violence issues. We will discuss the legal remedies available for teen victims, as well as discuss ways to keep teens safe on campus.

TOMIEKA R. DANIEL is a Supervising Attorney for the Macon Regional Office of Georgia Legal Services Program. Mrs. Daniel is a 1997 Honor Graduate from Clark Atlanta University. She is a 2002 Graduate from Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. Mrs. Daniel has been practicing with Georgia Legal Services since 2002 and she primarily handles family law, housing, elder law and family violence cases for low-income Georgians. Mrs. Daniel has conducted numerous trainings on domestic violence issues throughout the state, training legal advocates, attorneys, law enforcement officials and judges. In 2010, she developed the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Project, which is designed to educate middle, high school and college students, as well as parents and educators on the problems of Teen Dating Violence, and offer them legal solutions to those problems. To date, Mrs. Daniel has presented her project to over 13,000 students, parents and educators. She founded the Secrets & Stilettos Domestic Violence Awareness Program in 2012, which to date has provided prevention information regarding domestic violence, human sex trafficking, and dating violence to over 1,000 men, women and children in the central Georgia area. In 2008, Mrs. Daniel was recognized as the first recipient of the Law and Public Service Program Award for Outstanding Public Service by a Recent Graduate. In 2009, Mrs. Daniel received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, presented by the State Bar of Georgia. In 2014, she received the Domestic Violence Task Force Member of the Year Award from the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. In 2015, she received the Woman of Achievement Award from the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. of Georgia. Also in 2015, she received the Bensonetta Tipton Lane Award for Commitment to the Family from the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. Mrs. Daniel is a newly appointed member of the Mercer Law School Alumni Association's Board of Directors.



# WORKSHOPS A

10:45-12:15P

## 7/8 Marshside Meeting Room

# COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE: TPOs AND BEYOND

Presented by Sharla Jackson, Rachel Lazarus and Anne Marie Lugo

Looking at comprehensive ways to support victims, Prosecutor Sharla Jackson will go over criminal protective orders, enforcement, and the important ways they can and do protect victims; and civil attorneys Rachel Lazarus and Anne Marie Lugo will explain civil ways to help victims, including in areas of housing law, criminal law and immigration law.

SHARLA JACKSON's love of her hometown Miami, Florida is surpassed only by her attachment to her adopted home, Atlanta, Georgia, where she attended Spelman College. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, Jackson returned to Florida to attend the University of Miami School of Law. Her upbringing in the multi-cultural mélange of Miami instilled in her a great love for people and respect for diversity. Sharla currently serves as the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resource Prosecutor for the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia where she oversees domestic violence and sexual assault training for prosecutors, law enforcement officers and victim advocates throughout the state of Georgia. Sharla practiced International Law in Miami before returning to Atlanta permanently. She joined the City Solicitor's Office in Atlanta where she prosecuted cases ranging from City Ordinance Violations to Domestic Violence. Jackson was a seasoned prosecutor when she joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, where she served the citizens of Fulton County for 15 years. While trying a variety of cases including family violence crimes, sexual assaults and homicides, Sharla achieved a 95% conviction rate. Sharla also served as a Community Prosecutor, where she prosecuted hardcore repeat offenders, including those charged with burglary, aggravated assault and armed robbery, resulting in a trend of crime reduction in Midtown and Downtown Atlanta. As a Community Prosecutor, she honed her community outreach skills and created fruitful partnerships with citizens, law enforcement and the business community. June 24, 2010 was designated as "Sharla Jackson Day" in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County in recognition of her service to their citizens. In her free time, Sharla enjoys traveling, entertaining and football. She pursues her extracurricular activities with the same passion and joy as her professional endeavors.

RACHEL LAZARUS is a Staff Attorney for Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Gwinnett County office, where she has practiced since 2007, and directs the Gwinnett Pro Bono Project. She is currently serving her second year as co-chair of the GCFV annual conference. In 2012 Rachel expanded the access of TPOs to long-time victims of domestic violence by appealing the courts' common practice of requiring recent violence. Rachel has also worked on cases regarding child support in TPOs and is currently working on cases involving permanent TPOs. Rachel teaches regular trainings in Gwinnett County to attorneys and court staff. In addition to domestic violence prevention, Rachel's passion is expanding use of technology and paperless offices throughout the legal community. Prior to working with Legal Aid, Rachel assisted in the creation of the San Diego Family Justice Center, the first comprehensive "one-stop shop" for victims of family violence and their children. Rachel obtained her J.D. in 2001 from the University of Southern California School Of Law, where she participated in the school's first Family Violence Clinic. She is a member in good standing of the State Bars of Georgia and California.

ANNE MARIE LUGO directs the Gwinnett Family Violence Project, a project at the Gwinnett office of Atlanta Legal Aid which assists domestic violence survivors with obtaining and enforcing TPOs in Gwinnett County. Anne Marie earned her Juris Doctorate Degree in 1992 from the University of Georgia School of Law. Prior to joining Gwinnett Legal Aid she was in sole practice and, while volunteering for the Gwinnett Pro Bono Project twentyfour years ago, she first assisted domestic violence survivors. As a result, she became a founding member and is the current secretary for the Gwinnett Family Violence Task Force. Anne Marie primarily handles family law cases for domestic violence victims including contested custody cases.



## 9/10 Marshside Meeting Room

# BRIDGE TO SAFETY: SCREENING AND RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH REFUGEE WOMEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL **RESCUE COMMITTEE IN ATLANTA**

Presented by Alison Spitz

Migrating women are at increased risk of violence in flight, displacement and resettlement. Evidence indicates that routine and systematic screening can help service providers identify clients who have experienced current or past domestic violence or/and sexual assault (DV/SA), as well as clients who are at increased risk for abuse. Recognizing the critical need to prioritize women's safety and well-being, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) developed and piloted the Bridge to Safety (B2S) project to strengthen IRC's capacity to respond to refugee and immigrant women survivors of DV/SA resettled in the US. B2S integrates DV/SA screening, assessment, safety planning and referral of newly arrived adult female refugee clients into existing resettlement service delivery models. Thus, the IRC aims to create opportunities for women to feel safe to disclose experiences of DV/SA and, as needed, to access resources for support and healing. This presentation will focus on the implementation and first year outcomes (FY15-16) of the B2S project in the IRC in Atlanta office; provide recommendations for working with DV/SA refugee and immigrant clients in a culturally competent way; and discuss ways to establish new and strengthen existing referral options with local partners for DV/SA survivors.

ALISON SPITZ, RN, MPH, is the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Atlanta's Health and Wellness Manager and leads programmatic efforts to provide access to quality comprehensive health education and services for all refugee clients. Initially, upon joining the IRC in 2014, she was the Atlanta's Women's Health Coordinator and focused on expanding access to reproductive health services. She is a retired nurse/epidemiologist from the Division of Reproductive Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During her more than 30 years with the CDC, she led efforts on teen pregnancy prevention, safe motherhood, and violence occurring around the time of pregnancy. In her last seven years at the CDC she led the team that managed the joint HHS Office of Adolescent Health/CDC President's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative.



# WORKSHOPS A

10:45-12:15<sub>P</sub>

# 1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Presented by Mark Guzzi, Jennifer Thomas and Jameelah Brown Ferrell

In this workshop, participants will learn about the rules that govern Family Violence Intervention Programs (FVIPs) in the State of Georgia. They will receive information regarding practical interpretation of the Standard Operating Procedures that FVIPs must follow in these instances: when working with batterers, when and how to contact victims, how to get programs certified, how programs get monitored and rules enforced, etc. Participants will discuss practical scenarios to understand compliance with the rules and regulations mentioned as well as understanding monitoring and enforcement procedures.

MARK GUZZI currently serves as in-house legal counsel for the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS). Mark joined DCS in December of 2015 and is primarily responsible for the development of policies that guide DCS's operations in a variety of areas including employment practices, field operations and public procurement. Mark is also responsible for ensuring that DCS's procurement activities comply with the State Purchasing Act and reviewing adverse action appeals filed by employees that have received adverse disciplinary actions. Mark also assists the Georgia Commission on Family Violence in its monitoring of Family Violence Intervention Programs and provides legal advice and guidance to the Commission's Executive Director on an as-needed basis. Mark began his legal career in 1992 when he joined the Chief Counsel's Office with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as an Assistant Counsel. In January of 2000 Mark joined the Georgia Department of Corrections' Office of Legal Services as Supervising Counsel and was eventually promoted to Assistant General Counsel as well as General Counsel. Mark earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1989 from Northeastern University located in Boston, MA and his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1992 from the Pennsylvania State University – Dickinson School of Law located in Carlisle, PA.

JENNIFER THOMAS, LMSW, is the Executive Director for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. Prior to accepting this position with GCFV Jennifer was the Program Manager where she had the opportunity to support the success of a number of family violence initiatives including the interdisciplinary review of domestic violence fatalities, the certification of family violence intervention programs for offenders, the collaboration and coordination of community-based task forces and alliances, and the provision of education to the public. Jennifer was awarded the 2013 Gender Justice Award from the Georgia Commission on Family Violence for her work with incarcerated female victims of intimate partner violence. Jennifer earned her MSW from the University of Georgia in 2013. Jennifer is also a Board Member for the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project located in Duluth Minnesota.

JAMEELAH BROWN FERRELL is the FVIP Certification Coordinator for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV). Jameelah has been working at GCFV for nine years. Prior to coming to GCFV, Jameelah worked as Public Relations Specialist for Fulton County DFCS and a staff writer for the Miami Times. Jameelah is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and spends her spare time volunteering with teen moms, hairstyling and writing and directing her web series, "You Can't Pick Family." Jameelah is also a dog lover. Jameelah holds a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism from Florida International University as well as a master's degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Creative Writing from Full Sail University, and she is also a licensed cosmetologist. Jameelah is also a 2013 Georgia Women's Policy Institute (GWPI) alumna. Jameelah is from Miami, FL, but has made Atlanta, GA her home for the last 16 years.



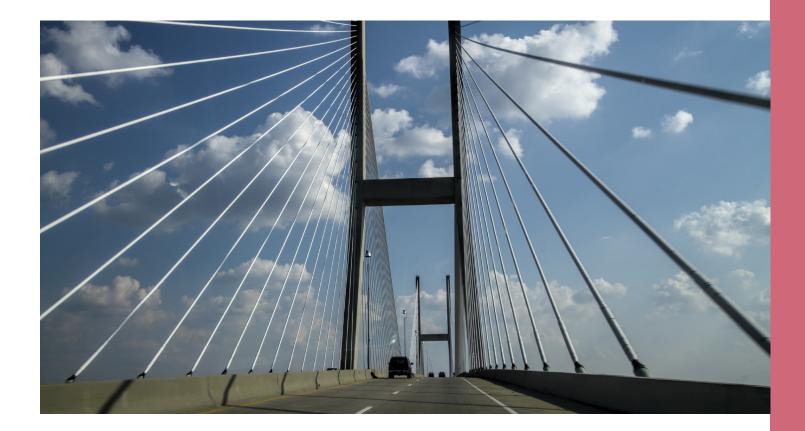
# 4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room

# SECOND HAND ABUSE: EFFECTS OF CHILDREN WITNESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Presented by Susan Still

In this workshop, Susan Still will expand on her personal family story while exploring how witnessing domestic violence affects children. Participants will better understand both short-term and long-term effects of domestic violence on children, and visualize the daily life for a child in a home with domestic violence. Participants will discuss how domestic violence impacts both the abuser and the victim as parents, and what services were most effective in her case.

| SUSAN STILL, biography on page 15.





WORKSHOPS B

2:00-3:30P

#### 6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon

# UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA AND RESPONSE/TRAUMA-INFORMED **INTERVIEWING**

Presented by Anjana Freeman

This workshop focuses on the physiological effects of trauma and allows helping professionals to better understand survivor behaviors that seem counterproductive, such as resistance to help, distrust of professionals, recanting, changing stories of abuse, memory lapses, etc. Additionally, using new findings in brain science, the audience will learn to effectively investigate, interview and assist traumatized individuals.

ANJANA FREEMAN is a Licensed Professional Counselor with special training and experience working with adults and children who have trauma-related issues. She teaches psychology at the University level as well as supervises professional counseling students at the Graduate level. Anjana spent seven years counseling violent and sexual offenders and over 10 years counseling victims of violence and sexual abuse. She is an expert in reactive behaviors in child, adolescent and adult survivors of trauma. She is also an Expert Witness for DV and SA. She trains medical, law enforcement and judicial professionals on trauma and how to work best with victims of crimes.

#### 7/8 Marshside Meeting Room

## **ABUSE IN LATER LIFE**

Presented by Elisa Covarrubias and Patricia Zedler

This workshop will cover domestic violence, sexual assault and financial abuse in later life. The workshop will review case studies and knowledge gained since implementing an elder abuse victim services program in Cobb County. The presenters will provide resources and strategies for working with older victims of abuse as these cases present unique challenges.

ELISA COVARRUBIAS is the Director of Sexual Assault and Advocacy Programs at the YWCA of Northwest Georgia. In her role at the YWCA of Northwest Georgia, she is responsible for the management of the Sexual Assault, Legal Advocacy, Latino Outreach, Elder Abuse, and Victim Services Liaison programs. She has worked with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for more than 10 years and previously worked with consumers of mental health services. Elisa is involved in various local task forces that address victim safety and coordinates the Sexual Assault Teams for Cobb, Paulding and Cherokee Counties. Additionally, she helped develop the Sexual Assault Center Standards for the State of Georgia and sits on the State Expert Committee for the SART Grant Project.

PATRICIA ZEDLER has spent the past year training law enforcement officers and community members on elder abuse along with providing direct services to any victim of domestic violence or sexual assault who is 50 years or older. Before stepping into the role of Abuse in Later Life Coordinator with the YWCA of Northwest Georgia, Patricia spent one year as the Victim Services Liaison providing direct services to victims, and creating meaningful relationships with law enforcement, court officials, and community affiliates. Patricia's desire to advocate for victims came after completing an internship for her graduate degree working at a domestic violence and sexual assault shelter. Patricia holds a Master's degree in Counseling from Sienna Heights University.



## 9/10 Marshside Meeting Room

# GEORGIA'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW PROJECT: A CALL TO ACTION

Presented by Jennifer Aszman and Taylor Tabb

The Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project works to identify gaps in system response and points of intervention to reduce the number of domestic violence-related deaths in our state. Unfortunately, in 2015, Georgia had the highest number of domestic violence-related deaths recorded in over 10 years. This increase in deaths is a call to action for all of us: we must work on implementation of the Fatality Review Project's recommendations. This workshop will provide an overview of the Project's key findings and how you can incorporate recommendations into your work with adults, teens, and children. Presenters will also cover the content of the 2015 Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project's annual report which explores the impact of domestic violence exposure on children, the challenges children and surviving family members face in the aftermath of a loved one's death, and findings on domestic violence murder-suicide and familicide.

JENNY ASZMAN, LMSW, is the Program Manager for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. Prior to Program Manager, Jenny coordinated the Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project for over 4 years. In this capacity, Jenny conducted reviews with fatality review teams across the state, co-authored the Project's annual report and provided technical assistance to family violence task forces as they implemented recommendations from the Project. Jenny earned her Masters of Social Work specializing in Community Partnerships from Georgia State University and her Bachelors of Social Work and Bachelors of Art in Women's Studies from the University of Georgia. Jenny is a Georgia Women's Policy Institute alumna and a recipient of an Inspiration Award given by Canyon Ranch and Health Magazine.

TAYLOR TABB is the Fatality Review Project Coordinator at the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She has been instrumental in launching and overseeing the Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project -Georgia's only statewide initiative to review domestic violence-related fatalities and near fatalities. In this capacity she trains and provides technical assistance to Fatality Review Teams and works to implement recommendations in order to affect statewide change. Taylor also co-authors the Fatality Review Project's Annual Report. Prior to her work on a statewide level, Taylor advocated for battered women as a community based legal advocate and as a victim witness advocate specializing in outreach to victims where no arrest was made.



# WORKSHOPS B

2:00-3:30P

# 1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room

# THE NEXT FRONTIER: SUPPORTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Presented by Beth Peters and Jennifer Thomas

This presentation will focus on providing information for introducing services into your local jails, deciding which types of services would work best in your area, and maintaining positive relationships with incarcerated victims and jail staff. The workshop will help participants identify effective resources, appropriate techniques required for working with incarcerated victims, and self-care strategies for advocates working in jail settings. Participants will also get to hear from some of the programs which are already working with incarcerated victims, including their successes and challenges.

**BETH PETERS** serves as the Outreach/Developmental Coordinator at the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center in Dalton. For over 15 years, she has been working with survivors in the North Georgia area. She also serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors at the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She is a graduate of the State University of West Georgia. She currently serves on several boards and committees including the Gordon County Family Connection Executive Board, the Cherokee Judicial Sexual Assault Protocol Committee, the Gordon County Child Abuse Protocol Committee, the Gordon County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board, and the Practice Model Advisory Board for the Division of Family and Children Services. In the past she has served on the Georgia Bar Association District 7 Committee on the Unlicensed Practice of Law and the Lookout Mountain Circuit and the Cherokee Circuit Domestic Violence Task Forces. Beth was the recipient of the 2014 Betty Higgins Domestic Violence Advocate Award. Beth believes that a coordinated community response is essential in providing comprehensive services which have an empowering impact on survivors and their families.

JENNIFER THOMAS, biography on page 19.





# 4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room

## REFRAMING FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS: MEN STOPPING VIOLENCE'S ORGANIZING MODEL TO END MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN Presented by Lee Giordano and Greg Loughlin

Men Stopping Violence's (MSV) mission is to organize men to end male violence against women and girls through innovative trainings, programs, and advocacy. An important component of our mission is to incorporate practices into our Family Violence Intervention Program, *Men at Work*, that lay the foundation for men becoming anti-violence against women advocates upon their completion of the class. Our innovative approach demonstrates how intervention practices can play an important role in transforming whole communities. In this workshop we will use discussion and activities to share the basics of organizing and engaging men, outline our organizing practices within our *Men at Work* class, and demonstrate our success through highlighting the Community Restoration Program, MSV's volunteer wing for men who have completed the 24-week *Men at Work* class.

LEE GIORDANO is a community organizer and violence prevention advocate interested in building and sustaining communities of men dedicated to using anti-oppression frameworks to end male violence against women. As the Director of Training at Men Stopping Violence, Lee designs, organizes, and conducts trainings, workshops, and webinars on oppression and violence against women. Lee co-developed the programs, curriculum and trainings currently being produced by Men Stopping Violence including Because We Have Daughters and the Mercury Online Multi-Media Training. He also co-authored MSV's Men at Work Curriculum and the Men at Work training that coincides with that Curriculum. Most recently, Lee facilitated the development of MSV's new Mobilizing Men to Prevent Violence Against Women training. A graduate of Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a minor in Women's Studies, Lee received his Master's degree in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**GREG LOUGHLIN** is Men Stopping Violence's Assistant Director. He is an experienced leader, trainer, and administrator with a demonstrated history of engaging men to end male violence against women and children. Among other duties, Greg leads Men Stopping Violence's innovative Community Restoration Program (CRP) which provides a dynamic space for men to become involved in organizing to prevent violence against women and girls. Prior to joining MSV's staff, Greg served as Executive Director of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV), a state agency charged with coordinating domestic violence Task Forces across the state, creating a state plan to end family violence, and coordinator, registered lobbyist, and Family Violence Intervention Program Manager. Greg is an accomplished public speaker with experience in both rural and urban areas across Georgia. He has presented for the FaithTrust Institute, the Emory Center for Injury Control, the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, the National District Attorneys Association, and the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, among others. Greg has a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Guilford College.



7:00-8:00A	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	Yoga on the Beach
	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Meditation on the Beach
7:30-8:30A	A/B	Ballroom	BREAKFAST "Georgia On My Mind"
8:30-10:45A	A/B	Ballroom	<b>PLENARY PANEL</b> Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) <i>"Walking the Path to Resilience"</i> Casey Keene, Johnny Rice II, and Z. Ruby White Star
10:45-11:00 <sub>A</sub>	BREAK		
11:00-12:30p	WORKSHOPS C		
	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Engaging & Supporting Parents Affected by Domestic Violence: Enhancing Parenting Capacity and Strengthening Parent-Child Bonds
	7/8	Marshside Meeting Room	QPR Gatekeeper Training: Suicide and the Link to Domestic Violence
	9/10	Marshside Meeting Room	Multicultural Advocacy: Building Relationships and Working Together For a Common Goal
	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	Finding a Good Balance: Incorporating Engagement and Accountability Strategies With Fathers Who Have Used Violence
	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Shifting the Paradigm: Preventing and Addressing Childhood Adversity at the Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Levels



12:30-1:45p	A/B	Ballroom	BOXED LUNCH Networking
12:45-1:45p	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	GCFV PORTAL TRAINING for FVIPs
1:45-2:00p	BREAK		
2:00-3:30p	WORKSHOPS D		
	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue and Burnout
	7/8	Marshside Meeting Room	Ordinary Magic: Resilience Across the Lifespan
	9/10	Marshside Meeting Room	Lessons Learned: Child Welfare and the Domestic Violence Offender
	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	The Intersection of Race and Culture in Domestic Violence Cases
	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Sexual Assault and Family Violence: State Policy Updates and Next Steps
4:30-5:30p	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Line Dancing



**PLENARY PANEL** 8:30-10:45A

A/B Ballroom

# ADULT CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (ACE-DV) "WALKING THE PATH TO RESILIENCE"



## CASEY KEENE, MSW, LSW

Director of Capacity Building and Education, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

**CASEY KEENE** has served at the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) since 2001, where she provides programmatic leadership and oversight to the technical assistance, training, and resource development initiatives of the Capacity Building and Education Team on a broad range of topics related to gender based violence. Casey provides leadership to key initiatives including VAWnet, the NRCDV's online resource library and other online projects. Specializing in issues related to children's exposure to domestic violence, Casey co-leads the Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) Leadership Forum and provides national level technical assistance and training on childhood trauma and resilience. Casey is a Licensed Social Worker and graduate field instructor who earned her Master's in Social Work from Temple University and has been active in the movement to end domestic violence for over 15 years.

## JOHNNY RICE II, DR. PH.

Senior Program Associate, Supervised Visitation Initiative, Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Victimization and Safety

JOHNNY RICE II joined Vera in October 2010 as a senior program associate in the Supervised Visitation Initiative. Before joining Vera, he worked as a public administrator for the Maryland Department of Human Resources, overseeing their various programs on family violence and victims of crime. He has a long history of working with low-income fathers and families, focusing on responsible fatherhood and on enhancing their stability and the safety of the communities they live in. He has worked to address family violence, serving in a variety of roles for nationally recognized domestic violence entities, including contributing to the development of the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Grant Program Guiding Principles. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore, and his Dr.PH. Degree from Morgan State University's School of Community Health and Policy.







# ZULEMA RUBY WHITE STARR

Chief Strategy Officer, Casa de Esperanza

Z. RUBY WHITE STARR is the Chief Strategy Officer for Casa de Esperanza where she serves as director of the National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities. Prior to joining Casa de Esperanza, Ruby spent over 15 years with National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) where she served as the Family Violence Program Director. In that capacity she directed several projects including the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody, the Safe Haven's Supervised Visitation and Exchange Technical Assistance Program, and the Federal Greenbook Initiative, an interagency collaboration to address the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment. Ms. White's areas of expertise include children exposed to domestic violence, collaboration, systems reform, co-occurrence, resilience, and cultural competency. Ruby served on the Board of Directors of the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence for eight years, six of them as president; is a former national advisory committee member for the Women of Color Network; and is past president of the board of directors of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence. Prior to her work with Casa de Esperanza and NCJFCJ, Ruby served as the Director of Residential Programs for the Committee to Aid Abused Women, a community domestic violence organization, directing the organization's transitional housing and emergency shelter programs. She holds a B.A. in Speech Communication from the University of Nevada, Reno. Ruby shares her personal experience as a child witness and child and adult victim of domestic violence with the media and to various groups throughout the country in hopes that her experiences will lead to better practices and outcomes for women, children, and families who have experienced domestic violence.



WORKSHOPS C 11:00-12:30P

6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon

# ENGAGING & SUPPORTING PARENTS AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: ENHANCING PARENTING CAPACITY AND STRENGTHENING PARENT-CHILD BONDS

Presented by Alexis Champion

Applying a trauma-informed framework has become an essential component of our work as advocates for survivors of domestic violence. But what does a trauma-informed framework look like when we include children and families? The relationship between the non-abusive parent (or caregiver) and child is a key asset in fostering children's resilience, supporting more adaptive coping, and healing after experiencing domestic violence. In this workshop, we will use a trauma-informed lens to explore how children are impacted by domestic violence, including a discussion about protective and risk factors. We will identify strategies and tools for supporting the non-abusive parent in strengthening their relationship with their children and reestablishing secure attachment. Finally, we will discuss ways in which advocates can support healing and resilience in both the parent and child.

ALEXIS CHAMPION currently serves as the Training Manager for the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. As such, Alexis coordinates, develops and provides in-person trainings and webinars for domestic violence advocates throughout the state of Georgia. She has worked in the field of domestic violence since 2003, when she began as a volunteer, legal advocate, and case manager at Project Safe, Inc., a domestic violence program in Athens, Georgia. Alexis has done independent contract work for United 4 Safety, a non-profit organization serving LGBTQ survivors of intimate partner violence, and also worked for Partnership Against Domestic Violence as Prevention and Outreach Director. Prior to joining the team at the Coalition, Alexis worked for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence as the Family Violence Intervention Program Compliance Coordinator. Alexis received her Bachelor's in Art History and her Master's in Social Work from the University of Georgia.

7/8 Marshside Meeting Room

## **OPR GATEKEEPER TRAINING: SUICIDE AND THE LINK TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** *Presented by Jenny Aszman and Taylor Tabb*

Service providers interacting with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence have the opportunity to intervene when someone they are working with–either an abuser or a victim–may be exhibiting signs of suicide. Even if someone does not directly communicate their intention to harm themselves, service providers may be in a position to notice and address concerning behaviors. This workshop will teach participants how to perform QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer). Like CPR, QPR uses a "chain of survival" approach in which the gatekeeper learns to recognize early suicide warning signs, Question their meaning to determine suicide intent or desire, Persuade the person to accept or seek help, and Refer the person to appropriate resources.

JENNY ASZMAN, biography on page 22. TAYLOR TABB, biography on page 22.



## 9/10 Marshside Meeting Room

# MULTICULTURAL ADVOCACY: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL

Presented by Norma Mendoza

In addition to the usual obstacles of leaving an abusive relationship, research has found that multicultural and immigrant victims also have unique barriers. This workshop will identify accessible, inclusive approaches to respond and help battered immigrant women overcome the several barriers they encounter when they seek help. The presentation will analyze the importance of language access to individuals who are Limited English Proficient. The workshop will also explore the benefits of providing cultural competency services to immigrant victims of domestic violence and will identify the benefits of a positive and cooperative working relationship between agencies and authorities, in order to improve the services available to multicultural and immigrant victims of domestic violence. The presenter will share the experience and outcomes of the Multicultural Program of Cherokee Family Violence Center (CFVC), the domestic violence awareness project of *No Más Miedo* (No More Fear) granted by No More Campaign of Avon's Foundation to CFVC and Caminar Latino and the accomplishments of the Statewide Spanish Domestic Violence Hotline.

NORMA MENDOZA is the Multicultural Program Director of Cherokee Family Violence Center. She creates and implements supportive services for immigrant victims of domestic violence and oversees the Statewide Spanish Domestic Violence Hotline. Norma Mendoza wrote the article "Domestic Violence from the Hispanic Community's Perspective" for the Georgia Family Violence Resource Newsletter (Volume 3, Issue 3, Third Quarter 2015), publication of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program with funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Norma Mendoza graduated from Law School in Mexico and has a Master's Degree in European Studies from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain; she has a thesis approved from the Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the XXXIII International Law Seminar, "International Law in America: 100 years of the Juridical Committee" celebrated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; has a certificate of International Public Law studies approved from the International Law Seminar of the United Nations, 41° Session in Geneva, Switzerland (she was selected as one of the 24 participants in the world) and a certificate of International Public Law studies approved from the International Law Academy of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands; she participated in an Exchange Program at the Catholic University of Cordoba, Argentina. Norma Mendoza worked for 12 years for the Mexican Government; seven of them with Mexican immigrant victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual abuse; family, criminal, immigration and civil law and matters related to Mexico or US legal systems; she developed domestic violence awareness events, programs, trainings, fliers and informational material and for five years she worked on International Public Law and International Cultural Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico.

# 1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room

# FINDING A GOOD BALANCE: INCORPORATING ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY STRATEGIES WITH FATHERS WHO HAVE USED VIOLENCE Presented by Johnny Rice II, Dr. PH.

Supervised visitation centers provide services for entire families in the aftermath of violence. Meaningful engagement of fathers who have used violence can result in enhanced safety for women and children and provide a pathway for change to fathers. This workshop will demonstrate techniques in balancing both engagement and accountability when working with fathers in and beyond supervised visitation.



# WORKSHOPS C 11:00-12:30P

#### 4/5Oceanside Meeting Room

# SHIFTING THE PARADIGM: PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY AT THE PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY LEVELS Presented by Dr. Shanta R. Dube

Childhood adversities, such as abuse, neglect, and witnessing domestic violence are common, interrelated exposures that are associated with multiple risk behaviors and adverse health outcomes starting in adolescence, going into adulthood. For over 20 years, data from the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, an epidemiological study, has demonstrated the relationship between these childhood adversities with negative health sequelae throughout the lifespan. The aim of this workshop is to provide an overview of the ACE Study findings and present a theoretical framework for the prevention of childhood adversities, including domestic violence, at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, as well as provide implications for addressing traumatic stress among adult survivors.

SHANTA R. DUBE, Ph.D., MPH, Associate Professor, Georgia State University, School of Public Health, has more than 18 years of experience researching the epidemiology of childhood toxic stress, adolescent risk behaviors, and adult health outcomes, as well as integrative approaches to trauma survivorship, recovery, and healing. Shanta served as one of the original investigators on the ACE Study at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was recognized by CDC for scientific excellence for her groundbreaking scientific publications on the ACE Study. Shanta is currently Associate Editor for Child Abuse and Neglect and her current research interests focus on developing curriculum to promote recovery and healing.





### 6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon

# VICARIOUS TRAUMA, COMPASSION FATIGUE AND BURNOUT

Presented by Dr. Chris Belous, Dr. Adam Froerer and Dr. Carla P. Smith

This workshop will expose participants to the latest literature related to vicarious trauma (VT), compassion fatigue (CF) and workplace burnout. The presenters will provide an overview of the risk factors and signs for each of these challenging states. This overview will be followed by an interactive assessment of personal levels of burnout which will be accompanied by a dynamic discussion with tips for coping with/becoming resilient to VT, CF, and burnout. This workshop will end with experiential activities aimed at teaching quick, useable techniques for countering burnout—even in situations where there is very little time for a break or self-care.

**DR. CHRIS BELOUS** is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Approved Supervisor, and Clinical Member of AAMFT. He also holds certification as an LGBT Affirmative Psychotherapist and is a Certified Family Life Educator. He currently holds the position of Assistant Professor and Clinic Director for the COAMFTE-accredited marriage and family therapy program at Mercer University School of Medicine's Atlanta/Piedmont campus in Atlanta, GA. He has practiced therapy for approximately 9 years, and has researched and published in several outlets, as well as presented at multiple national conferences – winning awards for his presentations, and teaching abilities. His primary research and clinical interest is in sex therapy and sexuality.

ADAM FROERER, Ph.D., is an Associate professor and Associate Program Director for the Marriage and Family Therapy program at Mercer University's School of Medicine in Atlanta. He received his master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Oregon, and his Ph.D., also in Marriage and Family Therapy, from Texas Tech University. Adam has clinical experience working with individual, couples, and families in a variety of settings, including: a juvenile justice center, EAP, community agencies, outpatient treatment settings, and a hospital. In addition, Adam's teaching experience has centered on chemical and behavioral addictions and couples and family therapy. Adam is a founding member of the Association for Solution Focused Practitioners, a member of the Solution Focused Brief Therapy Association's research committee, and his clinical interests involve couples therapy and medical family therapy. Adam's research interests include language and communication, medical family therapy, solution-focused brief therapy, intimate partner violence, and addictions.

**CARLA P. SMITH**, Ph.D., is a licensed clinical social worker and a licensed marriage and family therapist. She currently holds a position of Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for the COAMFTE-accredited master of family therapy program at the Mercer University School of Medicine on the Atlanta, GA/ Piedmont Hospital campus. She received her Master of Social Work (MSW) and PhD in Human Development and Family Science, with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy—both from the University of Georgia—and her Bachelor's degree in English from Rutgers University. She has practiced clinical social work and family therapy for 10 years and presents her research at a variety of national conferences. Dr. Smith's research and clinical interests are in intergenerational cultural transmission, relational cultural identity development, individual identity development within multiple systems, multiculturalism, sex/human trafficking, and culturally responsive therapeutic treatment of diverse populations.



# WORKSHOPS D

2:00-3:30P

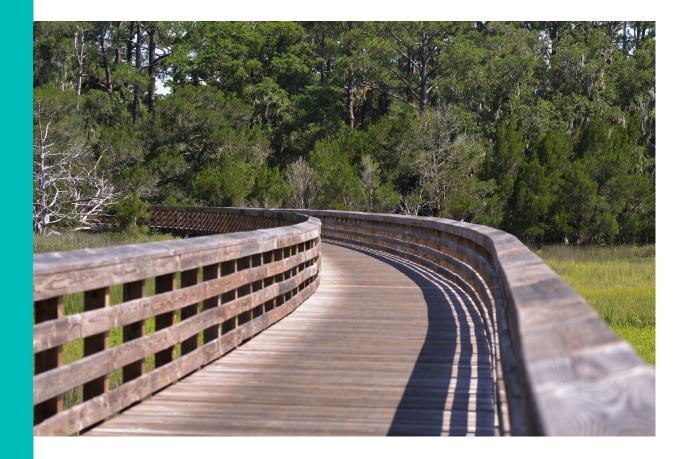
# 7/8 Marshside Meeting Room

# ORDINARY MAGIC: RESILIENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Presented by Casey Keene

While trauma is part of the human experience, resilience is an innate human capacity. It's the most important super power you didn't realize you've always had. This presentation explores how childhood experiences of trauma—with a specific focus on domestic violence exposure—shape our lives from an asset-based perspective, and reviews key considerations and best practices for crafting trauma-informed responses as strategies to bolster resilience capacity across the lifespan. Promising local, state, and national practice models and resources will be highlighted. The presenter will make the case that by shifting away from a deficit model and embracing lessons learned from resilience research, we can more effectively pave the pathway to prevention where individuals, families, and communities can thrive.

| CASEY KEENE, biography on page 27.





# 9/10 Marshside Meeting Room

# LESSONS LEARNED: CHILD WELFARE AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER

Presented by LaShundra Stevenson and Kim Washington

Participants will gain knowledge on the characteristics of the domestic violence offender as noted within cases of child fatalities through the Division of Family and Children Services. Data and case examples will be shared on the notable risk factors resulting in a child death when domestic violence is either alleged at the time of the incident or historical within a family known to the Division. Additionally, opportunities to build a collaborative response with agencies providing services to the non-offending and offending caregiver will be discussed to bring awareness, improve practice and ultimately prevent future child fatalities.

LASHUNDRA STEVENSON began her professional career as a police officer with the Columbus Police Department in Columbus, Georgia in 1997. Due to her passion for children, she changed roles and began her career with the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) in 2001 as a Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigator in Carroll County. She investigated child abuse and neglect for 4 years, and Supervised CPS Investigations for 8 years within Carroll and Douglas Counties. In January of 2013, she became a member of the Child Death, Near Fatality, Serious Injury Team. She is charged with reviewing all child deaths known to DFCS. During the review of these deaths, the team focuses on trends, ways to prevent future occurrences, and ways to enhance collaboration with community partners, who also share a focus of safety. LaShundra received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Columbus State University. She is married and has two children, 16 and seven. She spends her spare time traveling with her son's soccer team, attending gymnastic showcases with her daughter, and making dreams come true for others with her event planning company, Design Creations Event Planning.

KIM WASHINGTON is the Safety Coordinator within the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Kim provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to child welfare staff and state partners on the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and domestic violence. Kim's experiences within the state include as the Director of the Family Violence Unit within DFCS, responsible for ensuring that certified domestic violence and sexual assault agencies were in compliance with federal and state standards; the Child Health Coordinator within the Department of Public Health, providing education on child death and serious injury prevention education to health care providers and community agencies in addition to education on children exposed to domestic violence; and as a Program Manager with the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel, monitoring county reporting of preventable child deaths. Within Florida, Kim was also the Director of Children's Services within Hubbard House Inc., a comprehensive domestic violence program, which received the highest award and recognition from the Governor for outstanding collaborative services between a child welfare agency and a domestic violence program. Kim is also very passionate about addressing the needs of girls and functioned as a Regional Coordinator and Interim Executive Director with PACE Center for Girls, the leading recognized educational and preventive services within Florida's juvenile justice programs. Kim received a Master's of Counseling Education degree in Mental Health Counseling and a Bachelor's degree in both Psychology and Sociology from the University of North Florida.



# WORKSHOPS D

2:00-3:30P

# 1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room

# THE INTERSECTION OF RACE AND CULTURE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES Presented by Z. Ruby White Starr

Domestic violence crosses ethnic, racial, age, national origin, sexual orientation, religious and socioeconomic lines. In this workshop, participants will formulate definitions of culture, explore the dynamics of difference, gain a better understanding of their own identity and how that impacts relationships with others; and identify cultural considerations that are crucial in the handling of domestic violence cases.

| Z. RUBY WHITE STARR, biography on page 28.

# 4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room

# SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE: STATE POLICY UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

Presented by Helen Robinson and Dr. Andrea Swartzendruber

This workshop will feature a comprehensive overview of legislation from the 2016 Georgia General Assembly session that impacts the domestic violence and sexual assault community. A panel will discuss SB304, a bill requiring timely processing of sexual assault kits in our state, including the systemic issues addressed by the bill and next steps for implementation. Participants will also take part in interactive discussion about potential state and national issues on the horizon for 2017, such as policy debates surrounding campus sexual assault. The workshop will conclude with an advocacy 101 presentation for engaging direct service providers and sexual assault/family violence survivors in the policy change process.

HELEN ROBINSON is Director of Advocacy at the YWCA of Greater Atlanta, where she mobilizes diverse groups of women leaders to advocate for policy solutions to improve the health and safety, and the economic empowerment of women and girls in Georgia. She also serves as lead trainer for the Georgia Women's Policy Institute, a year-long training program that engages women in all stages of the policy change process. In her previous position with Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, she provided training and technical assistance to build the capacity of organizations to implement prevention programs and address health disparities. Her prior positions have also included Alliance Manager at CARE, where she formed strategic alliances with national women's organizations in support of global efforts to empower women and girls; and Policy Director at the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, where she engaged coalitions in advocacy activities to promote evidence-based approaches to adolescent pregnancy prevention. She has a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University, a BA in Political Science with a Gender Studies concentration from Davidson College, and a background in strategic planning, policy advocacy and coalition building.

DR. ANDREA SWARTZENDRUBER is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the College of Public Health at the University of Georgia. She is also an alumna of the Georgia Women's Policy Institute (2015 Class), during which she worked with other advocates to support new legislation pertaining to statewide protocols for testing rape kit evidence. Dr. Swartzendruber's research interests include sexual and reproductive health and adolescent health.



7:30-8:30A	A/B	Ballroom	BREAKFAST Continental
8:30-10:30 <sub>A</sub>	A/B	Ballroom	<b>CLOSING PLENARY</b> "The Parenting of Men Who Batter" Lundy Bancroft
10:30-10:45A	BREAK		
10:45-12:15 <sub>P</sub>	WORKSHOPS E		
	6	Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Healing and Recovery in Children Exposed to Domestic Violence
	7/8	Marshside Meeting Room	The Family Violence Intervention Program It's Not a Suggestion, it's the Law! Making it Work in Your County
	9/10	Marshside Meeting Room	Domestic Violence and Child Welfare, 3 Years Later: Where Are We Now?
	1/2/3	Oceanside Meeting Room	Trauma-Informed Incident Response for First Responders
	4/5	Oceanside Meeting Room	Georgia SART Project



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## **"THE PARENTING OF MEN WHO BATTER**"

LUNDY BANCROFT, AUTHOR

LUNDY BANCROFT has twenty-five years of experience specializing in interventions for abusive men and their families. He has authored five books in the field, including the U.S.'s best-selling book on domestic violence, Why Does He Do That?, and the national prizewinner The Batterer as Parent. Lundy is a former Co-Director of Emerge, the nation's first counseling program for men who batter, and was involved in over 2,000 cases as counselor and clinical supervisor. He has also served extensively as a custody evaluator, child abuse investigator, and expert witness. Lundy appears across the continent as a presenter for court personnel, child protective workers, mental health providers, law enforcement officials, and other audiences. He is currently working on a play about battered women's experiences with the child custody system, called "Forbidden to Protect". His new book, Daily Wisdom for "Why Does He Do That": Encouragement for Women Involved with Angry and Controlling Men, was released in 2015.



**WORKSHOPS E** 10:45-12:15P WEDNE

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#### 6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon

#### HEALING AND RECOVERY IN CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Presented by Lundy Bancroft

This workshop guides professionals and other community members in best approaches for supporting recovery in children who have been exposed to violence at home. Initial topics include building safety, assessing the impact on the child, assessing the impact on the mother-child relationship, and assessing the impact on family functioning. Next we examine ways to help children heal emotionally through processing their experiences verbally, using expressive therapies, and using group counseling. The importance of empowerment work with children is examined, with an emphasis on values education, development of critical-thinking skills, and children's participation in safety planning.

LUNDY BANCROFT, biography on page 37.

### 7/8 Marshside Meeting Room

### THE FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM...IT'S NOT A SUGGESTION, IT'S THE LAW! MAKING IT WORK IN YOUR COUNTY Presented by Kylee Elliott

While there is no quick fix, we all know that the Family Violence Intervention Program (FVIP) is one of our most effective tools available to change the behavior of a batterer and reduce the likelihood of future violence. Advocates across the state share the frustration that, all too often, FVIP is not routinely ordered in Family Violence TPO cases. While there are many reasons for this, often the core reason for this omission is that the court does not see a feasible way to manage, control and enforce compliance with this provision of the protective order. This advanced workshop will address concerns related to the issuance or lack thereof of the FVIP program, how to ensure compliance without additional staff or funding, and most effective sanctions to ensure compliance. In an interactive setting, we will review our model for this program and using sample cases we will review effective compliance controls and program results.

KYLEE ELLIOTT, is the Senior Legal and Sexual Assault Advocate for the YWCA of Northwest Georgia. As a Legal Advocate, she supports the domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault victims of Cobb County in a variety of legal venues from guiding them through the Temporary Protective Order process to supporting them through difficult divorce, legitimation and the criminal victim/witness process. During her tenure with the Cobb County Temporary Protection Order office, it has become recognized by many in the legal community as one of the busiest and most progressive TPO advocacy departments in the state of Georgia. As a Sexual Assault Advocate, she provides victims of Cobb, Cherokee and Paulding Counties with support during the physical examination as well as on-site crisis counseling following the sexual assault medical examination. Further, Kylee speaks frequently in the community to provide victim-centered training to law enforcement, the military and the general public. She has been qualified as an expert witness in the area of family violence and is an active member of the Cobb County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Fatality Review Committee. Kylee received her Bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and English from the University of Georgia and prior to becoming a victim advocate she worked in the legal field as a paralegal and also had an extensive career in non-profit organization field as a fundraising, development and operations director.



### 9/10 Marshside Meeting Room

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD WELFARE, 3 YEARS LATER: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

#### Presented by Kim Washington

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A few years ago, the Division of Family and Children Services, in partnership with 9 state-certified domestic violence programs and the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, implemented a best practices collaborative model to increase awareness and understanding of each agency's role and responsibilities while improving access to community resources for families. The question we've received is, "Did it work?" This presentation will primarily focus on answering this particular question. A panel of participants using the model, including DFCS and domestic violence agencies, will share their thoughts and recommendations on the model's methods of operation, successes, challenges, and lessons learned for attendees considering developing a similar strategy.

| KIM WASHINGTON, biography on page 34.

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### TRAUMA-INFORMED INCIDENT RESPONSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS Presented by Mike Mertz

This session is appropriate for all first responders to victims of sexual assault, family violence, and child victims and witnesses to incidents. The target audience consists of law enforcement and advocates as well as others who come in contact with victims and survivors either on scene of the incident or immediately after. Participants will learn about the effects of trauma on the brain, how trauma is processed, and how this may present in first encounters with victims/survivors. Participants will discuss myths and victim stereotypes to minimize assumptions. Participants will be equipped to use a trauma-informed response to conduct interviews and make appropriate referral decisions with victims on scene and in follow-up investigations. Participants will learn how exposure to violence impacts children and how to appropriately respond to children on scene to minimize this effect.

MIKE MERTZ is a P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement officer and P.O.S.T. certified trainer and has been training on issues regarding violence against women for almost 15 years. Prior to operating C&M, Mike was employed by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police as a domestic violence consultant/trainer and grants program administrator. In this role Mike worked to develop statewide training curriculum of response to crimes of family violence and sexual assault. Mike worked closely with law enforcement agencies and state non-profits to ensure training in keeping with national best practice recommendations. Mike currently serves in as a consultant to United States Air Force, Georgia Commission on Family Violence and Georgia Public Safety Training Center as well as several local law enforcement and non-profit agencies. Mike served with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office as the division Commander of the violence against women unit. In this capacity, Mike also was in charge of Federal grant application, grant program development, and personnel and fiscal compliance of the Federal grant programs. Mike was also a driving force in the Forsyth County Family Violence Task Force and served as a Board member for several non-profit organizations.

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### **GEORGIA SART PROJECT**

Presented by Ann Burdges and Amy Hutsell

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Project goals are to facilitate collaboration among agencies participating in SARTs throughout the state, to ensure victims of sexual assault are treated with respect and dignity, and that the criminal justice process is not a source of re-traumatization. The SART Project also aims to ensure consistency throughout the state in sexual assault training for law enforcement, judges, and prosecutors about best practices that enhance victim safety and autonomy, while holding offenders accountable. To accomplish these goals, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has convened a group of Core Partners and a State Expert Committee to assist in the development of model protocols, practices and training for the development or enhancement of SARTs in Georgia. Outcomes of this initiative will be improved knowledge and skills for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and victim service providers; and the facilitation of SART development or improvement statewide.

AMY HUTSELL is a Planning and Policy Specialist with Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. At CJCC, she oversees the state Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Project, which provides technical assistance and best practices training to Georgia's 49 judicial circuits. She co-chairs and leads the State SART Expert Committee, which provides guidance in the development of resources, such as sexual assault guidelines, model protocols and a SART website. She provides protocol development training and workshops for Sexual Assault Protocol committees throughout Georgia. She has over ten years of experience in sexual assault and child sexual abuse services. Previously, she was the Assistant Director of the Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center and Children's Advocacy Center, where supervised the agency's team of advocates, forensic nurses, counselors, legal advocates and volunteers. She has served on the Children's Advocacy Center of Georgia's Membership and Standards Committee as a site reviewer. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Georgia State University. Amy owns Sugar Moon Bake Shop (home of the banana pudding cupcake) in Decatur, Georgia.

ANN BURDGES is CEO/Executive Director of Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center (GSAC-CAC), a metro-Atlanta non-profit providing forensic-medical, advocacy and legal services for victims and families in one location. Ann also serves as a director with End Violence Against Women Int'l. (EVAWI), the national training and TA provider for the criminal justice response to sexual assault. Ann previously worked in law enforcement (uniform patrol to detective) investigating sexual assault, homicide, and narcotics trafficking in Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL. Ann holds numerous US Dept. of Justice/FBI training certifications and has completed multiple professional training programs.

# AWARD RECIPIENTS



### **GENDER JUSTICE AWARD**

CARMEN SMITH SOLICITOR GENERAL, FULTON COUNTY

The Gender Justice Award is presented to leaders in social justice who work for the betterment of women in Georgia. Recipients of this award are chosen based on their history of increasing safety for victims and survivors of domestic violence, enhancing accountability of batterers, and making systemic changes to laws in Georgia – all in order to eliminate gender inequality.

Fulton County Solicitor General Carmen Smith is the recipient of the 2016 Gender Justice Award. Smith, who is retiring at the end of 2016, has served as the Solicitor General of Fulton County since 1996. She also served on the Georgia Commission on Family Violence for two terms.

## TASK FORCE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Task Force of the Year Award is presented to a Family Violence Task Force that is implementing a Coordinated Community Response in an effort to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

This award will be presented by the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

### TASK FORCE MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Task Force Member of the Year Award is presented to the task force member who has taken extraordinary strides to better protect victims and hold abusers accountable.

This award will be presented by the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

### IN THE TRENCHES AWARD

The In the Trenches award recognizes one front-line advocate whose effort goes beyond the ordinary to demonstrate extraordinary dedication to safety and justice for domestic violence survivors.

This award will be presented by the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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### MOVING THE WORK FORWARD AWARD

#### YWCA OF GREATER ATLANTA'S GEORGIA WOMEN'S POLICY INSTITUTE (GWPI)

The Moving the Work Forward Award is presented to organizations that are innovative in their approaches and actions to ensure all victims of domestic violence are provided the necessary resources to live free of violence in their homes.

GWPI is a leadership, advocacy and civic engagement training for women from diverse backgrounds. GWPI Fellows meet over the course of one year for education, team building, and hands-on learning, as they work collaboratively on a real world policy project that impacts the lives of women and girls in Georgia. In its five successful years, a total of 80 women advocates have participated in the Georgia Women's Policy Institute, forming a strong alumni network dedicated to creating positive policy change for women and girls in our state.



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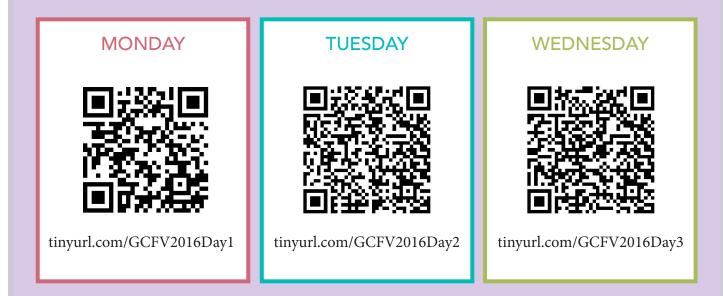
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