

2014 Idaho Domestic Violence Court Conference

The Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho

Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th

Agenda

Thursday, May 8th

7:30-8:15am **Sign In and Catered Buffet Breakfast**
JUNIPER/LAUREL-general session room

8:15-8:30am **Welcome**

Judge David Gratton, Court of Appeals, Idaho Supreme Court

8:30-10:00am **Offender Accountability: A System Perspective**

James Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

The justice system can enhance therapeutic outcomes by holding offenders accountable and enhancing victim safety. Offender Accountability and Coordinated Community Response are two commonly used terms when talking about enhanced responses to domestic violence. But what does accountability mean? What is a coordinated community response? This session will explore these terms and discuss how to use a local network of partners to create a "wall of accountability and support" in domestic violence cases. Participants will be able to identify how the system enhances or impedes victim safety & offender accountability and discuss ways of incorporating community partners in the management of offenders and the autonomy of victims.

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:45am **Same Research, Different Perspectives: Talking about Domestic Violence Offender Intervention Programs Efficacy and Examining Our Assumptions about Offenders and Offender Intervention**

David Garvin, LMSW; Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Jeffrie Cape, LMSW; Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program, Ann Arbor, Michigan

This session will present a history of interventions for domestic violence and review current practice to develop an appreciation of the diversity in practice throughout the country. An overview of some of the most prominent models for working with domestic violence offenders will be given. These will represent the diversity within the accountability approach used in working with offenders. Participants will develop a comprehensive understanding of what works in community intervention programs and what do/should we mean by effective.

11:45-12:15pm CFCC Domestic Violence Court Subcommittee Update

Judge Jerold Lee, Canyon County Domestic Violence Court Judge; Subcommittee Chair

12:15-1:15pm Catered Buffet Lunch

1:15-2:45pm Breakouts-Please attend the one you selected at registration

Room: NORTHSTAR

Treatment Options for Women Who Use Force

Jeffrie Cape, LMSW; Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Effectively addressing women's use of force in intimate heterosexual relationships is a controversial national issue that affects social service providers at the local, county, and state-wide levels. Women referred to offender intervention programs receive inappropriate "batterers treatment" rather than contextualized support and intervention. Through lack of attention to context, interventions fail to meet the needs of women who have used force and may also fail to meet the goals of the referring agency – to prevent future incidents. This session will explore the issue of women's use of force and how societal assumptions and research have inadvertently created a false understanding of this issue. Participants will have an opportunity to explore key fundamental components to consider in creating or referring women defendants to domestic violence intervention programs.

Room: LIBERTY

Strategies for Safety

Jennifer Landhuis, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

This session will provide participants with an understanding of the various strategies that may be used when discussing safety with individuals impacted by violence- both during and after leaving an abusive relationship. Working with victims of domestic violence calls for an approach that goes beyond service-defined. Victim-defined advocacy recognizes that victims should define the advocacy and that service providers must acknowledge that victims are the ultimate decision maker in this partnership. Services for individuals impacted by domestic violence often focus on the strategies for leaving a relationship and fail to recognize that there are numerous factors involved in a victim's decision making and those factors may (and often do) keep a victim in the relationship.

Room: DELAMAR

Critical Issues for Working with Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Survivors

Rosie Hidalgo, Casa de Esperanza

Immigrant and Limited English Proficient (LEP) survivors often face additional barriers in accessing services and safety. This workshop will focus on enhancing access to services for LEP individuals, improved safety planning for immigrant survivors, and special immigration remedies (such as the VAWA self-petition, U visa and T visa) and ICE prosecutorial discretion to help immigrant victims come out of the shadows and limit the use of immigration status as a tool of abuse or exploitation.

Room: CLEARWATER

Sexual Assault, Sex Trafficking, and Prostitution

Claudia Bayliff, National Judicial Education Program

Miriam Goodman, Center for Court Innovation

This session will examine the overlap of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking. Participants will learn about sexual assault and the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence. This session will also cover what is trafficking? - Using your DV lens! We will discuss power and control, types of abuse, pimps as intimate partners and domestic violence as a push factor into prostitution/trafficking.

Room: JUNIPER/LAUREL (general session room)

DV Court Collaboration

Judge Libby Hines, Domestic Violence Court Judge; Ann Arbor, Michigan

David Garvin, LMSW; Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program; Ann Arbor, Michigan

James Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

Ongoing collaboration requires an intensive effort and active participation from all stakeholders to ensure an effective community response to domestic violence. Interagency collaboration is crucial to ensuring communication, consistency, and continuing education about the court and domestic violence. Cross system or multi-disciplinary collaboration can be very rewarding and also difficult because of differing interests and goals, which may be perceived as duplication to already existing services and service providers. This panel from Ann Arbor, Michigan will explore how key stakeholders can assist in identifying existing and new resources and can help bring other key stakeholders to the table. They will also discuss how the domestic violence court judge provides leadership to the inter-agency collaboration and provide an open discussion on multi-disciplinary collaboration.

2:45-3:00

Break

3:00-5:00pm

Breakouts by Discipline

Judges

Room: CLEARWATER

Facilitator: Judge Libby Hines

Judicial Monitoring and Orders of Protection

- Discuss the effectiveness of judicial monitoring (how often and why?)
- Creative sanctions and addressing the needs of the family
- Explore risk assessment from the bench in addressing orders of protection

Group Discussion-DV Courts

- Identify and discuss challenges and successes in DV Court
- Discuss collaboration efforts and share lessons learned

Prosecuting Attorneys

Room: DELAMAR

Facilitator: Claudia Bayliff

Tips from the National Judicial Education Program

- Discuss how NJEP can help Prosecutors
- Explore the importance of using accountable language
- Identify sexual abuse in domestic violence cases as a Prosecutor

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Defense Attorneys

Room: LIBERTY

Facilitators: David Garvin and Jeffrie Cape

Offender Domestic Violence Intervention and Resources for Offenders

- Discuss why domestic violence offender intervention is a benefit to offenders
- Explore how to inform offenders of what to expect and prepare for change
- Identify other resources and needs for offenders to be successful

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DV Court Coordinators, Family Court Services, Family Specialists

Room: GARNET (near hotel front registration desk-1st floor)

Facilitator: Amber Moe

Court Updates & New Programs

- Each DV Court Coordinator will report on their district courts and projects
- Open discussion about projects and grants

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Probation/Law Enforcement

Room: JUNIPER/LAUREL (general session room)

Facilitators: James Henderson and Jennifer Landhuis

Victim Centered Approach to Probation

- Identify how the system enhances or impedes one's ability to manage trauma
- Identify ways to enhance victim satisfaction with the criminal justice system.
- Identify safe and productive ways of communicating with victims
- Identify ways of incorporating community partners in the management of offenders and the autonomy of victims
- Identify ways to safely and legally release information that enhances safety

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Victim Advocates/Victim Witness Coordinators

Room: NORTHSTAR

Facilitator: Miriam Goodman

Identify, assess and work with victims of trafficking and sexual assault

- Working from a trauma-informed perspective: what is it and how to integrate
- Explore challenges in engaging victims in the criminal justice system
- Identify key red flags of sexual assault and trafficking in domestic violence cases
- Discuss applying this knowledge into practice
- Explore creative safety planning with victims when they remain in abusive relationship and/or plans needed to address sexual assault and trafficking

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Clerks

Room: OPAL (near hotel front registration desk-1st floor)

Facilitator: Rosie Hidalgo

Enhance Access to Services

- Discuss ways to address barriers for marginalized survivors of domestic violence
- Explore from a Clerks perspective the challenges in providing services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals

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Enjoy your evening. See you tomorrow!

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Friday, May 9th

7:30-8:00am **Catered Buffet Breakfast**

8:00-8:30am **Roundtable Activity**

Facilitator: Miriam Goodman, Center for Court Innovation

Participants will share highlights from yesterday's breakout sessions.

8:30-10:00am **How Language Helps Shape our Response to Violence
Against Women**

Claudia Bayliff, National Judicial Education Program

"Language can never be neutral; it creates versions of reality." Yet when we discuss violence against women, we describe the violence in passive terms, which allows the perpetrators of this violence to remain invisible and unaccountable. We also use language that objectifies or blames victims. This interactive session will explore the language of violence against women: how we talk about and write about these crimes. Participants will learn to recognize the objectifying or blaming language we often use to describe victims. They will explore how to describe violence against women in a way that more accurately depicts the crimes. Participants will also discuss specific and concrete steps they can take to change the language they use to talk about and write about violence against women.

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:45am **Improving Access for Underserved Populations**

Rosie Hidalgo, Casa de Esperanza

The 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) demonstrated a national commitment to improving access to services and resources for underserved populations and Communities of Color. This presentation will highlight some of those significant changes and discuss ways to address barriers and enhance access to services for marginalized survivors of domestic violence.

11:45am-12:00pm **Pick up Boxed Lunch and Move to breakout session**

12:00-1:30pm Putting Theory into Practice: Roundtable Activity by Courts

Facilitators will instruct roundtable discussion based on directed questions and lead an open discussion with the group to enhance Domestic Violence Court operations and learn from each other's experiences.

Ada- Bingham-Jefferson- Minidoka/Cassia Counties

Room: JUNIPER/LAUREL (general session room)

Facilitators: Jeffrie Cape & James Henderson

Bonneville-Bonner-Kootenai Counties

Room: CINNABAR

Facilitators: Claudia Bayliff & Miriam Goodman

Bannock-Canyon Counties

Room: LIBERTY

Facilitator: David Garvin

1:30-1:45pm Break-return to general session room

1:45-3:15pm Sentencing in Domestic Violence Cases

Judge Libby Hines, Domestic Violence Court Judge; Ann Arbor, Michigan

David Garvin, LMSW; Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program; Ann Arbor, Michigan

James Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project

A domestic violence court should develop sentencing models that promote accountability and consistency, while also taking into account the context in which the crime occurs. This session will discuss the sentencing objectives in domestic violence cases, what information is needed to meet these objectives, signs to look for when assessing danger, and assessing the future and key elements in delivering the sentence. The presenters will also address the need for court-ordered mandates, such as probation supervision and domestic violence offender intervention/treatment and the importance of ensuring offenders comply.

3:15-3:30pm Wrap up and Adjourn

*Thank you for participating.
Safe travels home!*