



Georgia  
Commission on  
Family  
Violence



# BEYOND THE BRUISING

## UNRAVELING THE COMPLEXITIES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

THE JEKYLL ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER • JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2018

THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE





**A/B/C/D** Ballroom

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**4/5** Oceanside Meeting Room

**L** Conference Center Front Lawn

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

We are glad that you have joined us on Jekyll Island and hope you enjoy your time in Georgia's Golden Isles. During the conference, there will be 36 workshops, nine self-care activities, and two keynotes. Any updates to the 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	3:00p - 4:30p	COMMISSION MEETING	
	5:00p - 7:00p	REGISTRATION	CORNHOLE COMPETITION
MONDAY	6:45a	6:45a - 7:30a MORNING RUN	6:45a - 7:45a MORNING YOGA
	7:30a - 8:30a	FULL BREAKFAST	
	8:30a - 10:30a	PLENARY	
	10:45a - 12:15p	WORKSHOPS A	
	12:15p - 1:45p	LUNCH	
	2:00p - 3:30p	WORKSHOPS B	
	4:00p	4:00p - 5:00p MEDITATION	4:00p - 5:30p GAME NIGHT
TUESDAY	6:45a	6:45a - 7:30a MORNING WALK	6:45a - 7:45a MORNING YOGA
	7:30a - 8:30a	FULL BREAKFAST	
	8:30a - 10:30a	PLENARY	
	10:45a - 12:15p	WORKSHOPS C	
	12:15p - 1:45p	LUNCH	
	2:00p - 3:30p	WORKSHOPS D	
	4:00p	4:00p - 5:00p SEA TURTLE CENTER	4:00p - 5:30p BIKE RIDE
WEDNESDAY	8:00a - 9:00a	LIGHT BREAKFAST	
	9:00a - 10:30a	WORKSHOPS E	
	10:45a-12:15p	WORKSHOPS F	
	12:15a - 12:30p	CONFERENCE SEND OFF	

# WE HEARD YOU!

We take your feedback about the annual conference very seriously. The Conference Planning Committee works hard to incorporate what you've shared and to make improvements every year so we can continue to bring you a conference that is informative, challenging, and comfortable. Here are some of the requests we received from the 2017 Conference evaluations and the improvements we've made.

## You asked for...

### "More Self-Care Activities!"

We continue to expand our offering of self-care activities to meet your interests! We encourage you to take advantage of this time to connect with yourself and your colleagues. Some self-care activities are included with your registration, while a few require additional fees.

### "Let's Go Back to the Beach!"

We love hosting the conference in Jekyll as much as you! We will continue to alternate the conference location between Jekyll Island and Athens for as long as the conference venues can accommodate the (ever-growing) size of our conference.

### "Simplify the CEU process!"

We want to make sure you get your CEUs for attending the conference! Please sign in on the appropriate sign in sheet when you check in at the registration table, and then sign in at every workshop you attend. In order to ensure you get credit, please have your certification or license number ready.

### "More National Presenters!"

While we continuously receive raving reviews of workshop presenters, we received several requests to increase our national presenters. The Conference Planning Committee was successful in securing a wide array of workshops on new and innovative topics presented by experts from diverse fields. This year's schedule features workshops presented by several national experts.

### "Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Workshops!"

Conference attendees have a wide range of experiences in the domestic violence field and identifying workshops by the level of material that will be covered is helpful! Each workshop is now marked to assist you in choosing the right workshop for your interest and skill level, but rest assured you will glean new insights from *all* workshops, regardless of your skill level!

### "More Judicial Involvement and Insight!"

We agree, judges are an important component to addressing domestic violence in Georgia and their involvement and insight at our conference are invaluable! This year we have a workshop presented by Judge Anderson and Judge Bills on their Domestic Violence Court models. We've also partnered with the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts to bring 30 judges to our conference this year. We hope you have a chance to connect with them!



# CONTINUING EDUCATION & CERTIFICATES

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

**CLE** ..... 9 regular continuing 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.

**GAMFT** ..... 13 core hours for Georgia Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

**ICJE** ..... 13 continuing education hours through the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education.

**LPCA** ..... 13 continuing education hours through the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia.

**NASW** ..... 13 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 FOR CEUs

To receive a certificate for CEUs, please be sure to sign in on the CEU-specific forms provided when you register. You must also sign in to every workshop you attend. You must also complete the overall conference evaluation that will be emailed to you at the conclusion of the conference on Wednesday, September 12th. After you complete the online evaluation, you will be provided with a link for a conference certificate containing your CEU information. We will use the emails provided to us at registration. 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 CEU certificate.

## TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

If you are seeking a general certificate of completion for attending the conference, please sign in at each of your conference workshops. You will also be required to complete the overall conference evaluation that will be emailed to you at the conclusion of the conference on Wednesday, September 12th. After you complete the online evaluation, you will be provided with a link for a conference certificate of completion.



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Dear Friends of the Commission,

On behalf of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV), welcome to the 24th Annual Family Violence Conference and welcome back to Jekyll Island!

At GCFV, we believe that everyone in Georgia deserves to be safe in their homes. We strive to achieve this goal through promoting several initiatives, the most prominent being our Annual Family Violence Conference. The Annual Family Violence Conference has grown to be the largest in the state to provide specific training on domestic violence to local and national community stakeholders.

This year, we have surpassed our previous conference capacity with more than 650 attendees joining us for three days of workshops and plenaries addressing our theme *Beyond The Bruising: Unraveling the Complexities of Domestic Violence*. We are honored to bring 36 unique workshops to our conference along with two highly-acclaimed keynote speakers:

**Beverly Gooden** is a social activist, speaker and creator of the viral 2014 movement, "Why I Stayed." #WhyIStayed was named by TIME as one of the "Top 10 Hashtags That Started a Conversation." Beverly has appeared on Good Morning America, the Dr. Phil show, Inside Edition, CNN, NPR, and NBC Nightly News. Her story and social media impact have been featured in the Washington Post, Marie Claire, USA Today, CNN Money, Bloomberg, and BBC News.

**Evan Stark** is an Associate Professor of Public Administration, Director of the Master's in Public Health Program at Rutgers-Newark and Director of the Division of Urban Health Administration at the UMDNJ School of Public Health. With a Ph.D. in sociology and his master's in social work, his book, *Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life* won the excellence award from the American Publishers Association.

Conference attendees, comprised of domestic violence advocates, Family Violence Intervention Program providers, sexual assault advocates, victim advocates, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, faith leaders, counselors, first responders, and community members, work tirelessly every day to help keep victims of domestic violence and sexual violence safe. We hope this conference serves not only as a time for learning, but also for networking and self-care activities.

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 judges, domestic violence advocates, sexual assault advocates, Division of Family and Children Services personnel, Department of Community Supervision officers, and 911 operators.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Woodard  
Commission Chair

Peggy Wilson  
Commission Secretary, Conference Co-Chair

Jennifer Thomas  
Executive Director

Mike Kraft  
Commission Member, Conference Co-Chair

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.



The Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV) is a state agency created by the Georgia General Assembly in 1992. As such, the 37 members of the State Commission on Family Violence are outlined in O.C.G.A. § 19-13-32.

**Mission:** To provide leadership to end family violence by promoting safety, ensuring accountability and improving justice for generations to come.

**Vision:** To serve as the statewide clearinghouse for family violence:

- Ensuring victim safety is balanced with offender accountability;
- Implementing research-based and data-driven responses,
- Collaborating with partners to promote safe homes for all Georgians.

**Values:** Integrity, Coordination, Leadership and Education

## Our Programs

**Public Awareness & Education:** GCFV provides training on family violence and related issues statewide. Staff members work to increase Georgia's capacity to effectively respond to family violence with an emphasis on violence reduction, coordinated community response, and building safer communities. GCFV also hosts public events designed to build awareness of family violence in Georgia.

**Statewide Annual Conference:** GCFV's Annual Conference provides an opportunity for more than 650 participants to receive up-to-date training by state and national experts on best practices addressing family violence.

**Family Violence Intervention Programs (FVIPs):** GCFV and the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS) establish standards for FVIPs in Georgia. Certified FVIPs are designed to rehabilitate family violence offenders and are charged with prioritizing victim safety and participant accountability. GCFV assists DCS in training, certifying, and monitoring FVIPs statewide.

**Community Task Forces:** GCFV works to create and maintain family violence task forces within each of Georgia's 49 judicial circuits. Statistics show that implementing a Coordinated Community Response to family violence, such as a community task force, can help to lower a community's family violence homicide rate.

**Domestic Violence Fatality Review:** GCFV gathers and disseminates data pertaining to domestic violence-related deaths in Georgia and works with multidisciplinary fatality review teams statewide to conduct in-depth reviews of selected homicides with the purpose of formulating recommendations for systemic change in the response to family violence in Georgia.

**Support for Survivors of Murder-Suicide:** GCFV provides supportive services to survivors of domestic violence murder-suicide incidents in Georgia and provides training and technical assistance to build the capacity of Georgia's communities to support individuals who have experienced a loss to a murder-suicide incident.

**Legislative Advocacy:** GCFV has been instrumental in the creation of laws to enhance safety for victims of family violence and their children, including those related to shelter confidentiality, Georgia's Protective Order Registry, FVIP Certification, increased penalties for offenders and increased resources for victims.





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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.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

3:30p - 4:30p

1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room

GCFV QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

Get updates on the Commission's projects and initiatives at our quarterly meeting.

5:00p - 7:00p

6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon

REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION

Kickstart the Conference by registering on Sunday evening and joining GCFV for appetizers and networking.

BP Ben Porter Terrace

CORNHOLE COMPETITION

Join the fun and games as Commission Chair Stephanie Woodard and Executive Director Jennifer Thomas lead the friendly competition! Prizes awarded to the top teams!



6:45a



**L** Conference  
Center Front Lawn

6:45a - 7:30a  
**MORNING RUN**

Lace up your tennis shoes and join Terri Powe, Support for Survivors of Murder-Suicide Project Coordinator, and Meredith Stepp, FVIP Compliance Coordinator, for an uplifting beginning to your day!

**BP** Ben Porter Terrace

6:45a - 7:45a  
**MORNING YOGA**

Find your zen in Jekyll with yoga on the beach with yoga instructor Laura Barton. You'll be shoulder to shoulder with Stacey Seldon, GCFV's Family Violence Coordinator, and Jenny Aszman, Program Manager.

7:30a - 8:30a

**A/B/C/D** Ballroom

**FULL BREAKFAST**

8:30a - 10:30a

**A/B/C/D** Ballroom

**PLENARY**

## WHY I STAYED: THE COMPLEXITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BEVERLY GOODEN



"Why I Stayed" is a revolutionary speech by Beverly Gooden, renowned social activist and creator of the #WhyIStayed hashtag and global movement. In this radical talk, Gooden challenges the question "Why did he/she stay?" and reveals how the current way we interact with survivors is a house of cards. From faulty blame attribution, to designating only men as abusers, it's easy to overlook the sheer volume of domestic violence when the issue has historically been framed as "them" and not "us".

Beverly Gooden is a social activist, speaker, native Clevelander, and creator of the viral 2014 movement, "Why I Stayed." #WhyIStayed was named by TIME as one of the "Top 10 Hashtags That Started a Conversation" and is one of "8 Hashtags That Changed The World," according to CNN affiliate HLN. Beverly had the honor of appearing on Good Morning America, the Dr. Phil show, Inside Edition, CNN, NPR, and NBC Nightly News. Her story and social media impact have been featured in the Washington Post, Marie Claire, USA Today, CNN Money, Bloomberg, BBC News and more. Beverly has also contributed original content featured in TIME, The New York Times, the TODAY Show online, and the U.S. Office on Women's Health Blog, and served on a panel at Verizon's 2014 Domestic Violence Summit. In 2015, she was featured in the short film "Why We Stayed" by the Emmy-nominated producers of Private Violence. In October 2015, she was honored by Investigation Discovery and Glamour Magazine as their 2015 Inspire A Difference "Everyday Hero." Beverly was featured in a Toyota commercial discussing her work with the Ella Mae Foundation, a nonprofit founded to provide practical support, guidance and services to victims of domestic violence. In July 2017, Beverly participated in the Allstate Foundation's "Purple Purse" campaign and produced web videos explaining financial abuse and the importance of financial freedom for women. A graduate of Hampton University (bachelor's of arts in communications) and Loyola University Chicago (master's of arts in social justice), Beverly is passionate about storytelling, creating beauty from ashes, and changing lives for the better.



10:30a - 10:45a	BREAK	
10:45a - 12:15p	WORKSHOPS A	
6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Assessing and Addressing the Hidden Crime of Stalking	
7/8 Marshside Meeting Room	Conceptual Clarity: Understanding Why Men Batter	
9/10 Marshside Meeting Room	Addressing Sexual Assault Victimization within Domestic Violence	
4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room	Understanding the Experience of a Child Witness of Domestic Violence	
1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	Reinvention: Simple Strategies for Moving Forward	
11 Marshside Meeting Room	IPV-Related Traumatic Brain Injury: Assessing the Risk	
12:15p - 1:45p	A/B/C/D Ballroom	LUNCH & AWARDS
1:45p - 2:00p	BREAK	
2:00p - 3:30p	WORKSHOPS B	
6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Civil Protective Orders: Justice or Just a Piece of Paper?	
7/8 Marshside Meeting Room	Domestic Violence: Intoxication Didn't Cause It and Sobriety Won't Cure It	
9/10 Marshside Meeting Room	Considerations for Working with African American Victims of Sexual Assault	
4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room	The Bigger Universe: Working Together on Challenging Cases	
1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	Working with Immigrant and Refugee Communities: It is Not Just about Language	
11 Marshside Meeting Room	Georgia Domestic Violence Benchbook: It's Not Just for Judges	
4:00p	6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	4:00p - 5:00p MEDITATION
Get Centered in Jekyll Island with meditation on the beach with Debbie Lillard Liam.		
	1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	4:00p - 5:30p GAME NIGHT
Scrabble? Uno? Spades? Yahtzee!! Unwind with your favorite board games and new and old conference friends, including the one and only Jameelah Ferrell, GCFV's FVIP Certification Coordinator.		



**MONDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

**WORKSHOPS A**  
**10:45A-12:15P**

**6** Ben Porter  
Oceanside Salon

## ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING THE HIDDEN CRIME OF STALKING

Stalking is a risk factor for both lethal and non-lethal violence as well as increased risks of sexual assault, threats, economic harm, and victim terror, yet coping with stalking is difficult and is often minimized, denied, and dismissed. This presentation will examine how current perceptions of stalking often are misleading and harmful, and will introduce a new framework for understanding and assessing stalking. This workshop will also introduce a new tool to facilitate assessment, understanding, and communication about stalking cases. Information from actual stalking cases and current research literature will be used throughout the presentation.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary

**LEVEL:** Basic

**T.K. LOGAN**, Ph.D. is a professor in the Department of Behavioral Science at the University of Kentucky. Her research and writings focus on stalking, partner abuse, sexual assault, protective order effectiveness, safety and coping with victimization. Dr. Logan is an author on over 140 research articles and serves on the editorial board of two international journals. She has co-authored four books.

**7/8** Marshside  
Meeting Room

## CONCEPTUAL CLARITY: UNDERSTANDING WHY MEN BATTER

Practitioners must have a searing and accurate analysis of the etiology of battering. Otherwise, batterers may have an advantage and use our lack of clarity towards their own end. In order to effectively intervene with batterers, on any level, we must fully comprehend why he has chosen to utilize this behavior. Simply knowing the right answers to this question is no longer sufficient. Today we must have absolute clarity regarding the full etiology of this decisive behavior.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary, Family Violence Intervention Programs

**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate, Advanced

**DAVID J. H. GARVIN**, MSW, LMSW served as the Interim CEO/President of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County August 2016 – June 2017 and also serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he founded, supervised and directed the Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program (ADA). He has been directly involved in the anti-domestic violence movement since 1986 when he founded the ADA Program. He is an Adjunct Lecturer with The Eastern Michigan University, School of Social Work and Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. David is a co-founder and current Chair of the Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI). He has served on numerous local and state boards and committees. He has conducted trainings around the country. David was named the 2009 National Association of Social Workers-Michigan (NASW-MI) Social Worker of the Year. In 2017, David was awarded the Glenn R. Winters Award from the American Judges Association.

**9/10** Marshside  
Meeting Room

## ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMIZATION WITHIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Hon. Jeffrey Kremers, Chief Judge, First Judicial Administrative District, Milwaukee, WI, asked the very profound question, "If a partner is controlling, abusive and violent in the kitchen, the living room, and in public, why would he stop the abuse at the bedroom door?" This workshop will explore the prevalence of sexual violence/assault, rape, and domestic violence within the context of intimate partner violence (IPV). Often this type of polyvictimization is overlooked by not only service providers, but by victims themselves. It is important that, as victim advocates, we acknowledge and provide services to address this layered victimization. This workshop will identify the pervasiveness of sexual violence within intimate partner relationships, acknowledge the importance of developing collaborative strategies for domestic violence and sexual assault agencies, and advocate for a broader inclusion of addressing sexual violence within the IPV in other systems.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary

**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**AURELIA SANDS BELLE**, M. Ed., most recently joined the National Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center (NMVVR) as a Research Instructor at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. The mission of this new initiative mission is to strengthen the nation's capacity to serve victims and survivors of incidences of mass violence through research, planning, training, technology, and collaboration. Prior to her current position, Aurelia served as the Executive Director of the Durham Crisis Response Center in Durham, North Carolina, a community based domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit center. Aurelia's professional victim advocacy career includes direct services as a sexual assault advocate and leadership as an Executive Director of a rape crisis center, and a comprehensive program for all crime victims. Aurelia became involved in systemic advocacy as the first crime victim advocate appointed to the Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia and the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, Georgians for Victim Justice and the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. She currently serves as Vice-President of the Board of Directors for End Violence Against Women, International (EVAWI), as well as the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, the NC Innocence Inquiry Commission and the Peace Corps Sexual Assault Advisory Council and the Board of Directors for the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Aurelia is the recipient of many awards, honors and recognitions including the U.S. Presidential Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment to Crime Victims (Office on Victims of Crime). She earned a BA in urban studies from Oglethorpe University and a master's degree in community counseling from Georgia State University.

4/5 Oceanside  
Meeting Room

## UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIENCE OF A CHILD WITNESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Approximately 62,000 children in Georgia were present at the scene of family violence calls between 2010 and 2014. These children are seeing, hearing and experiencing domestic violence in a variety of ways that impact the way they understand themselves, their families and the environment around them. Providers that work directly with children, youth and their caregivers are assigned the task to support, care, educate and help create plans for their safety. Providers working with this population fulfill many responsibilities that are connected to children and youth feeling safer, more empowered and less burdened by feelings of shame, blame and guilt. In this workshop, attendees will be provided with information, tools, knowledge and strategies to use in direct practice with children, youth and their caregivers. This workshop will explore the multiple ways children witness and experience domestic violence, the impact of witnessing domestic violence on child development, and how to develop a child-centered safety plan.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**MICHELLE WHITE** is a licensed social worker in the states of Georgia and Illinois. She earned her master's of social work, focusing on children and families, from Loyola University of Chicago and her bachelor's of arts in sociology from Indiana University Bloomington. Michelle's professional background includes working with children and adults impacted by domestic and dating violence, developmental delays, child abuse and neglect and youth with mental health and behavioral conditions. She has worked with individuals, groups and families with the Indiana, Illinois and Georgia Departments of Children and Family Services, Learning Through Play Child Development Center, the Illinois Early Intervention Program, and Between Friends Domestic Violence Agency. Currently, Michelle is the Child and Youth Project Manager with the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, where she develops, coordinates, and facilitates training opportunities and technical assistance for direct service providers of child and youth witnesses of domestic violence.

1/2/3 Oceanside  
Meeting Room

## REINVENTION: SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR MOVING FORWARD

Whether in business, romance, or friendships, many life decisions—such as where to attend college or when to take the next step—are hard. Especially if you're starting over. In this interactive session, Beverly draws on her own experience of reinvention—from having nothing, to building a new career and life. Beverly lays out five straightforward ways to start your new journey, and asks each participant to answer the questions: What is your plan? What do you do with very real limitations? Who do you need help from? Beverly will explore the sunk cost fallacy and how that economic concept can trap us in unfavorable situations, and walk you through her story of homelessness, career change, and practical success, highlighting specific actions taken along the way.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**BEVERLY GOODEN**, biography on page 11.

11 Marshside  
Meeting Room

## INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE RELATED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: ASSESSING THE RISK

In recent years, media stories related to the dangers of traumatic brain injury (TBI) have increased the public's attention and prompted much dialogue about the detection and subsequent effects of injury to the brain. Most of this press coverage has focused on TBI among professional football players and war veterans, yet an emerging body of research suggests that another group of individuals should be included in this important discussion. Survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) are at a high risk for sustaining TBI. While the true prevalence of IPV-related TBI is unknown, a handful of studies suggest that it ranges from 30% to 74% in this population. TBI, particularly the mildest severity (mTBI), often goes undetected in this group due to lack of awareness and training in community responders. In addition, there has been a lack of an appropriate screening tool designed with this population in mind. In this workshop these issues will be addressed and a new screening tool will be presented.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**DR. KRISTINE LUNDGREN**, is a Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). Her research interests include cognitive-linguistic disorders secondary to traumatic brain injury (TBI) and stroke, intimate partner violence (IPV)-related TBI, and the use of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) in treating communication disorders. Dr. Lundgren has received funding from the National Institute of Health and from UNCG for her research. She has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and has presented her research at both national and international conferences.



**MONDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

**WORKSHOPS B**  
**2:00P-3:30P**

**6** Ben Porter  
Oceanside Salon

### CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDERS: JUSTICE OR JUST A PIECE OF PAPER?

Civil protective orders are used to help protect individuals from partner violence. However, the media often focus reports on failures of protective orders which occur in some of the most extreme cases. But do we know the actual effectiveness of protective orders for the majority of women who seek them? Do they hold out a false promise of increased safety? Are there differences in the experience for rural compared to urban victims? This presentation will address these and other common questions and will explore ways to improve the protective order process and effectiveness.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**T.K. LOGAN**, biography on page 13.

**7/8** Marshside  
Meeting Room

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: INTOXICATION DIDN'T CAUSE IT AND SOBRIETY WON'T CURE IT

Substance abuse and domestic violence against women are closely associated in the public's mind, so much so that many people believe the use of substances is its direct cause. It is imperative to understand that substance use and/or abuse does not cause the domestic violence therefore substance abuse treatment can not solve the domestic violence. At the same time, we must understand how best to intervene with an abuser who has this dual problem of abusing women and abusing alcohol and/or other drugs.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary, Family Violence Intervention Programs  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**DAVID J. H. GARVIN**, biography on page 13.

**9/10** Marshside  
Meeting Room

### CONSIDERATIONS FOR WORKING WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Only recently have programs begun to recognize the specific needs of African Americans who are victims of sexual violence. The challenge is how to meet these needs in a culturally sensitive, yet therapeutically and programmatically sound manner. This workshop will provide cultural context in response to historical trauma and victimization, identifying factors that affect the trauma associated with sexual violence for African American victims/survivors; discuss the barriers African American victims encounter as they interface with traditional domestic violence and rape crisis centers and offer strategies for mitigating these barriers; and identify ways to support African American victims as they engage in the criminal justice system and other systems.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**AURELIA SANDS BELLE**, biography on page 13.

**4/5** Oceanside  
Meeting Room

### THE BIGGER UNIVERSE: WORKING TOGETHER ON CHALLENGING CASES

Domestic violence cases are some of the most challenging and complex cases to prosecute for a variety of reasons. Some of these challenges include: evidentiary issues, victims who recant or who do not assist with prosecution, intimidation tactics by the offenders, jury/judge apathy and a court process that is not particularly victim-centered. This workshop looks at some of the challenges presented in prosecuting domestic violence cases and strategies to overcome those challenges. Because the criminal justice system is but one piece of a coordinated community response, this workshop is targeted to multidisciplinary professionals who want to learn more about how prosecutors may evaluate their domestic violence cases and how these professionals may be able to work with prosecutors on those particularly challenging cases.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**JENNIFER STOLARSKI**, Esq., has practiced law either as a prosecutor or as a civil attorney representing low-income survivors of intimate partner violence for over 18 years. During her time as a Program Director with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, she co-founded the Safe Families Office, which offers co-located legal and support services to survivors and was described by the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault as a "model best practices program." She is the former Division Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit and the former Chief Assistant Solicitor-General in the DeKalb County Solicitor-General's Office. In 2017, she was appointed as a Chief Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the DeKalb County District Attorney. Jennifer is also an Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Law where she teaches a course on the U.S. legal system's response to domestic violence.

**1/2/3** *Oceanside Meeting Room*

## WORKING WITH IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES: IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT LANGUAGE

This workshop will address key issues attendees are facing when working with immigrant and refugee communities. The presenters will also share what challenges immigrant and refugee communities are facing, based on the presenters' work with these communities. This session will offer a Q&A for professionals to build capacities and identify strategies that might work with the immigrant and refugee communities, such as immigration relief, ways to establish trust, best practices around language access and cultural responsiveness.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**APARNA BHATTACHARYYA** has been Executive Director of Raksha since 1998. She has over 20 years experience in working with immigrant and refugee communities and training nationally and locally on cultural competency, language access and the needs of immigrant and refugee communities. Aparna is on the board of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project and has served on the board of Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2011-2017), DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force Chair (2010-2011), and is a co-founder of Tapestry, Inc. and founding board member for International Women's House. Aparna has received recognition nationally and locally for her work, including being named a 2013 Champion of Change by the White House, Hope for a New Tomorrow Awardee by International Women's House in 2018, being a recipient of CJCC's Eagle Award in 2006, GCFV's Gender Justice Award in 2009, and the DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force's Deborah McDorman Award in 2009.

**JESSICA NUNAN** has been Executive Director of Caminar Latino since 2005. She is a member of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, the Casa de Esperanza National Policy Advisory Council, and the national advisory committee for the National Quality Improvement Center on Child Welfare Involved Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence. Jessica has presented at a number of national conferences on addressing culturally appropriate interventions, as well as community and youth engagement with Latino/a communities.

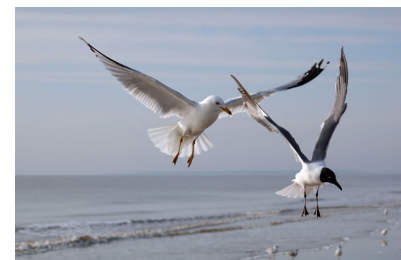
**11** *Marshside Meeting Room*

## GEORGIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BENCHBOOK: IT'S NOT JUST FOR JUDGES

In 2003, Superior Court Judges in Georgia requested a section on domestic violence to insert into the Georgia Superior Court Benchbook. The first edition of the Georgia Domestic Violence Benchbook consisted of 78 pages of civil and criminal law, and another 80 pages of appendices that would be helpful to the adjudication of domestic violence cases. This year's Eleventh Edition is a free, electronic compendium of some 500 pages of multidisciplinary information. It is now designed for use not only by judges and criminal justice professionals, but for anyone who in their professional or personal lives may find themselves dealing with family violence. Thousands of new users have accessed the web version since it was first put online, and every year new features make vital information more easily accessible. This workshop is a tour of the features and content of the most recent Benchbook, and its uses for training, reference for expert witnesses, and more.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**JOAN PRITTIE**, Esq., serves as the Executive Director of Project Safe, an Athens-based nonprofit domestic violence center. Previously, while with the Prisoner Legal Counseling Project, Joan represented indigent inmates in the Georgia State Prison System. During that time, she helped develop the Battered Women's Clemency Project and worked on behalf of 78 women in prison for killing their abusers, securing one sentence commutation and a dozen paroles. Since 2010, Joan has served as editor and principal author of the Georgia Domestic Violence Bench Book, a compendium of state and federal law and law-related information.



6:45a



**L** Conference  
Center Front Lawn

6:45a - 7:30a  
**MORNING WALK**

Lace up your tennis shoes and join Terri Powe, Support for Survivors of Murder-Suicide Project Coordinator, and Meredith Stepp, FVIP Compliance Coordinator, for an uplifting beginning to your day!

**BP** Ben Porter Terrace

6:45a - 7:45a  
**MORNING YOGA**

Find your zen in Jekyll with yoga on the beach with yoga instructor Laura Barton. You'll be shoulder to shoulder with Stacey Seldon, GCFV's Family Violence Coordinator, and Jenny Aszman, Program Manager.

7:30a - 8:30a

**A/B/C/D** Ballroom

**FULL BREAKFAST**

8:30a - 10:30a

**A/B/C/D** Ballroom

**PLENARY**

## GETTING "FREE" AS WELL AS "SAFE:" PARTNER ABUSE AS COERCIVE CONTROL

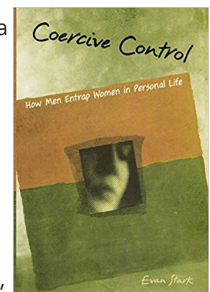
DR. EVAN STARK



The first woman who hid in our home insisted "violence wasn't the worst part." A huge gap separates how men oppress women and children in their personal life and the violence-based focus and response to domestic violence that exists in the United States. As a result, our revolution is stalled. Starting in 2015, England, Scotland and other countries redefined partner abuse as the serious crime of coercive control, carrying 5 to 15 years in prison. Drawing on his research and case work, Dr. Stark will show why the violence definition has failed us, describe coercive control and show how adapting the coercive control approach can improve practice and, by defining abuse as a "liberty crime," restore the revolutionary momentum to our movement.

Dr. Evan Stark is an Associate Professor of Public Administration, Director of the Master's in Public Health Program at Rutgers-Newark and Director of the Division of Urban Health Administration at the UMDNJ School of Public Health. With a Ph.D. in sociology and a master's of social work, Dr. Stark specializes in health and medical care, family and community violence, political theory, the urban environment, social service and nonprofit management, criminal justice, and policy issues dealing with racial and gender justice. Dr. Stark is a leading authority on the battering of women and child abuse and has won numerous awards for directing the Yale Trauma Studies in the 1980s with Anne Flitcraft, M.D. Dr. Stark's current research involves evaluating state initiatives in domestic violence and assessing the potential role of independent oversight panels in improving the effectiveness of state services.

His book, *Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life*, won the excellence award from the American Publishers Association; it was named the 2007 best book in sociology/social work. The book tracks the implications for policy and administration of reframing domestic violence as a "liberty crime."



Copies are available for purchase outside of Ballroom A/B/C/D after the plenary.

10:30a - 10:45a	BREAK	
10:45a - 12:15p	WORKSHOPS C	
6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	PolyVictimization and the Intersection of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking	
7/8 Marshside Meeting Room	Trauma Informed Care: A Different Approach to Case Management	
9/10 Marshside Meeting Room	Examining Provocation: A Multi-Session Domestic Violence Prevention and Education Manual	
4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room	We See You: Supervising Stalkers	
1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities: Roadblock or Support for Survivors? Engaging the Faith Community	
11 Marshside Meeting Room	Introduction to Marketing, Branding and Communications for Nonprofits	
12:15p - 1:45p	A/B/C/D Ballroom	NETWORKING LUNCH
1:45p - 2:00p	BREAK	
2:00p - 3:30p	WORKSHOPS D	
6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Intimate Partner Sexual Assault Investigation and Prosecution: A Trauma Informed Approach	
7/8 Marshside Meeting Room	Children and the Spectrum of Coercive Control	
9/10 Marshside Meeting Room	LGBTQ Cultural Competency	
4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room	Identifying and Supervising Victims of Intimate Partner Violence	
1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	Finding the Right Family Violence Court Model	
11 Marshside Meeting Room	Intermediate Marketing: Tools, Tips and More	
4:00p - 5:30p	TO BE ANNOUNCED	SEA TURTLE CENTER
A group tour of the Sea Turtle Center. You will receive further details regarding payment if you would like to attend. This is not included in the registration fee.		
TO BE ANNOUNCED	BIKE RIDE	
A group bike ride around Jekyll Island. Bring your own bike or rent one from an outfitter or at your hotel for an additional fee.		



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**WORKSHOPS C**  
**10:45A-12:15P**



**6** Ben Porter  
Oceanside Salon

### **POLYVICTIMIZATION AND THE INTERSECTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Victims often experience multiple forms of abuse. In this workshop, Amy Hutsell and Kristy Carter from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's (CJCC) Family Violence Unit will discuss the complexities of polyvictimization and the intersections of all forms of family violence. Strategies for multidisciplinary responders in comprehensively addressing victims' needs will be addressed along with statistical information, myths about the intersections, indicators and assessment.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**KRISTY CARTER**, J.D., is a Program Director and Grants Administrator for the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Carter specializes in grants that support intervention and prevention services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and trafficking. Carter works with stakeholders and advocates to improve systemic responses to sexual assault, domestic violence and trafficking with the goal of building the capacity of communities to serve victims of abuse. Carter has been administering state and federal grants for six years in Georgia. Carter, a graduate of Mississippi College School of Law and the University of Georgia, began working with victims of crime more than a decade ago. She has experience working in juvenile courts and the child welfare system.

**AMY HUTSELL** is the Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Unit Supervisor with Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). At CJCC, she oversees the State Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) project. The SART project provides technical assistance and best practices training to Georgia's 49 judicial circuits. Amy chairs the State SART Expert Committee, trains local and college SART teams on best practices in victim centered and trauma informed response to sexual assaults, and provides protocol development training and workshops for Sexual Assault Protocol Committees throughout Georgia. Amy also oversees the State Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) project which addresses the State SAK backlog. She chairs the State SAK workgroup that is developing a statewide SAK tracking system. She also oversees the Metro Atlanta Sexual Assault Cold Case Task Force project. Amy oversees the management of all state and federal grants providing direct service funding to sexual assault centers in Georgia. Amy has over 13 years of experience in sexual assault and child sexual abuse services, previously serving as the Assistant Director of the Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center and Children's Advocacy Center and on the Children's Advocacy Center of Georgia's Membership and Standards Committee as a site reviewer. She has also volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

**7/8** Marshside  
Meeting Room

### **TRAUMA INFORMED CARE: A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO CASE MANAGEMENT**

The purpose of this presentation is to educate and raise awareness on trauma and how direct care workers can use a trauma informed approach while maintaining safety and security. Attendees will hear from clients on how personal trauma has influenced their experience in multiple child serving systems.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**LATERA DAVIS**, serves as the Director of Victim and Volunteer Services for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. She has been employed with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for over 19 years. Since her employment she has served in various capacities to include JPPS II, JPPS III, Medicaid Program Coordinator, YDC Program Coordinator, Assistant Director of Classification and Transportation, External and Legislative Affairs. She received a bachelor's of science in criminal justice at Georgia State University and holds a master's degree in social work and public administration. Latera is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker holding several other specialties in child forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, Victim Offender Dialogue, registered mediator and grant writing.

9/10 Marshside  
Meeting Room

## EXAMINING PROVOCATION: A MULTI-SESSION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION MANUAL

The goal of this workshop is to review the domestic violence intervention manual named "Provocation." Although the program has value for anyone, it was designed as a comprehensive and culturally appropriate intervention for African American men. The workshop facilitators will review the 17 sessions identified in this manual, discuss the foundational rationale for the content, and examine the application of the work.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Attorneys, Domestic Violence Advocates, Victim Advocates, Family Violence Intervention Programs  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**CHARLES SPERLING** is Principal Owner for the Center for Behavior and Addiction Management (CBAM) and Executive Director for STAND, Inc., a community based nonprofit service provider in DeKalb County, Georgia. He holds an MBA from National-Louis University in Evanston, Illinois; he is a board certified addiction counselor, clinical supervisor, researcher, trainer, mental health professional, and family violence intervention facilitator. Mr. Sperling maintains reciprocal work relationships with the Georgia Department of Corrections and the Department of Community Supervision. Georgia State and National-Louis Universities have recognized Mr. Sperling for his outstanding work in the community.

**DR. MARIA FLORES-SPERLING**, Ph.D., CAC-II, is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts; she now resides in the Atlanta Metro area. Maria holds a master's degree in general psychology, a doctorate in christian counseling and she is a board certified addiction counselor. Maria is a consultant for STAND Incorporated, she has facilitated family violence intervention groups for over 15 years for men and women. Maria is bilingual (Spanish and English) and she has over 25 years of experience working in human services. Mrs. Flores-Sperling is a published author; her book/memoir is entitled: "Whose Little Girl is This?" Mrs. Flores-Sperling is a survivor of domestic violence and has been featured on television as a guest author on "Writers in Focus." She currently works as a substance abuse/mental health professional specializing in domestic violence, trauma, and anger management.

4/5 Oceanside  
Meeting Room

## WE SEE YOU: SUPERVISING STALKERS

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Often, violations of no contact orders, calls from jail, and other forms of harassment constitute violations of stalking laws, yet these violations are often not prosecuted to the full extent. Because stalking laws often have stiffer statutory penalties, practitioners should know how to document evidence of stalking and request that prosecutors issue new charges. Supervising agents and other system players should educate stalking victims to recognize and document stalking in a way that allows the system to be the primary presenter of evidence during a trial. Community partners who understand the nature and dynamics of stalking can enhance public safety and help save lives. This session will provide an overview of stalking and suggestions on how to supervise probationers and parolees who engage in stalking behavior, discuss the challenges and opportunities related to the community supervision of stalking offenders/cases, describe the critical role that community corrections professionals can play in holding stalking offenders accountable for their crimes and promote the safety of victims, identify resources available to assist community corrections in supervising stalking cases and be able to recognize and document stalking behavior.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**JIM HENDERSON** is a technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women through the Battered Women's Justice Project. From 1991-2008, Jim was a probation officer responsible for overseeing the policies and practices of Intensive Probation for Stalking and Domestic Violence offenders in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was assigned to the Washtenaw County Domestic Violence Unit as part of the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative from 1999 to 2005 and works from a system perspective to enhance victim safety and defendant accountability. He has provided batterer intervention within the Detroit metropolitan area since 1995. Before joining the criminal justice system in 1991, he worked as the Clinical Director of Straight, Inc., a family oriented substance abuse program for drug using young people and their families. Jim has been a Certified Addiction Counselor II since 1987, and an Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor since 1990. He received his master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan in 1995.



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**WORKSHOPS C**  
**10:45A-12:15P**

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES: ROADBLOCK OR SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS? ENGAGING THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

As the immigrant population grows in the United States, the plight of abused immigrant women presents particular challenges to practitioners. Specifically, due to cultural and religious values and other immigrant-specific barriers, abused immigrant women may not seek help from formal resources, such as domestic violence programs and the criminal justice system. This workshop provides an overview of the impact of cultural and religious values, as well as other barriers, on abused immigrant women's help-seeking behaviors. The presenter will also discuss natural resources in immigrant communities that can play important roles in addressing domestic violence. The workshop will address roles the faith community can play in addressing domestic violence in immigrant communities, and will provide concrete ways to engage and collaborate with faith communities in immigrant communities. Finally, a virtual case simulation training for faith leaders will be showcased as a concrete example of engaging the faith community.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**DR. JOON CHOI** has worked in the field of domestic violence over 20 years first as a counselor/ advocate for Asian immigrant women in New York City. She later founded New Visions: Alliance to End Violence in Asian/Asian American Communities where she oversaw the design, implementation, and evaluation of a CDC-funded prevention-focused Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence in Asian communities in Michigan. As a researcher, she has worked on developing community-based prevention and intervention strategies that incorporate the focal community's values, perspectives, contexts and strengths, in order to prevent and reduce intimate partner violence, substance abuse, and HIV among immigrant and minority women.

**11** Marshside  
Meeting Room

### **INTRODUCTION TO MARKETING, BRANDING AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR NONPROFITS**

This workshop will cover marketing tools, current best practices, and sources for some of the best shortcuts and tips for effective on a tight budget. The focus will be on practical tools with lists, sources and tips for getting as much done as you can through social media, traditional marketing and upcoming trends as the tools change.

*Please note that this workshop is back by popular demand! The content will be substantially similar to the content presented during the 2017 Conference.*

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Attorneys, Domestic Violence Advocates, Victim Advocates, DFCS Personnel, Family Violence Intervention Programs, Medical Professionals, Sexual Assault Advocates  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**KATHY KEELEY** manages the consulting, membership and training programs of the Georgia Center for Nonprofits. She started nine nonprofit organizations and has done four turnarounds of nonprofits including a domestic violence shelter, a rape advocates program, and the first alcohol drug treatment program for women. She now works as a consultant providing training, strategic planning, and board development through the center.



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Oceanside Salon

## INTIMATE PARTNER SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION: A TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH

In this workshop participants will learn about the intersection of sexual assault and family violence. Sgt. Harrison Daniel and Theresa Schiefer will address unique challenges associated with the larger scope of investigating and prosecuting an intimate partner sexual assault case vs. a non-intimate partner sexual assault case. These challenges include 1) non-reporting vs. mandated reporting family violence laws; 2) safety and risk factors; 3) assessing lethality; 4) incorporating DV programs in SART response; and 5) secondary victimization of children. Strategies to address challenges and provide trauma informed responses will be discussed.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**SERGEANT S. HARRISON DANIEL** is the supervisor in charge of the Special Victims Unit within the Athens-Clarke County Police Department's (ACCPD) Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Sgt. Daniel is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor's of arts in criminal justice and a master's of public administration degree from the Department of Public Administration and Policy within the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). He began his career in law enforcement with the ACCPD in 2004. He served five years as a patrol officer within ACCPD's west precinct. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Police Officer and became a Police Training Officer. In March 2010, Sgt. Daniel was transferred into ACCPD's CID where he worked as a detective in both the Family Violence Unit and the Sex Crimes/Crimes Against Children Unit. In November 2014 he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to supervise the evening watch within the west precinct before returning to CID to serve in his current role. Sgt. Daniel is a Georgia P.O.S.T. Certified Instructor and acts as an advisor and trainer for Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council on its grant-funded Georgia Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) project. He also serves as faculty for the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Child Abuse Prosecution Project. He is a member of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and the Western Judicial Circuit SART, and the Western Judicial Circuit Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). He is also a certified forensic interviewer. Sgt. Daniel has received the Governor's Office of Public Safety Award for Acts of Heroism, the American Red Cross Law Enforcement Hero Award, and an Acts of Heroism and Valor Award.

**THERESA SCHIEFER** has been working on behalf of victims of domestic violence in various legal capacities for over 15 years. While in law school, Theresa was a policy associate for the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence working directly with service providers, the courts, the D.C. City Council, and Congress. After law school, Theresa worked as a staff attorney at Legal Aid of Western Missouri representing victims of domestic violence in civil legal proceedings. Since moving to Georgia in 2005, Theresa has been a prosecutor, first at the Attorney General's office and currently in the Cobb County District Attorney's Office. Presently, Theresa is a Senior Assistant District Attorney assigned to the Metro Atlanta Cold Case Sexual Assault Task Force.

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Meeting Room

## CHILDREN AND THE SPECTRUM OF COERCIVE CONTROL

Coercive control is a spectrum that targets all family members and is always there. Terms like "witnessing" and "exposure" mistakenly imply that children's experience of partner abuse is passive and static rather than active and engaged. This workshop is designed to share stories that illustrate how our children are coercively controlled and how they sustain their autonomy and dignity in coercive control situations, colluding, complying, refusing, resisting and escaping in ways that are no less nuanced, complex, self-conscious or strategic than the responses of adult victims. Putting children's agency at the center of how we understand their experience of male partner abuse changes how we listen and work with them.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**DR. EVAN STARK**, biography on page 17.



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**WORKSHOPS D**  
**2:00P-3:30P**

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Meeting Room

## LGBTQ CULTURAL COMPETENCY

While the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community has always existed, the visibility has grown in the last few decades. Unfortunately, the resources to serve LGBTQ survivors of intimate partner violence has not increased to reflect this growth. It is important for advocates be informed about the nuances in the LGBTQ community to better serve as allies and advocates. This workshop aims to unravel the stereotypes and complexities faced by survivors in this marginalized community.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**LAURA BARTON** is the former Director of Prevention and Outreach at Partnership Against Domestic Violence and former Programs and Partnerships Manager at Atlanta Pride Committee. In 2008, Laura co-founded United 4 Safety, Atlanta's first LGBTQ IPV organization. In this role, she trained advocates around the State on the unique experience of LGBTQ survivors. Additionally, Laura is a certified yoga instructor.

**EBONY RUSSELL** is the Underserved Communities Outreach Advocate at Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV). She received her master's degree in social work from North Carolina State University. Ebony has been at PADV for four years and started off as the Family Advocate in their Gwinnett safe house. During her time at PADV, she has worked extensively with survivors of IPV and their children. During the time that she served as Family Advocate, she put in place daily homework help sessions, pet a pet, and a mentoring program. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**ANTHONY WOLFE** currently serves as the Teen Empowerment Advocate for Partnership Against Domestic Violence. He is pursuing a film and digital television degree at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Originally from the Bronx, New York, Anthony is a writer, artist, veteran, fashion and music enthusiast. He is passionate about building authentic connections with young people and lifting their voices and stories.

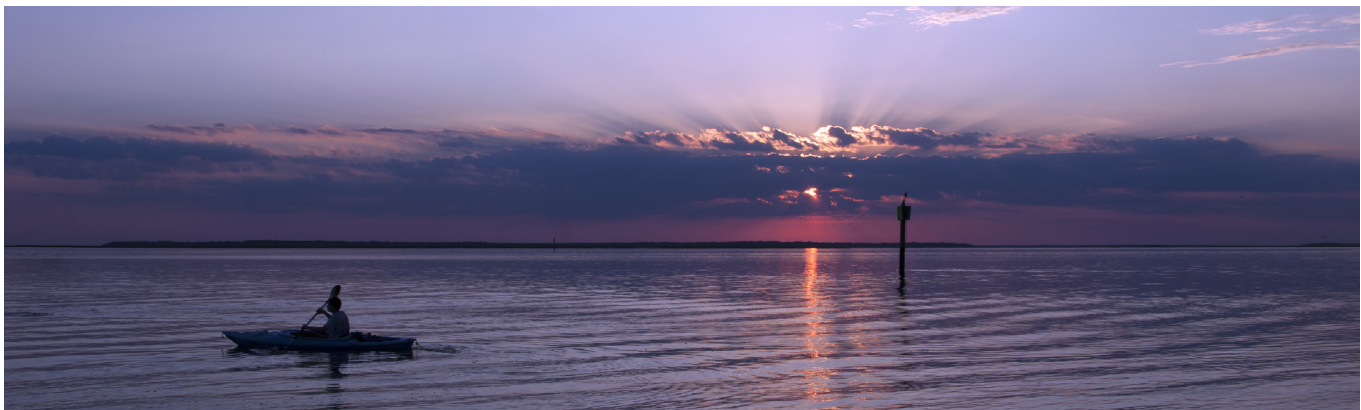
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Meeting Room

## IDENTIFYING AND SUPERVISING VICTIMS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Domestic violence cuts across all boundaries of race, age, social class and even sexual orientation, impacting the lives of individuals from all social categories, including those involved with the criminal justice system. Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that the victim and probation/parole populations are not mutually exclusive populations. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, between 40 and 57 percent of women offenders in prison, jail or on probation supervision reported experiencing physical or sexual abuse prior to their sentence. Of those women, approximately half reported that their abusers were intimate partners. Increasingly, community corrections agencies and professionals are addressing intimate partner violence through enhanced—in some cases, specialized—supervision of intimate partner abusers. These efforts have been critical to enhancing the criminal justice response to domestic violence and have demonstrated the critical role that community corrections should play in addressing intimate partner violence. However, probation, parole, and pre-trial services professionals can also play an important role in identifying and addressing the needs of victims of intimate partner violence under community supervision. In addition, due to the nature of the work that community corrections officers do and the access that they have to the homes and lives of the individuals they supervise, they are also in a unique situation to recognize potential unreported cases of intimate partner violence. This workshop will explore all of these issues and more!

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**JIM HENDERSON**, biography on page 20.



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Meeting Room

## FINDING THE RIGHT FAMILY VIOLENCE COURT MODEL

Georgia has a non-unified court system, and the way domestic violence cases are managed and heard can vary from court to court. Several communities in Georgia have established Family Violence Courts to ensure just results, address victim safety, hold offenders accountable, and reduce recidivism. These Courts have a dedicated, separate calendar for domestic violence cases, assigned judge(s) trained in domestic violence dynamics, and an approach to the handling of domestic violence cases centered on victim safety and offender accountability. This workshop will provide an overview of two Family Violence Courts in Georgia, given by the judges who initiated the development of these courts in their communities: Judge Anderson of DeKalb County and Judge Bills of Rockdale County. Together, Judge Anderson and Judge Bills will provide an overview of the process, procedures, challenges and successes of their Family Violence Courts, and provide insight and resources on how to identify what type of Family Violence Court may be right for your community.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**JUDGE BERYL A. ANDERSON** made history in 2010 when she was sworn in as the first female African American Chief Judge of the DeKalb County Magistrate Court, after having served 10 years on the Magistrate Court bench. As Chief Judge, Judge Anderson is responsible for the day to day operations of the court's Civil Division, Criminal Division, the newly created Ordinance Division and the Pre-Trial Services Office. She currently manages a budget of approximately three and a half million dollars and a staff of 37, including 23 judges. From November 2014-July 2016, Judge Anderson was tasked with overseeing a nearly two million dollar renovation project to the court's Criminal Division. During Judge Anderson's tenure as Chief Magistrate, DeKalb County Magistrate Court has been awarded approximately 4.4 million dollars in federal, state and local grants for specialty court projects to better serve victims of domestic violence and those experiencing mental illness, including veterans. Since 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women has designated DeKalb County Magistrate Court as a mentor court to assist other courts across the country in developing best practices in handling domestic violence cases.

**JUDGE NANCY BILLS** began her public service career as an Assistant District Attorney for the Rockdale Judicial Circuit after graduating from the University of Georgia Law School in 1989. She served in this office for over 10 years with the last three as the Chief Assistant District Attorney. It was during this tenure that she began her community service as a founding member of the local domestic violence shelter, a volunteer for the Truancy Intervention Program, and the Chair of the United Way Advisory Board. Upon leaving the District Attorney's Office, she went into private practice serving clients on a broad spectrum of civil and criminal cases. In 2004, her desire to return to public service led her to run for the position of State Court Judge; she was elected and took the bench in January 2005. Some of her accomplishments since taking the bench include starting a DUI Court in 2007 and a Family Violence Court in 2013. Judge Bills also serves as Chair of the Rockdale County Family Violence Task Force Against Family Violence. Judge Bills was named Georgia's Task Force Member of the Year in 2011. Judge Bills also served as the President of the Rockdale Rotary Club in 2007 and her work was recognized with the Robert Stubbs II "Guardian of Ethics" Award for the Rotary International District in 2012. Likewise, the State Bar of Georgia honored her in 2010 with the prestigious Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service. She is currently the President-Elect of the State Court Judges Council. Judge Bills lives in Conyers with her husband of 27 years, Jeff and they have a 23 year old daughter, Mary Dabney, who is finishing a dual master's degree at UGA.

11 Marshside  
Meeting Room

## INTERMEDIATE MARKETING: TOOLS, TIPS AND MORE

This workshop will cover marketing tools, current best practices, and sources for some of the best shortcuts and tips for effective on a tight budget. The focus will be on practical tools with lists, sources and tips for getting as much done as you can through social media, traditional marketing and upcoming trends as the tools change.

*Please note that this workshop is back by popular demand! The content will be substantially similar to the content presented during the 2017 Conference.*

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Attorneys, Domestic Violence Advocates, Victim Advocates, DFCS Personnel, Family Violence Intervention Programs, Medical Professionals, Sexual Assault Advocates  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**KATHY KEELEY**, biography on page 21.

# WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

8:00a - 9:00a	A/B/C/D Ballroom	LIGHT BREAKFAST
9:00a - 10:30a	WORKSHOPS E	
	6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Strangulation in Sexual Assault Cases
	7/8 Marshside Meeting Room	Serving the African American/Black Survivor of Intimate Partner Violence
	9/10 Marshside Meeting Room	Georgia Teen Advocates Network: Collaborating to Promote Healthy Relationships
	4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room	Elder and Disabled Adult Abuse: Hiding in Plain Sight
	1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	Georgia Department of Community Affairs Housing Assistance for Survivors
	11 Marshside Meeting Room	Controlling the Means of Production: Addressing Economic and Reproductive Abuse in FVIPs
10:30a - 10:45a	BREAK	
10:45a - 12:15p	WORKSHOPS F	
	6 Ben Porter Oceanside Salon	Stalking: The Forgotten Lethality Indicator
	7/8 Marshside Meeting Room	Addressing Family Violence through State Policy Change
	9/10 Marshside Meeting Room	Trauma with Officers Who Work Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases
	4/5 Oceanside Meeting Room	Pets are Victims Too: Pet Abuse as an Indicator of Survivor and Societal Danger
	1/2/3 Oceanside Meeting Room	Utilizing the GCFV Task Force Toolkit to Create a Local DV Court Watch Program
	11 Marshside Meeting Room	Panel Discussion: Sexual Assault Response Team Guidelines and Challenges
12:15p - 12:30p	A/B/C/D Ballroom	CONFERENCE SEND-OFF

6 Ben Porter  
Oceanside Salon

## STRANGULATION IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

Statistics show that strangulation is prevalent in sexual assault cases. This workshop will discuss the complexities associated with strangulation in sexual assault cases from a medical and evidence documentation perspective. Participants will learn the importance of proper screening, recognition, assessment and documentation of strangulation in sexual assault cases.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Sexual Assault Advocates, Victim Advocates, Law Enforcement, Medical Professionals, Prosecutors

**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**SARAH PEDERSON** coordinates the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services provided to patients within Cobb, Cherokee, and Paulding counties by liveSAFE Resources. In this role, Sarah ensures that forensic exams are performed according to accepted best practices and the established exam protocols she outlined for liveSAFE Resources and the WellStar Regional Protection Center. She maintains a qualified team of SANEs and ensures access to sexual assault forensic exams on a 24/7 basis. Sarah also supports outreach efforts to educate the local community on sexual assault response and resources available to victims. Sarah is a member of the Georgia Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), bringing unique expertise as one of only a handful of nurses in the State of Georgia who is certified as both a SANE for adult and pediatric patients. She was recently selected to participate on the Georgia SART State Expert Committee. Prior to her current role, Sarah served as a labor & delivery nurse for seven years, including stays at Northside Atlanta, Northside Cherokee, and Kennestone Hospital. Sarah has a bachelor's of science in nursing from Kennesaw State University. In addition to holding credentials as a registered nurse and certified SANE-A and SANE-P, Sarah also serves as a guest lecturer and expert witness on forensic exams, as well as other findings that are commonly seen in this patient population including strangulation, drug facilitated sexual assault and the neurobiology of trauma.

7/8 Marshside  
Meeting Room

## SERVING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK SURVIVOR OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

This training is designed to expand the knowledge of advocates at mainstream domestic violence programs working with African American/Black survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Through this interactive, think-outside-the-box training, participants will explore topics and strengthen their creative advocacy lens utilizing lecture, small group activities, audiovisuals, and exciting discussion. In addition this training is an excellent opportunity for advocates at mainstream organizations to gain a thorough understanding of the dynamics of servicing this community. It will also provide a new perspective on delivering program services.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Domestic Violence Advocates, Victim Advocates, DFCS Personnel, Family Violence Intervention Programs, Law Enforcement, Sexual Assault Advocates

**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**TRISH HARDY** has been working as a domestic violence advocate for 20 years. She started the work as an overnight crisis line advocate at a domestic violence program in northwest Florida. She went on to serve in various over capacities, namely Case Manager, Shelter Manager, and Residential Counselor. Trish is currently the Capacity and Technical Assistance Manager at the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV). In this role she assists with providing training to new advocates working at programs serving survivors of domestic violence. She also works with programs identified by the state funder as needing intense individualized training and technical assistance. She has conducted community conversations in the Black and African American community to bring focus, awareness, and discussion on the causes and the need to stem the alarming rate at which Black and African American women are killed due to domestic violence. Based on feedback received from community conversations, Trish is working with programs providing services to underserved, marginalized, and culturally specific communities to help build their capacity and sustainability. This work includes, but is not limited to, strategic planning, budget, funding opportunities, and goal setting that aligns with the program's mission and values. Trish is a part of the GCADV team that participates in the National Movement Building initiative.

**LEONA WILLIAMS** has over 30 years of grassroots community organizing experience. She has specialized in housing homeless populations and providing communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address systemic issues related to homelessness, including domestic violence. In her current position as the Special Projects Coordinator for Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, she has developed and facilitated culturally specific trainings for Georgia's mainstream domestic violence organizations, with a focus on the underserved and marginalized communities of color and their relationship to domestic and sexual violence.



# WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

## WORKSHOPS E

9:00A-10:30A

9/10 Marshside  
Meeting Room

### GEORGIA TEEN ADVOCATES NETWORK: COLLABORATING TO PROMOTE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

The Georgia Teen Advocates Network (GTAN) aims to address the issue of Teen Dating Violence in Georgia by bringing together domestic violence advocates from across the State who work, or would like to start working, to implement teen dating violence awareness and prevention efforts in their counties. The purpose of the workshop is to introduce the mission, vision, and goals of GTAN and to highlight themes and trends gathered from GTAN members across the State engaged in dating violence prevention efforts. Workshop attendees will gain an understanding of how participation in statewide GTAN meetings may serve to strengthen programming and enhance local community resources and efforts to prevent teen dating violence. Discussion will include how to utilize information gathered at GTAN meetings at county level family violence task force meetings (e.g., how to form and sustain a teen dating violence subcommittee).

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Domestic Violence Advocates

**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**MARY HADDON** is the Youth Educator and Advocate at Project Safe, Inc., an organization working to end domestic violence in Athens and the surrounding counties. As the Youth Educator and Advocate, Mary oversees youth outreach, education, and prevention programs, and works to inform the community about the Breaking Silence Teen Textline, a resource for teens experiencing dating violence. Mary is an active member of the Domestic Violence Task Force of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties and holds a leadership role on the task force's Kids and Teens Subcommittee. Mary is also a founding member of the Georgia Teen Advocates Network, and has enjoyed the space that this network provides for advocates to network and learn from each other in order to best serve teens experiencing intimate partner violence. Mary earned her master's of social work degree from the University of Georgia with a certificate in nonprofit management and holds a bachelor's of science degree in psychology from Georgia College and State University.

**CLAIRE LISCO** is the Teen Empowerment Advocate with the Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV). Through PADV's Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program, she collaborates with schools, youth serving organizations, and churches across Georgia to reduce teen dating violence and to promote healthy relationships among teens. As a part of this work, she recruits and supervises members of PADV's Teens Against Dating Violence Advisory Board, joining with teen members as an adult ally in their leadership and empowerment efforts to take a stand against dating violence in their communities and across social networking sites. She is also one of the founding members of the Georgia Teen Advocates Network, which aims to bring together domestic violence advocates from across Georgia who work, or would like to start working, to implement teen dating violence awareness and prevention efforts in their counties. Prior to working with PADV, she received her master's degree in psychology from Georgia State University.

4/5 Oceanside  
Meeting Room

### ELDER AND DISABLED ADULT ABUSE: HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

Abuse of at-risk adults often goes unrecognized or is hidden as "normal aging." Those who live with dementia or Alzheimer's and those with developmental disabilities have higher rates of victimization for abuse, neglect, and exploitation. There exists a financial component to this type of domestic violence; one that leaves Georgia's elderly unable to survive, and fully drained of their retirement and government benefits. Recognizing the various types of elder and disabled adult abuse and knowing the state and local resources for survivors can better equip advocates, prosecutors, service providers, medical professionals, and law enforcement in combating this emerging type of violence.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Attorneys, Domestic Violence Advocates, Victim Advocates, Law Enforcement

**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**ANNA AYERS** is a P.O.S.T. Certified Forensic Specialist for the Division of Aging Services. After interning with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Anna began her career as an Investigator for the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office. For five years she was assigned to a trial team that mainly handled crimes against persons such as child molestation, rape, assault, and domestic violence. In 2008, Anna became a Victim Advocate at the Hall County District Attorney's Office where she served on the Child Fatality Review Board and the Hall County Domestic Violence Task Force. For eight years, Anna assisted victims of crime through service referral and guidance through the court and criminal justice systems, and aided prosecutors at trial. Currently, her work at the Division of Aging Services focuses on training primary and secondary responders how to recognize and respond to elder and disabled adult abuse, researching gaps in and developing new laws to protect vulnerable adults, and public outreach.

**1/2/3** *Oceanside Meeting Room*

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS

This workshop will focus on housing services available for family violence survivors through the Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Presenters will provide a brief overview of the intersection between housing, homelessness and family violence. DCA homeless and special needs housing programs will be discussed in relation to how they may be used to increase safety and housing stability for survivors. Participants in the workshop will leave with a basic understanding of the homeless and housing assistance programs administered by DCA and how to access funding for these programs.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic

**MICHAEL THOMAS** is the Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Manager for the Georgia Balance of State (CoC). Prior to taking on this role at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), he served as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Manager for the statewide ESG entitlement administered by DCA. In both of these roles, he has worked with homeless services providers and domestic violence agencies to collaborate on service implementation throughout the State.

**DAVID WHISNANT** joined the Department of Community Affairs in August 2016 as Director of Homeless and Special Needs Housing. Prior to this, he served as Executive Director and Legal Director at the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless (GLCH). Prior to GLCH, David was in private law practice and was a housing provider/real estate investor. David graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1990 and the University of Georgia School of Law in 1993. He has lectured at national events relating to homelessness and housing.

**11** *Marshside Meeting Room*

## CONTROLLING THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION: ADDRESSING ECONOMIC AND REPRODUCTIVE ABUSE IN FVIPs

Reproductive coercion and economic abuse are two common controlling tactics that are difficult to address in an FVIP setting. For class participants, religious and political views are often embedded behind justifications for using these tactics. While many FVIP facilitators avoid potentially divisive conversations about religious and political views, addressing reproductive coercion and economic abuse require open and frank conversations about these views. In this workshop we'll define reproductive coercion and economic abuse and unpack tactics that fall under each definition. Next, we'll explore our own belief systems to determine how they may influence our work with men. Finally, we'll then define as a group how to lead productive conversation on these topics that lead to accountability for class participants and safety for victims.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Family Violence Intervention Programs  
**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**LEE GIORDANO** is a community organizer and violence prevention advocate interested in building and sustaining communities of men dedicated to ending male violence against women. As the Director of Training at Men Stopping Violence, Lee designs, organizes, and conducts trainings, workshops, and webinars on violence against women and engaging men. Lee co-developed the programs, curriculum and trainings currently being produced by Men Stopping Violence including Because We Have Daughters, and the Mercury Online Multimedia Training. He also co-authored MSV's Men At Work Curriculum and the Men at Work training that coincides with that curriculum.



# WEDNESDAY

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## WORKSHOPS F

10:45A-12:15P

6 Ben Porter  
Oceanside Salon

### STALKING: THE FORGOTTEN LETHALITY INDICATOR

This multimedia workshop will review Georgia's stalking statute, the components of stalking in intimate partner violence cases, and how stalking is often overlooked as a lethality indicator. Using case studies and local statistics, participants in this advanced workshop will examine the real life impact of stalking on Georgia's communities. Finally, the workshop will take an in-depth look at the latest technologies used to stalk and illustrate best practices for responding to reports of stalking.

*Please note that this workshop is back by popular demand! The content will be substantially similar to the content presented during the 2017 Conference.*

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary

**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**KYLEE ELLIOTT** is the Legal Advocacy Program Manager at liveSAFE Resources in Marietta, Georgia where she supports domestic violence, stalking elder abuse and sexual assault victims with a variety of legal issues, from guiding them through the Temporary Protective Order (TPO) process to supporting them through difficult divorce, legitimation and the criminal victim/witness process. During her tenure with the Cobb County TPO Office it has become recognized by many in the legal community at one of the busiest and most progressive TPO advocacy departments in the State of Georgia. Kylee speaks frequently across the state and provides victim centered training and technical assistance to attorneys, law enforcement, the military and the general public and is a Certified Professional Trainer on Stalking Victimization. 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 its Fatality Review Committee.

**NIKI LEMESHKA** is the Fatality Review Coordinator at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. Previously, she filled the roles of Outreach Coordinator and Legal Advocate at Cherokee Family Violence Center (Canton, GA) and was employed in Child Protective Services. Niki has served as Co-Chair of Georgia's STOP VAWA Training Initiatives Implementation Subcommittee, Chaired both the Cherokee County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and sat on the State of Georgia's Protocol Development Committee for co-occurring cases of domestic violence and child maltreatment. Niki was a 2017-2018 Georgia Women's Policy Institute Fellow and is an advisory committee member for the Georgia Violent Death Reporting System. She is a Certified Professional Trainer on Stalking Victimization, a QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Instructor, and a P.O.S.T. Instructor. She graduated from the University of Georgia and is fan of the Boston Red Sox and other lost causes.

7/8 Marshside  
Meeting Room

### ADDRESSING FAMILY VIOLENCE THROUGH STATE POLICY CHANGE

This workshop focuses on how to effectively address family violence through policy change, and the unique role that participants play in engaging in the formation and implementation of new public policies. An interactive presentation will cover tips for monitoring relevant legislation, engaging direct service providers and sexual assault/family violence survivors in the policy change process, as well as year-round strategies for educating policymakers and informing key policy debates utilizing participants' on-the-ground experience and issue expertise. The workshop will include a comprehensive overview of state legislation from the 2018 Georgia General Assembly session that impacts the family violence prevention community. Senate Bill 834, a bill allowing family violence victims to terminate a lease without financial penalty to relocate for safety reasons, will be explored as a case study. Participants also will take part in interactive discussion about preparing for potential local, state and national key issues on the horizon.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary

**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**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. She has a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University, a bachelor's of arts in political science with a gender studies concentration from Davidson College, and a background in strategic planning, policy advocacy, coalition building, and delivering training and technical assistance.

9/10 Marshside  
Meeting Room

## TRAUMA WITH OFFICERS WHO WORK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

Although supervising cases of domestic violence or sexual abuse can pose special challenges for community supervision officers (CSOs), few studies have investigated whether the number of these cases on an officer's caseload increases the risk for psychological distress. This workshop will discuss the research process and address the question of whether the number of cases involving domestic violence and sex offenses on an officer's caseload has negative consequences for officers' psychological well-being. In addition, this workshop will examine factors for preventive and intervention efforts.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Domestic Violence Advocates  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**NICK POWELL** works in the Office of Strategic Planning and Research for the Georgia Department of Community Supervision. In this role, Nick is responsible for analyzing agency data trends and providing support for state planning and research projects. Prior to his work in strategic planning, Nick served in the Office of Public Affairs as a Media Relations Specialist, as an Assistant Chief in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, and a field officer in Columbus, GA.

4/5 Oceanside  
Meeting Room

## PETS ARE VICTIMS TOO: PET ABUSE AS AN INDICATOR OF SURVIVOR AND SOCIETAL DANGER

This workshop will address the intersections of domestic violence and animal abuse. Attendees will gain a broader understanding of the dynamics of batterers' abuse of animals in domestic violence situations and how that abuse may be an indicator of increased risk for survivors and society. An overview of services provided by Ahimsa House will be provided followed by a discussion on what services providers can do to help domestic violence survivors who have pets. Finally, the presentation will include new research on survivor's unique experiences of abuse at this intersection. Ahimsa House, which is pronounced "uh-HIM-sah" and means "nonviolence" in Sanskrit, was founded in 2004 by Emily Christie after she lost a pet to domestic violence. Ahimsa House became Georgia's first and only organization dedicated to helping the human and animal victims of domestic violence reach safety together.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Intermediate

**TAYLOR CHASTAIN** has a background in mental health counseling and professional dog training, and is passionate about realizing the power of the human-animal bond across various life experiences. Taylor received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Georgia State University, and is now in the process of completing her doctoral dissertation at Walden University with a concentration in research psychology. Taylor's research interests are focused on how humans and animals create meaningful relationship with one another, especially during times of trauma. At Ahimsa House, Taylor assists in overseeing the coordination of the direct services program while also evaluating the program's effectiveness and growth objectives through empirical investigation.

**SHANNON OXFORD** has been working in the victim services field for seven years. She graduated from Valdosta State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. After graduation, she volunteered with the Douglas County Task Force on Family Violence before accepting a position in Florida. There, she was the Lead Shelter Advocate at Micah's Place, a domestic violence shelter in Fernandina Beach. Shannon relocated to Atlanta where she could combine her passion in ending domestic violence and her love of animals. At Ahimsa House, Shannon manages the Direct Services and Community Services programs and conducts professional trainings to law enforcement, victim advocates and other service providers.

**MYRA RASNICK** has 17 years of experience in crisis intervention, victim service delivery and program development. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology at James Madison University with a concentration in women's studies. Ms. Rasnick is dedicated to ending violence against women and is an avid animal lover. Marrying these passions, Ms. Rasnick joined Ahimsa House as the Program Services Coordinator in 2007 at which time she developed and implemented Ahimsa House's Direct Services Program. In this role, in addition to providing services, she trained domestic violence shelter staff throughout Georgia on the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. In 2014, she accepted the position of Executive Director at Ahimsa House.



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## WORKSHOPS F

10:45A-12:15P

1/2/3 Oceanside  
Meeting Room

### UTILIZING THE GCFV TASK FORCE TOOLKIT TO CREATE A LOCAL DV COURT WATCH PROGRAM

This training will detail how the GCFV Task Force Tool Kit can be utilized to plan and implement a court watch program in one's local task force. The Fulton County Task Force chose to create its own court watch subcommittee in 2017 with the following mission: to educate task force members about the court process encountered by victims, to improve the coordinated community response to family violence, and to create a more informed and involved public through the collection and analysis of courtroom data from family violence proceedings. In this training, Fulton County Family Violence Task Force Executive Committee members will describe how they trained court watch members prior to the collection of data, the logistics of launching a court watch program, how to involve key stakeholders, and the importance of applying fatality review findings to the process. The presenters will share the materials and forms created to meet the unique needs of Fulton County and will discuss how they garnered support for the court watch program in the Fulton County court system.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary

**LEVEL:** Basic

**AMANDA PLANCHARD** has 20 years of experience working with crime victims, particularly victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, stalking, and child abuse. Amanda holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Fulton County Family Violence Task Force and is a Victim-Survivor Advocate at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Amanda previously served as the Director of Victim Assistance with the Fulton County Solicitor General's Office from 2005-2017 and as a Victim Advocate/Counselor with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office from 1999-2005.

**LAURA SCLAFANI**, Esq., is a Staff Attorney in the Fulton Family Law Unit of Atlanta Legal Aid where she represents and advises low-income individuals in all areas of family law cases, which normally involve domestic violence. Laura has worked at Atlanta Legal Aid since graduating from Emory Law in 2013. Laura is the Secretary of the Fulton County Task Force, Chair of the court watch subcommittee of the task force, a Barrister in the Lamar Inn of Court, and is active in the State Bar, Atlanta Bar and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers.



11 Marshside  
Meeting Room

PANEL DISCUSSION: SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM GUIDELINES AND CHALLENGES

The Georgia Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Guide was created to help Georgia communities understand the benefits of the SART, the principles guiding SARTs, and the information to form and sustain a community SART. The information in the guide provides a framework for local communities and offers the flexibility necessary to tailor a response that considers local needs, issues, and resources. The guide also includes specific topic areas, ideas, and questions posed by various organizations throughout the nation in the development and sustainability of community SARTs. It has been designed to be used by communities that are in the first stages of SART development as well as by communities that have an established SART, and would like to strengthen it. The guidelines were created as part of the Georgia SART Project with the oversight of the SART State Expert Committee. In this panel workshop, members of the SART State Expert Committee will discuss the guide as a resource, and challenges and lessons learned from Georgia SART Project trainings and technical assistance. The panel will be moderated by Amy Hutsell and will address issues such as 1) compliance with mandated State SART protocol laws; 2) filling gaps in service; 3) starting a SART; 4) incorporating campus SART; 5) meeting the challenges associated with the sexual assault kit backlog; and 6) addressing conflict among SART team members. All SART disciplines will be represented by a member of the State Expert Committee.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Multidisciplinary  
**LEVEL:** Basic, Intermediate

**ELISA COVARRUBIAS** is the Director of Sexual Assault and Advocacy Programs at the liveSAFE Resources. In her role at the liveSAFE Resources, 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 12 years and previously worked with consumers of mental health services. Elisa is involved in various local task forces and multidisciplinary teams which address victim safety and offender accountability.

**SERGEANT S. HARRISON DANIEL**, biography on page 22.

**CAPTAIN JAY EISNER**, has been a DeKalb County Police Officer since 1992 and is currently commander of the Special Victims Section within the Criminal Investigations Division. He has previously served as Training Division Assistant Commander, Central Records Commander, and commander of the Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Unit which he founded in 2005. Other assignments have included Patrol Division as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain; as primary officer of a Mobile Crisis Unit, as a full-time Academy instructor, and as the first domestic violence investigator in the DeKalb Solicitor General's Office. Captain Eisner is a Georgia P.O.S.T. certified instructor and has provided domestic violence training to many law enforcement agencies and thousands of officers across the State. Cpt. Eisner has frequently presented at statewide conferences conducted by the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Eisner served as Chair of the DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force where he helped initiate domestic violence fatality review. He also served two terms as Board Chair of the International Women's House shelter for battered refugee and immigrant women where he helped lead the initiative to fund and build a new shelter. Captain Eisner currently serves on the CJCC state expert committee for the Sexual Assault Response Team Grant Project. Eisner was the 2006 statewide recipient of the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Eagle Award for Law Enforcement for service to victims of crime. He has also received the Deborah McDorman award for service to victims of domestic violence and was honored as the 2017 Champion for Change by the Women's Resource Center. Captain Eisner grew up in DeKalb County and graduated from Avondale High School. He formerly attended Georgia State University and is currently enrolled at the University of Louisville. Jay is married to Tina Dillard (a highly decorated sergeant recently retired after 30 years of service with DeKalb Police) and they have three very active children.

**AMY HUTSELL**, biography on page 19.

**SHARLA D. JACKSON**, Esq., is a career prosecutor who oversees the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resource Prosecution program for the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia. Having served the community for 27 years as a prosecutor, Sharla uses her knowledge and expertise to improve domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy, policy and organizational collaboration throughout the State of Georgia. Sharla graduated with honors from Spelman College and received her juris doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. In her leisure time, Sharla enjoys traveling, entertaining and football. She pursues her extracurricular activities with the same passion and joy as her professional endeavors.

**SARAH PEDERSON**, biography on page 26.



# AWARD RECIPIENTS

## GENDER JUSTICE AWARD

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.



DEANNA SWOPE

DeAnna was born in Eatonton, Georgia and currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia. She was mainstreamed throughout school years and graduated from Clarkston High School. DeAnna holds a bachelor's of arts in social and criminal justice as well as an master's of arts in public administration from Ashford University. DeAnna's passion has always been empowering others and advocating for those who have no voice. As such, DeAnna wears a variety of hats: she's an activity coordinator, domestic violence outreach specialist/advocate, and mental health case manager.

DeAnna currently works at Avita Community Partners where she has been a Mental Health Case Manager for the last two years. She is also a Board Member and Conference Chair for the Deaf Anti-Violence Coalition (DAVC), a member of Metro Atlanta Re-entry Task Force, a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Subcommittee on Underserved Communities, and a member of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Disabilities Task Force. DeAnna presents monthly mental health awareness workshops and has established three support groups over the last two years: Power of a Woman (focuses on members building their support systems and uplifting each other), American Sign Language National Alliance on Mental Illness (ASL NAMI) (focuses on peer-to-peer support for individuals who have experienced mental illness), and Red Hot Co-Ed Table (focuses on understanding different perspectives).

DeAnna dreams of establishing a multidisciplinary organization and being a motivational speaker. She has recently embarked on establishing her own consulting business: Flourishing Vision Solution, LLC, where she will help organizations identify gaps in serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community and giving educational workshops.

DeAnna is married and is the mother to five children. One of her favorite quotes is by Melinda Gates, "A woman with a voice, by definition, is a strong woman." DeAnna says, "Don't let society define or mold who we should be to please others because Harriet Beecher Stowe said it best, 'women are the real architect of the society.'"

## 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.



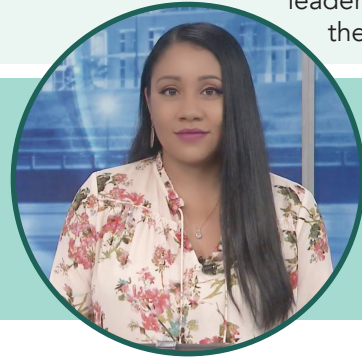
TROUP COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE



# AWARD RECIPIENTS

## RESPONSIBLE COVERAGE AWARDS

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.



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SINGLETON

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CBS 46 WGCL-TV ATLANTA

## 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 is presented by the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



SELINA ARMSTRONG

Selina Armstrong is the Director of Children's Programming & Camp PEACE, a violence-prevention summer camp, at the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence (WRC). Selina promotes the safety and well-being

of children and families who reside in WRC's safe house, providing support services to mothers to help them maintain the physical, social and emotional health of their children, and advocating for children and mothers at various social service agencies, schools and health care facilities. She also formulates and maintains partnerships to help meet the needs of families, and plans and implements activities for children which incorporate elements of peace education and Cognitively-Based Compassion Training, to help children develop compassion for others as well as manage feelings and emotions.

Selina earned her master's of arts in international peace and conflict resolution from Arcadia University, and a bachelor's of science in family and community services with a concentration in child development and a bachelor's of science in elementary education from East Carolina University. She has also completed the Emory University Cognitively-Based Compassion Training teacher training program, Alternatives to Violence advanced facilitator's training and training in the Community Resiliency Model®. Selina has served as a program coordinator and graduation coach for Communities in Schools of Atlanta; Associate Director at Future Leaders Christian Academy of Atlanta; Project Coordinator for United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta; Peace Education Developer for Sports4HOPE in Atlanta, and Bunia, DRC; Chambers and Registry Intern for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Tanzania; Admissions Coordinator for Art Institute of Atlanta; Daycare Director for You Empowerment Project in Riverdale; and was a sixth grade teacher for Welcome Middle School, in Greenville, South Carolina.



# AWARD RECIPIENTS

## 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.



**MICHELLE TOLEDO  
CAINAS**

Michelle Toledo Cainas, Chair of the Forsyth County Anti-Violence Taskforce: Collaborative Response to Sexual and Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking, graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida Metropolitan University and a master's in forensic psychology from Argosy University. She founded Georgia Latinos Against Domestic Violence (GLADV) in 2009, as a task force to support the Latino community and those who work with them. During this time, GLADV held community meetings to ensure advocates had a platform for education and networking. Through GLADV, Michelle has organized training for advocates, law enforcement and other social service providers.

Michelle has been interviewed for media outlets including Mundo Hispanico, Univision, Telemundo, Forsyth News, and Forsyth Herald, among others, and has written blogs for local and national organizations such as Casa de Esperanza. In addition, Michelle has created cultural proficiency events to increase Georgia's Latinx participation, such as "Walking Among Us ~ Now & Forever," a domestic violence awareness vigil, and the Forsyth County Domestic Violence Task Force Fall Forum.

Mrs. Toledo Cainas has been entered as an expert witness in criminal and civil court; she has also facilitated Spanish and English support groups and presented at conferences such as Arte Sana Nuestras Voces, the Georgia Conference on Children and Families, and the Latinos Against Domestic Violence. She has also coordinated, planned, and executed multiple trainings across the Metro Atlanta area.

As a task force member and Chair, Michelle has brought a variety of speakers to meetings which has improved understanding and grown partnerships in the community. This has fostered better communication and strengthened the task force's collaboration to support victims of domestic violence, as well as provided education to curtail domestic violence.

Finally, in addition to her duties as task force Chair, Mrs. Toledo Cainas is on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Arte Sana; she is also a member of Arte Sana Alianza Latina Contra la Violencia Sexual.

Mrs. Toledo Cainas finds her self-care in running and cooking.



# AWARD RECIPIENTS

## MOVING THE WORK FORWARD AWARD

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.

### GEORGIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Georgia Commission on Family Violence partnered with the Georgia Apartment Association (GAA) during the 2018 Legislative Session to support the passage of HB-834. HB-

834 was signed by Governor Deal and became law on July 1, 2018. HB-834 allows survivors of family violence to terminate their lease without penalty if they meet the following criteria:

- The lease was entered into, renewed, modified, or extended on or after July 1, 2018.
- The survivor/tenant obtained one of the following:
  - A Civil 12-month Family Violence Protective Order
  - A criminal Family Violence Protective Order, or
  - A Ex Parte Family Violence Protective Order accompanied by a police report showing a basis for the Order.

HB-834 also added a subsection (e) to O.C.G.A 19-13-3, stating that if the Court finds a party is avoiding service to delay a hearing, the Court may delay dismissal of the petition for an additional 30 days.

GAA represents an industry that provides homes to 1.4 million Georgians. GAA members directly employ more than 5,000 Georgians, and the businesses that support the industry provide more than 100,000 jobs. GAA members contribute more than \$1.45 billion in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and every 100 new apartment homes developed generates an additional \$384,000 in taxes and an additional 47 local jobs. GAA's commitment to the community produces one of the largest food drives in the nation, contributing more than seven million meals in Georgia last year alone. GAA is comprised of six affiliated associations from across Georgia that work together toward the common goal of unifying the multifamily housing industry. GAA also represents the interests of apartment owners not covered by one of these chapter areas.



## NOTES

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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## SHERRY BOSTON

Special thanks to DeKalb County District Attorney Sherry Boston for financial support to bring Beverly Gooden to our Conference.



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We would also like to thank the members of the 24th Annual Conference Planning Committee for their creativity and commitment to the work. It is their varied expertise, experience in the domestic violence field, and their passion that helped form the theme and content of this conference.

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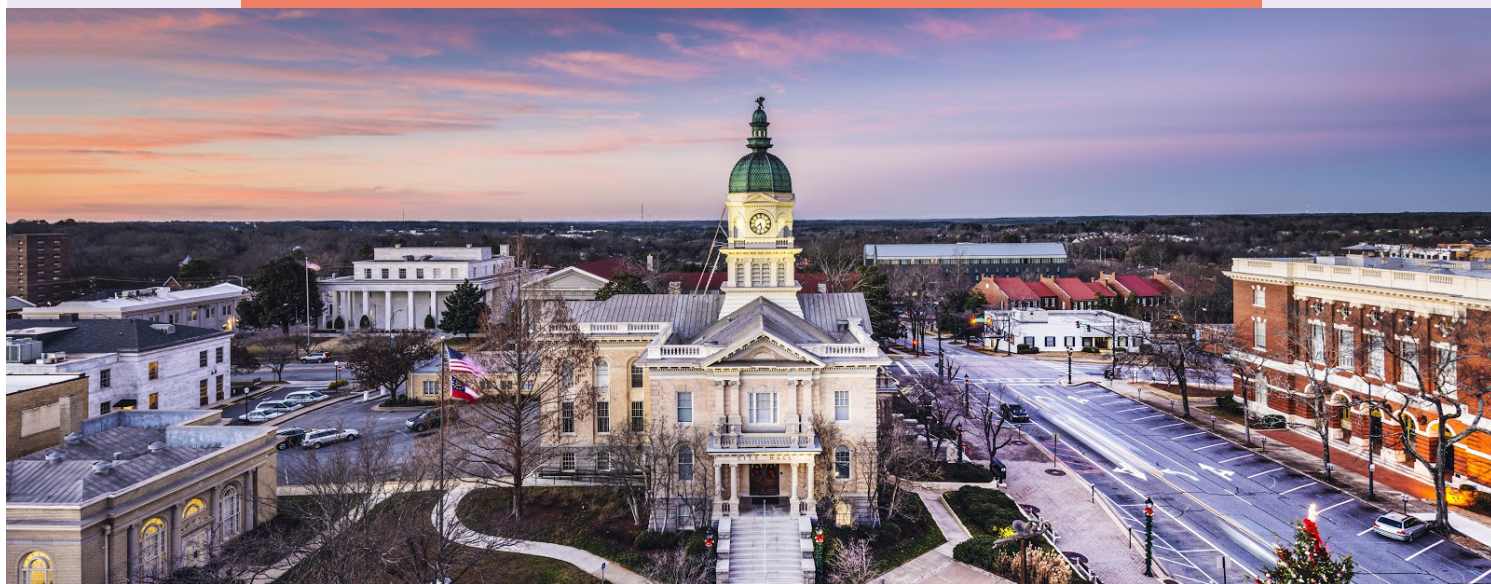


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