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Commission on
Family
Violence

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS AND RESTORING HOPE:

25 Years Ago to 25 Years Ahead

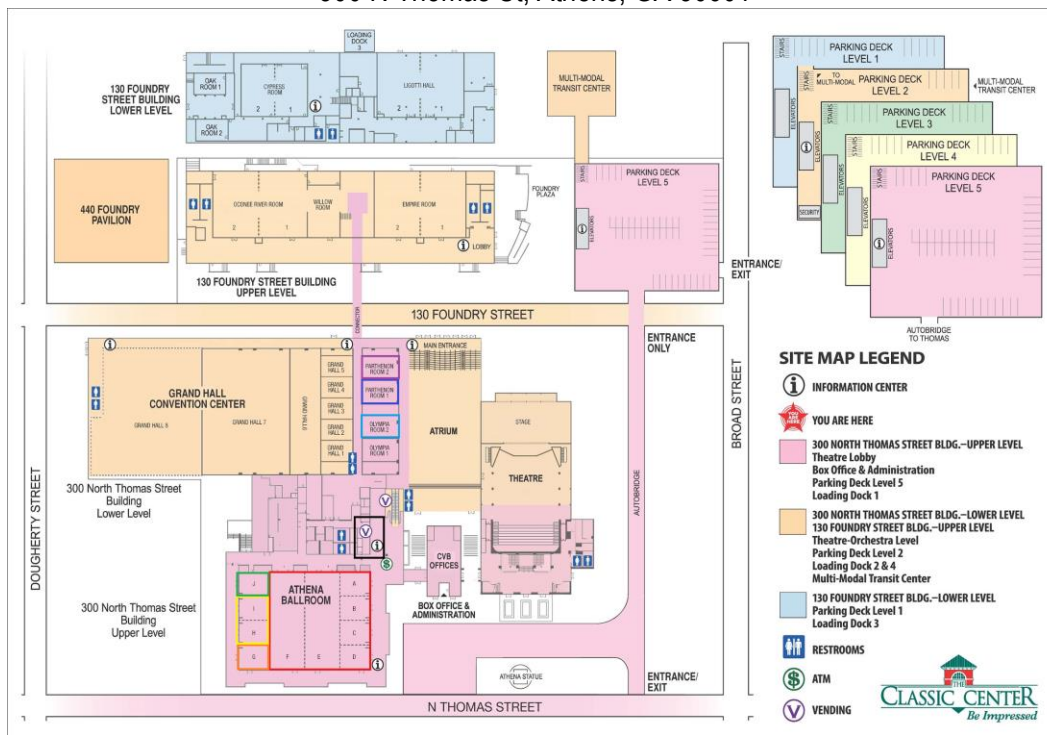


**The 25th Annual Statewide
Family Violence Conference
September 8-11, 2019
Athens, Georgia**

VENUE LAYOUT

CLASSIC CENTER

300 N Thomas St, Athens, GA 30601



Athena A-F Athena H/I Olympia 2 Parthenon 2
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CONTINUING EDUCATION & CERTIFICATES

These are the continuing education hours that GCFV has been approved and applied for at the time of print. An updated list of approvals will be on the GCFV website and at the registration table.

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

To receive a certificate of attendance or a CEU certificate, you must sign in at every workshop you attend and complete the overall conference evaluation emailed to you at the conclusion of the conference. After completing the evaluation, you will be provided with a link to download a certificate of attendance and CEU certificates. Additionally, if you are seeking CEUs, you must sign in on the CEU-specific forms provided at registration. We will use the emails provided to us when you registered on Cvent. If you have not been receiving emails from us through Cvent, please ensure we have the correct email for you before you leave the conference on Wednesday to ensure you have access to your certificates.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thank you for joining us in Athens for the 25th Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference. During the Conference, there will be over 30 workshops, three keynotes, and a special celebration to acknowledge for those who have been in the work to end family violence for 25 years or more! The schedule is broken down by day and time in the conference manual. Any updates to this schedule will be communicated during 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 members or volunteers for assistance.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	7:30 - 8:30 am Registration Full Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 am Registration Full Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 am Registration Light Breakfast
	8:30 -10:30 am Plenary	8:30 -10:30 am Plenary	8:30 -10:30 am Plenary
	10:45 - 12:15 pm Workshop A	10:45 - 12:15 pm Workshop C	10:45 - 12:15 pm Workshop F
	12:15 - 1:45 pm Lunch	12:15 - 1:45 pm Lunch	12:20 pm Conference Send-off
	2:00 - 3:30 pm Workshop B	2:00 - 3:30 pm Workshop D	
3:00 - 4:30 pm Commission Meeting (Optional)		3:45 - 5:15 pm Workshop E	
5:00 - 7:00 pm Early Registration		5:30 - 6:30 pm Silver Lining Celebration	



Silver Lining Celebration

Please join us on Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in Athena A-F for our Silver Lining Celebration in honor of those who have been in the movement to end family and domestic violence for 25 years or more! We will celebrate the successes of the movement and reflect on landmark moments over the last 25 years in Georgia. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to celebrating with you!

LETTER FROM COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends of the Commission,

On behalf of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV), we welcome you to the 25th Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference. For the past 25 years, GCFV has strived to create a conference that brings together local and national community stakeholders to share emerging and best practices to address domestic violence and sexual assault in Georgia. During that time, the conference has grown from a two-day retreat to three days of workshops with over 600 domestic violence advocates, sexual assault advocates, victim advocates, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, faith leaders, counselors, first responders, Family Violence Intervention Program providers and community members in attendance. Whether you're a first-timer or you've been attending our conferences from the beginning, we are honored that you've joined us in Athens this year.

In celebration of what we've achieved over the last 25 years and in the anticipation of challenges that lie ahead of us, our conference theme this year is *Supporting Survivors and Restoring Hope: 25 Years Ago to 25 Years Ahead*. Three highly-acclaimed keynotes and over 30 unique workshops will provide a time for attendees to reflect on the work we've achieved in the movement to end family violence over the last 25 years, and will frame current issues facing our movement and innovative ideas to address them.

Additionally, we will be celebrating those in attendance who have been working in the field to end domestic and family violence for 25 years or more at our *Silver Lining Celebration* held on Tuesday evening. Silver is the official anniversary gift for 25 years, and we look forward to the gifts these leaders will share as they provide their own reflections on the movement and their hopes for the future.

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, Division of Family and Children Services personnel, Department of Community Supervision officers, and 911 operators. Additional scholarships for judges were awarded by the Judicial Council Administrative Office of the Courts.



Stephanie Woodard
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Conference Co-Chair



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Conference Co-Chair

GEORGIA COMMISSION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV) is a state agency created by the Georgia General Assembly in 1992. The 37 members of the State Commission on Family Violence are outlined in O.C.G.A. § 19-13-32. Our mission is to provide leadership to end family violence by promoting safety, ensuring accountability and improving justice for generations to come. Our vision is to serve the state of Georgia as a clearinghouse for family violence, ensuring safety is balanced with offender accountability; implementing research-based and data-driven responses, and collaborating with partners to promote safe homes for all Georgians. We value integrity, coordination, leadership, and education.

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in workshops and keynotes are those of the presenters and do not necessarily reflect the official policy, position, or opinion of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence or individual Commission members.

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Monday, September 9, 2018

8:30 - 9:00 am	Athena A-F Conference Welcome and Awards		
9:00-10:30 am	Athena A-F Vanessa McNeal, Keynote		
10:30-10:45 am	Break		
10:45-12:15 pm	Workshops A		
Athena G-J Gridshock Documentary Screening and Q&A	Olympia 2 Understanding Forced and Child Marriage in the United States (Part I)	Parthenon 1 & 2 First, Do No Harm: Trauma Informed Interviewing	
12:15-1:45 pm	Athena A-F Lunch		
1:45-2:00 pm	Break		
2:00-3:30 pm	Workshops B		
Athena G-J The Voiceless Documentary Screening and Q&A	Olympia 2 Forced and Child Marriage: Advanced Safety Planning & Opportunities for Policy Advocacy (Part II)	Parthenon 1 The Intersection of Domestic Violence & Substance Abuse	Parthenon 2 Addressing Family Violence and Sexual Assault Through State Policy Change

Vanessa McNeal



Sexual Violence: The Things We Can't Ignore

Vanessa McNeal is an award winning documentary filmmaker, national speaker, and two-time TEDx speaker. She travels and speaks nationally about how to confront adversity with grace, using her personal story as a vehicle to inspire and empower others. Vanessa will share her harrowing story of surviving sexual violence and how it led to groundbreaking film work. She will also share insight into her work within the sex trafficking industry, and will discuss how best to empower survivors through supporting and believing them.

Workshops A (10:45 AM - 12:15 PM)

Athena G-J

Gridshock Documentary Screening and Q&A

Vanessa McNeal

Gridshock is a riveting documentary exposing the hidden and disturbing reality behind the sex trafficking demand. The film, which premiered in April 2019, features survivors of sex trafficking, local and federal law enforcement, advocates, politicians, and a recovering sex addict.

Olympia 2

Understanding Forced and Child Marriage in the United States (Part I)

Casey Carter Swegman and Hellitz Villegas

Forced marriage is a serious problem in the United States (U.S.), impacting individuals of any gender, age, religion, cultural background, national origin, or economic status. A form of family violence in and of itself, it often results in physical, psychological and sexual abuse, and can intersect with human trafficking, female genital mutilation/cutting, and child abuse. Survivors often face significant safety risks, legal barriers, and isolation, all of which are compounded for minors. This session will explore the nature and scope of forced and child marriage in the U.S., the complex cultural and social dynamics driving this form of abuse, and the systemic gaps that put individuals at risk. Participants will identify the warning signs of forced marriage and best practices for screening and responding to challenging cases. Particular focus will be given to the specific legal and practical hurdles experienced by minors facing forced and coercive marriage in Georgia and the current law which allows child marriage to occur in the state.

Parthenon 1 & 2

First, Do No Harm: Trauma Informed Interviewing

Dalia Racine, J.D.

Traumatic crimes can impact victims in any number of ways, some obvious and some less so, and each victim's response to trauma is unique to that individual. In order to keep victims safe and engaged throughout the criminal justice process, allied professionals must interact with victims in ways that consider the physical and emotional effects of trauma. Interviewers must understand more common responses to trauma that result from these effects and appreciate the impact of trauma on the victim's ability to recall and recount details of the traumatic event. This presentation will identify barriers to successful interviews and explore techniques for overcoming them. The presenter will explain how a traditional fact-gathering approach to interviewing can be counterproductive or even harmful to the victim and to the investigation. Alternative approaches to interviewing and questioning will be identified and analyzed for their potential to minimize re-traumatization and enhance our ability to recreate the reality of the crime at trial. An emphasis will be placed on integrating a trauma informed response from the first contact with a victim through the conclusion of the case, with realistic goals for interviews and meetings at every stage of the process.

Workshops B (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

Athena G-J

The Voiceless Documentary Screening and Q&A

Vanessa McNeal

This internationally recognized and award winning film features the stories of five male survivors of sexual violence. The documentary discusses the intersectionality between culture, masculinity, stereotypes, and the impact that sexual violence has on men.

Olympia 2

Forced and Child Marriage: Advanced Safety Planning and Opportunities for Policy Advocacy (Part II)

Casey Carter Swegman and Hellitz Villegas

This workshop builds upon the earlier workshop Understanding Forced and Child Marriage in the United States. Participants will learn advanced best practices for responding to individuals at risk and survivors of forced and child marriage including risk assessment and safety planning for complex cases involving minors, the threat of overseas travel and those with an immigration dynamic. Participants will workshop real world case scenarios and be given best practice tools to guide intervention efforts. An overview of the available forms of immigration, civil and criminal legal remedies and support resources for individuals facing forced marriage will also be provided. This workshop will conclude with an overview of the opportunities for policy advocacy to prevent child marriage in Georgia.

Parthenon 1

The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse

Joshua Nation

This workshop is designed to explore the linkage between domestic violence and substance abuse. As FVIP providers seek to address systemic patterns of violence in relationships, they are often confronted and confounded by the role that substance abuse plays in these complex relationships. Taking time to better understand substance abuse and the importance of linking individuals to appropriate treatment services is critical in sustaining long-term progress toward non-violence. This workshop seeks to provide attendees with a working knowledge of addiction and its impact on violent behavior, updates on recovery resources and best practices, and how to navigate successfully discussing treatment with batterers. Targeted for Domestic Violence Advocates, Victim Advocates, and FVIPs.

Parthenon 2

Addressing Family Violence and Sexual Assault through State Policy Change

Helen Robinson

State-level policy is an essential tool for addressing family violence and sexual assault in Georgia, and conference participants have a unique role to play in the policy change process. This workshop will focus on effective strategies for how participants can inform key policy debates utilizing their on-the-ground experience and issue expertise, in order to ensure that policies accurately reflect the issues and support survivors. An interactive presentation will cover tips for monitoring relevant state legislation, engaging direct service providers and survivors in the legislative process, and year-round strategies for educating policymakers and assisting in the implementation of new policies. The workshop will include a comprehensive overview of state legislation from the 2019 Georgia General Assembly session with real world case studies, as well as discussion to prepare for key issues on the horizon for the 2020 session.

Tuesday, September 10, 2018

8:30 - 9:00 am	Athena A-F Conference Remarks and Awards				
9:00-10:30 am	Athena A-F Melissa Jeltsen, Keynote				
10:30-10:45 am	Break				
10:45-12:15 pm	Workshops C				
Athena G Safety Planning for Everyone: Basic Tips to Safety Planning with Survivors for the Non-Advocate	Athena H/I Masculinity and Violence Perpetration: What Do We Know?	Athena J Identifying, Understanding, Protecting, and Servicing Sex Trafficking Victims	Olympia 2 Georgia's Child Abuse Registry – Protecting Survivors from the Risks of the Registry	Parthenon 1 Know More, Do More: Investigating and Responding to Stalking	Parthenon 2 TPO Court Road Trip: Best Practices Based on Observation and Experience
12:15-1:45 pm	Athena A-F Lunch				
1:45-2:00 pm	Break				
2:00-3:30 pm	Workshops D				
Athena G Forensic Medical Exams: What Advocates, Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Need to Know	Athena H/I Enhancing Your Community's Response to Domestic Violence Murder-Suicide	Athena J The Use of Technology to Stalk	Olympia 2 Leveraging Federal Criminal Law to Enhance Community Safety: Federal-State Partnerships on DV	Parthenon 1 Working with Victims of Domestic Violence from Underrepresented Immigrant Communities	Parthenon 2 Family Violence Intervention Program Rules (Part I)
3:45-5:15 pm	Workshops E				
Athena G The Importance of Asking About Pets: The Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Abuse	Athena H/I Racial Justice and White Aspiring Allyship in the Domestic Violence Movement	Athena J Engaging Teens in the Work to Prevent Dating Violence	Olympia 2 Georgia Division of Child Support Services Overview: Understanding the Process	Parthenon 1 Providing Competent Care to LGBTQ Survivors	Parthenon 2 Family Violence Intervention Program Rules (Part II)
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Athena A-F Silver Lining Celebration				

Melissa Jeltsen



From Behind Closed Doors To The National Stage: The Challenges (And Opportunities) Of Reporting On Domestic Violence

In this keynote, Melissa Jeltsen, a senior reporter at HuffPost, will talk about her experience as a journalist covering domestic violence in the U.S. She will discuss how she documented the intersection of mass shootings and domestic violence, the phenomenon of battered women imprisoned for killing their abusers, and will revisit some of her most difficult stories.

Workshops C (10:45 AM - 12:15 PM)

Athena G

Safety Planning for Everyone: Basic Tips to Safety Planning with Survivors for the Non-Advocate

Alexis Champion

Leaving an abusive relationship is often the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence, and victims will go to multiple people in their support network for help before ever seeking out assistance from a trained domestic violence advocate. While safety planning with a trained advocate is an essential part of the advocacy process and referrals to an advocate should be made whenever possible, anyone who is offering support to a victim can learn the basics of safety planning skills. The more we all know about good safety planning, the better we can help to increase safety for victims. This workshop will provide a basic overview for people who are not domestic violence advocates on how to safety plan with victims who are either in an abusive situation or who are thinking about or in the process of leaving.

Athena H/I

Masculinity and Violence Perpetration: What Do We Know?

Wojciech Kaczkowski, Dominic Parrott, Dennis Reidy and Monica Swahn

Cultural norms that dictate how boys and men are supposed to look, behave, experience, and express emotions are complex and malleable across time and contexts. Public discourse about the adverse outcomes versus the laudable attributes of masculinity is by no means new; however, this issue now seems much more in the forefront of the public zeitgeist, perhaps due to the recent events in politics and popular culture, such as the emergence of the Me Too movement or the backlash towards the new Gillette ad campaign. The goal of this workshop is to provide the audience with a research-informed overview of the relationship between masculinity and violence perpetration and the way it affects boys and men, women, and the broader society. Topics covered will include 1) how masculinity is defined and measured, 2) how masculinity is communicated and taught to boys, 3) the direct and indirect processes through which conforming to masculine norms leads to violent outcomes, and 4) how focusing on norms pertaining to masculinity can be utilized to prevent violence.

Athena J

Identifying, Understanding, Protecting, and Servicing Sex Trafficking Victims

Heather Stockdale and Camila Zolfaghari

This workshop will train participants of all disciplines to identify, protect and serve sex trafficking victims from a legal and trauma-informed service provider perspective. Participants will receive in-depth information about what sex trafficking looks like in Georgia, and how to respond to it from both a law enforcement and legal system perspective, and a service provider perspective. We will discuss the special challenges that law enforcement and prosecutors face when working these cases, alongside the special challenges service providers face. We will discuss what it means to be at high risk to become a trafficking

victim and what can be done to prevent human trafficking. We will provide resource information and participants will leave the training knowing what to do when they come across a suspected human trafficking victim.

Olympia 2

Georgia's Child Abuse Registry – Protecting Survivors from the Risks of the Registry

Megan Pulsts and Alexandra Eichenbaum

Georgia Legal Services' attorneys are seeing more cases where victims of domestic violence are being placed on the Child Abuse Registry. These victims are accused of failing to protect their children and in some circumstances, their abusers are not placed on the registry. The Child Abuse Registry is currently set up so that the parent is placed on the registry and then given a 10 day notice that they can appeal to be removed. While the timeline was recently expanded to 30 days, the parent is still placed on the registry prior to any notice and then must request and win a hearing to be removed. Attorneys who have represented parents in these cases will explain the process, review the basics of case presentation, provide materials, and discuss the 2019 changes and updates on the Child Abuse Registry statute (CARS).

Parthenon 1

Know More, Do More: Investigating and Responding to Stalking

Mark Kurkowski and Jennifer Landhuis

Stalking is a prevalent, dangerous and often misunderstood crime. This session explores the dynamics of stalking, focusing on the highly contextual nature of the crime by discussing common tactics used by perpetrators, stalking's co-occurrence with domestic and sexual violence as well as tools to plan for victim safety and hold offenders accountable.

Parthenon 2

TPO Court Road Trip: Best Practices Based on Observation and Experience

Joel Correa, Kylee Elliott, Kate Gaffney, and Toni Roberts

As the last Fatality Review Report highlighted, there are many areas that require our attention to increase victim safety. In accordance with these highlighted areas from the report last year, advocates and civil attorneys from five metro Atlanta counties collaborated to create a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) Forum as a way to share and compare practices and establish a Best Practices Model for victims engaged in TPO Court. The group observed TPO Court in each county represented, reviewed the judicial, advocacy and legal representation practices in each county and then walked through the process that each victim goes through when seeking legal assistance and protection. The group met and collaborated to discuss strengths and challenges present in each county. This collaboration, based on observation and experience, led to the creation of a Best Practices Manual for TPO Court that will aid the judiciary, advocates and attorney as they work to grow and shape their individual programs into the best program for their specific communities. The session will cover these best practices and also allow time for discussion so that judges, advocates and attorneys from around the state can contribute to the development of Georgia's Best Practices for TPO Court. Each participant will leave with a copy of the report as a manual that they can take home to use in their own community.

Workshops D (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

Athena G

Forensic Medical Exams: What Advocates, Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Need to Know

Sarah Pederson

At the conclusion of this session, participants will understand the role of a forensic nurse in the criminal justice system. The session will highlight effective ways to integrate forensic nurses as part of the multidisciplinary team. Participants will learn about the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam from the medical professional's perspective and gain insight into what the SANE wants each member of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to know about the purpose, scope, and limitations of a SANE exam.

Athena H/I

Enhancing Your Community's Response to Domestic Violence Murder-Suicide

Niki Lemeshka and Jenny Aszman

An average of 130 Georgians lose their lives to domestic violence each year, roughly half of these are attributed to incidents of murder-suicide. This workshop will explore the Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project's findings on murder-suicide, build attendees' understanding of the homicide-suicide connection, and enhance their capacities to identify relationships at increased risk for a murder-suicide incident. The training will then turn to implementing services that support survivors of domestic violence murder-suicide and introduce the work being completed under the Georgia Commission on Family Violence's Support for Survivors of Murder-Suicide (SSMS) Project.

Athena J

The Use of Technology to Stalk

Mark Kurkowski and Jennifer Landhuis

Stalkers are creative criminals who use – and misuse – a variety of technologies to locate, surveil and monitor their victims. This session will address common technologies utilized by stalkers, discuss evidence preservation concerns as well as identify effective safety-planning strategies.

Olympia 2

Leveraging Federal Criminal Law to Enhance Community Safety: Federal-State Partnerships on Domestic Violence

Jessica Morris and Daysha D. Young

Through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Congress has provided federal prosecutors with a tool kit to address domestic violence offenders in your communities. Identifying appropriate targets for federal prosecution requires a partnership between state and federal stakeholders. We will discuss a joint initiative of the US Attorneys' Office and the DeKalb District Attorney's Office to identify cases for federal prosecution under the federal law that makes it a felony for an individual to possess a firearm after a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. We will discuss our process of reviewing cases and the importance of engaging a wide range of stakeholders in your counties — from responding officers to victim advocates to probation officers to felony prosecutors — in order to identify targets for potential federal prosecution. To provide a common framework for discussion, the workshop will provide an overview of federal criminal law relating to domestic violence ranging from firearms laws to stalking provisions. We will discuss the advantages of federal prosecution in cases involving domestic violence, including the lack of parole in the federal system and the likelihood of pretrial detention. We will also discuss charging and pleading decisions at the State court level in domestic violence cases that impact whether an offender will be barred, under federal law, from possessing a firearm.

Parthenon 1

Working with Victims of Domestic Violence from Underrepresented Immigrant Communities

Fakiha Khan

As the demographics of the target population change, advocates must evolve their approach to victims from immigrant communities and religious minorities in order to provide culturally specific services and continue to support these survivors for another 25 years. This workshop will include an overview of how culture may pose a barrier to advocating for victims from underrepresented communities. The aim of the program is to address an increasingly diverse clientele, identify the barriers posed as these groups seek protection from abuse, and evolve techniques to ensure that justice is served in an equitable manner.

Parthenon 2

Family Violence Intervention Program Rules: Part I

Meredith Stepp and Jameelah Ferrell

Come learn about the new rules for Family Violence Intervention Programs (FVIPs)! After 15 years, the Department of Community Supervision and the Georgia Commission on Family Violence approved new standards for FVIPs, which became effective on January 1, 2019. This workshop will provide an overview of the updates to the FVIP rules with a special focus on updates to class procedures, form requirements, recordkeeping requirements, and enforcement actions. Part one will explore the intake and exit process, including an overview of the updates to FVIP victim liaison requirements. Part two will explore the class requirements, compliance and enforcement actions. *Certified FVIP Facilitators who attend both workshops will fulfill the requirement for three hours of Commission-provided training on the rules.*

Workshops E (3:45 PM - 5:15 PM)

Athena G

The Importance of Asking About Pets: The Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Abuse

Jessica Rock

Are you asking about pets? If not, you may be missing an opportunity to gain information about family dynamics. Asking about pets can be a non-threatening approach for engaging those who may otherwise be resistant to talking about violence to themselves. Studies show that domestic abusers often intentionally target pets to exert control over their partners — over 50 percent of pet-owning women entering domestic violence shelters report that their abusers threatened, harmed or killed a family pet. Pets may play an influential role in both victim safety and the progression of violence. Offenders harm pets as a tactic of domestic violence — to gain power and control or to intimidate or coerce victims to stay. Animal abuse can also be an early warning sign of concurrent or future violence. A victim's concern about the safety of household pets can delay or even prevent her escape from an abusive relationship. This workshop will give you additional tools to reduce barriers and keep both victims and their pets as safe as we can.

Athena H/I

Racial Justice and White Aspiring Allyship in the Domestic Violence Movement

Alexis Champion and Michelle Goodloe

Complex barriers to leaving an abusive relationship are significantly increased for victims of domestic violence who are people of color. According to the Violence Policy Center's 2018 report, Black women were killed by a male offender at a rate twice as high as White women in 2016. In addition to this alarming statistic, there still remains a lack of representation of people of color in leadership positions throughout the domestic violence movement. In order to best meet the needs of people of color who are victims of domestic violence, those of us who strive to be White allies must be willing to look at the intersections of racism, oppression and victimization in our work.

Athena J

Engaging Teens in the Work to Prevent Dating Violence

Mary Haddon, Samantha Macedo, Lizeth Montoya, Brooke Pearson and Ethan Young

This workshop is a facilitated panel discussion that addresses engaging teens in the work to prevent dating violence. Panelists will include a former member of Partnership Against Domestic Violence's Teens Against Dating Violence Advisory Board, a former Project Safe, Inc. Breaking Silence Teen Textline Operator, and a teen volunteer from Family Haven who assists with their outreach efforts to students in the high school setting. Topics covered will frame the issue of Teen Dating Violence and include themes and trends related to dating relationships from a teen perspective. An opportunity for audience Q & A and open discussion will conclude the session.

Olympia 2

Georgia Division of Child Support Services Overview: Understanding the Process

Kristi Stone and Erica D. Thornton

Join us as we explore the world of the Division of Child Support Services (DCSS). This session is being delivered based on feedback from domestic violence advocates that they would like to better understand the child support process in Georgia. Better understanding the child support procedures will assist advocates in supporting survivors who may navigate this process. DCSS provides appropriate services to all qualified applicants in accordance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations. We will explore services that include locating the alleged father or noncustodial parent, establishment of paternity, establishment and enforcement of a support order, establishment and enforcement of medical support and review and modification (adjustment) of an existing court order. This workshop also focuses on DCSS outreach programs such as Parental Accountability Court, Fatherhood, Child Access and Visitation and Prison Re-entry. This session includes an overview of the purpose of outreach programs and recognizing the impact they have on DCSS.

Parthenon 1

Providing Competent Care to LGBTQ Survivors

Kacey Long

LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer) survivors encounter additional barriers when seeking services after a trauma, ultimately resulting in many choosing to not report or seek help at all. LGBTQ persons are at significantly greater risk of experiencing sexual violence, but many report that they never seek services from hospitals, police, or shelters for fear of discrimination and invalidation. Within this workshop, we will define common language and terms, identify specific barriers unique to LGBTQ survivors (fear of discrimination, absence of legal protections, etc.), and discuss how intersectional identities impact LGBTQ survivors and their access to reporting and competent services. The workshop facilitator will provide specific examples of ways to remove barriers within your agency, explain specific programs that have been implemented at the Cottage, and discuss how to ensure agency staff are equipped with the knowledge and resources to serve these populations.

Parthenon 2

Family Violence Intervention Program Rules: Part II

Meredith Stepp and Jameelah Ferrell

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10:30-10:45 am	Break				
10:45-12:15 pm	Workshops F				
Athena G How to Manage Challenging FVIP Participants	Athena H/I Georgia Sexual Assault Kit and Cold Case Homicide Initiative	Athena J High Point's Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative	Olympia 2 Linking Concussions and Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence	Parthenon 1 Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Clemency Project	Parthenon 2 Children's Camps for Child Survivors of Domestic Violence Panel
12:20 pm	Athena A-F Conference Send-off				

High Point, North Carolina Collaborative: Timothy Ellenberger, Teri Hyman, Kenneth Shultz and Jennifer Wells

It's Not Just Domestic Violence, It's VIOLENCE. Case Study: The High Point Model - Domestic Violence Intimate Partner



For nearly a decade, the city of High Point, North Carolina, has been succeeding with an inter-agency, community-based model of ending domestic violence by holding offenders accountable while prioritizing the safety of the victims. Led by law enforcement, the model has been shown to deliver remarkable results by nearly eliminating homicides and reducing offender recidivism. This plenary session will include screening a documentary about the program and an address from the Chief of Police and a Victim Services Advocate who will discuss the implementation of the program from its beginning. An Assistant U.S. Attorney will then speak about the success that a county in South Carolina – nearly three times the size of High Point – is having replicating the program in what was once the worst county in the country for domestic violence.

Workshops F (10:45 AM - 12:15 PM)

Athena G

How to Manage Challenging FVIP Participants

Dr. Terry L. Parks

This workshop is designed for FVIP providers and facilitators. At a minimum, you are going to have challenging/disgruntled participants that come to enroll in your FVIP. In some cases, there may be extreme situations where you feel you may have to "put them out" due to their behavior. Ultimately this is not what you want to happen. This workshop will teach you how to recognize the warning signs or triggers that let you know the participant is getting angry. It will teach you how to validate participants and diffuse situations so you and your participants can be heard and how to use key phrases to calm participants before a crisis happens.

Athena H/I

Georgia Sexual Assault Kit and Cold Case Homicide Initiative

Amy Hutsell and Theresa Schiefer

In this workshop, presenters will discuss the Georgia Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (GA SAKI) Cold Case Sexual Assault Task Force and new Cold Case Homicide Initiative. The Cold Case Task Force is a collaborative of law enforcement, prosecution and victim serving agencies that work together on cold case sexual assault cases that have resulted from testing of the sexual assault kit backlog. Enhancing the project is an additional focus on cold case homicides with sexual assault components that provides law enforcement agencies statewide with additional resources to seek justice for families of victims in these cases. This workshop will also highlight the Samuel Little serial killings in Georgia that brought attention to the need for these resources. Resources available to cold case sexual assault victims in Georgia will also be discussed.

Athena J

High Point's Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative

Timothy Ellenberger, Teri Hyman, Kenneth Shultz, and Jennifer Wells

This workshop will continue the presentation and discussions from the keynote on creating a community response to hold offenders accountable and providing services for victims. Partners from the High Point North Carolina Collaborative will explore best practices and who needs to be involved in a comprehensive response to intimate partner violence in your community.

Olympia 2

Linking Concussions and Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

Maria Chininis and Kristin Crea

This workshop will clearly define the signs and symptoms of a concussion and link how these signs and symptoms often mimic what happens to victims of domestic and intimate partner violence. Presenters will discuss research currently being done and how this clearly shows the link and the need for more education and awareness. The workshop will include discussion of the Concussion Institute of Gwinnett Medical Center in Duluth's patient care via telemedicine appointments and in office appointments, and their development of patient medical care plans designed to support survivors as they navigate the justice system for support. The workshop will equip all stakeholders with the knowledge to assist survivors as they recover from this injury and navigate their path to recovery from a concussion.

Parthenon 1

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Clemency Project

Angela Grant, Crystal L. Moon, Shenna Morris

The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Clemency Project is a collaboration between several organizations to provide post-conviction relief to battered women incarcerated in Georgia's prisons. Offenders who are serving a sentence for committing a crime against an intimate partner or who are serving a sentence for committing a crime under the direction of their intimate partner, and who are also parole eligible are candidates for the Clemency Project. The initial work has been focused on influencing the decisions of the parole board when considering these women for parole by bringing forth evidence of their abuse that may not have been revealed during their trials. This includes surveying and interviewing incarcerated females at two of Georgia's prisons.

Parthenon 2

Children's Camps for Child Survivors of Domestic Violence Panel

Michelle Goodloe, Jenny Aszman, Lane Pease, Hope Rosenlund, Deana Porter

Experiencing the loss of a parent to domestic violence homicide, suicide and/or incarceration in childhood is a traumatic, confusing and complicated process for the surviving children and families. This workshop will provide attendees with guidance on how to develop helpful solutions to support the child and familial survivors of domestic violence homicide/murder-suicide in their respective communities. Panel participants will discuss what supports child survivors need during their time of grief from surviving this traumatic loss.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 2019 Award Recipients!

Gender Justice Award: [Kimya Motley](#)

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.

Moving the Work Forward Award: [Georgia Teen Advocates Network](#)

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.

Responsible Coverage Awards: [Annie Tejada of Telemundo](#)

The Responsible Coverage Award recognizes and celebrates journalists or media outlets that demonstrate leadership in responsibly covering the issue of domestic violence in a way that furthers the goal of ending violence against women in the State of Georgia.

In the Trenches Award: [Rosemary Stefanoff](#)

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 is presented by the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Task Force Member of the Year Award: [Shelia Hill](#)

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.

Task Force of the Year Award: [Mountain Judicial Circuit Family Violence Task Force](#)

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.

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