

2023 NCVC National Training Institute

Event Schedule

Wed, Sep 06, 2023

8:00 AM

Registration & Coffee

⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Sep 6

9:00 AM

Welcome and Remarks from Office for Victims of Crime Director Kris Rose

⌚ 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM, Sep 6

📍 Grand Ballroom

👉 Speaker



Kris Rose

Director
Office for Victims of Crime

9:15 AM

Unsilenced: Exposing the Troubled Teen Industry and Empowering Survivors

⌚ 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM, Sep 6

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

The “troubled teen industry” is a multi-billion-dollar industry that purports to help young people through programs like residential treatment centers, wilderness groups, and boot camps; but in some cases, patients have been subjected to forced transportation, abuse, and punishment away from their families. All too often these programs cause immense harm to children and adolescents across the United States. This panel brings together experts with lived experience, policy makers, and other allied experts for a frank discussion on how we can all support survivors and advocate for changed systems.

👉 Speakers



Meg Appelgate

Survivor, Co-Founder and CEO
Unsilenced



Marissa Linderman

Director of Advocacy
Unsilenced



Kristen Feden

Partner
Saltz Mongeluzzi Bendesky



Michelle Patriquin

Director of Research
The Menninger Clinic/BCM



Senator Mike McKell

10:00 AM

Child Sex Abuse Section Meeting (Closed Session)

⌚ 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

This is a closed session for members of the National Crime Victim Bar Association's Child Sex Abuse Section. Please reach out to Christa Andersen (candersen@victims-of-crime.org) for further details or questions if needed.

10:30 AM

Break

⌚ 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM, Sep 6

10:45 AM

Making The Case for Economic Justice

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Statler Room

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

99% of all survivors of domestic violence report experiencing some form of financial abuse. This presentation is an opportunity to better understand of the connection between finances and survivor safety. We will explore the intersection and what advocates can do to improve survivors overall access to economic justice and resources.

👉 **Speaker**



Kim Pentico

Economic Justice Specialist
NNEDV

Making the Connection Between Ableism and Violence

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Studio 2

Marginalized Underserved ...

Barrier Free Living's mission is to support individuals with disabilities to live dignified lives free of all forms of abuse and bias. Since 1981, BFL has been providing domestic violence services to survivors with disabilities and those who are D/deaf. According to the Office on Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "Research suggests that women with disabilities are more likely to suffer domestic violence and sexual assault than women without disabilities." Due to the nature of our work we have learned a lot about ableism in the domestic violence community and how it impacts survivors. Ableism is the discrimination and social prejudice against people with disabilities. These practices are embedded in our day-to-day work, policies, and practices. Come to the session to 1) Understand the word "ableism" from both a medical and social model perspective. 2) Discuss how "ableism" impacts programmatic and systematic responses to domestic violence survivors.

3) Learn strategies to make programs accessible to domestic violence survivors with disabilities.

👉 **Speakers**



Cynthia Amodeo

Chief Executive Officer
Barrier Free Living



Erika Calderon

Program Director
Barrier Free Living

Prepare | Violence Prevention and Trauma Intervention for LGBTQ+ Teens

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Trauma Informed Pra...

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ+) teens are at high risk of being targeted for aggression and intimate partner violence. This workshop will:

1. look at the need for culturally sensitive violence prevention programs to be more inclusive of LGBTQ+ teens' experiences,
2. overview how a comprehensive violence prevention program can reduce future victimization by peers, romantic partners, or strangers, and be a healing experience for teens who are survivors of violence, and
3. discuss the process and importance of including LGBTQ+ teen voices in the creation of a violence prevention program so that any interactive component is relatable to their experience.

 **Speaker**



Rayne Zand Halstuch

Violence Prevention and Health Educator
Prepare Inc.

Reducing Firearm Violence: Victim-Centered, Legal and Public Health Strategies

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Arlington

Mass Violence & Hom...

Firearm violence is a public health crisis in the United States. In 2020, there were over 45,000 firearm deaths in the U.S. and twice as many nonfatal firearm injuries. And provisional CDC data from 2021 show that there were nearly 49,000 gun deaths in the U.S. last year. The COVID-19 pandemic brought on alarming increases in both gun violence and gun sales. Access to firearms increases the risk of homicides, suicides, and unintentional injuries. Victim services providers are critical to helping survivors recognize the perils of gun violence and identify realistic safety planning strategies. This workshop will examine evidence-informed approaches to reducing firearm injuries and fatalities. Presenters will share creative policies and strategies for firearm violence prevention for a variety of audiences, including discussion of the interplay between domestic violence and firearms. This presentation will discuss legal mechanisms to empower victims of violence, including extreme risk protection orders and domestic violence protection orders. Presenters will combine public health and legal expertise to help participants implement these strategies, and discuss how they have been concretely recommended and implemented.

 **Speakers**



Spencer Cantrell

Senior Advisor for Implementation
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions



Lisa Geller

Senior Advisor for Implementation
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions

The Indian Child Welfare Act, Tribal Sovereignty and Children's Advocacy Centers

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 The Loft

Tribal

Child Advocacy Centers have established a commitment to the development of culturally responsive services to victims of crime. Knowing the disproportionalities in victimization and access to services among various nationalities and ethnic groups, it is vitally important to acknowledge the sovereignty of Native Nations and the importance of compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.

► **Speakers**



Kimee Wind-Hummingbird

Training & Technical Assistance Manager
National Native Children's Trauma Center



Kara Pasqua

Training & Technical Assistance Specialist
National Native Children's Trauma Center

Watching Dad Watching Mom: What Children Learn from Abusive Fathers

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Park/Scollay

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

Children who witness abuse face increased odds to grow up to become abusers. In Part 1, this session will use children's drawings of abusive fathers to illustrate the impact of exposure to IPV. Dr. Adams will describe childhood histories of abusers, ranging from those who kill partners to those attending Batterer Intervention Programs, and discuss what this taught them as partners and parents. In Part II, Dr. Adams will describe parenting awareness and education programs that are geared for men with histories of domestic violence, including the Responsible Fatherhood Program at Emerge.

► **Speaker**



David Adams

Co-Director
Emerge

Taking Action

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Anyone can be a victim of financial fraud, and perpetrators of this type of crime can range from the most intimate of people like partners and family members to strangers far away. With financial fraud increasing, it's important for practitioners, and those who do client-facing work, to understand the dynamics of financial fraud, identify strategies, and provide resources to help professionals in supporting victims and those who will occupationally support someone experiencing fraud.

► **Speakers**



Rachel Gibson

National Center for Victims of Crime



Rob Mascio

Director
FINRA Investor Education Foundation

Creating Healing-Centered Cultures: A Collaborative Workshop for Victim Service Providers of Color Impacted by Interpersonal and Racial Trauma

⌚ 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Sep 6

📍 Studio 1

Marginalized Underserved ...

This interactive workshop addresses the urgent need for victim-service organizations to establish cultures of care and healing-centered practices, particularly for staff of color who are survivors of violence and/or impacted by the criminal justice system. It is well-documented that interpersonal trauma and racial trauma are intertwined and can have compounded effects on individuals who have experienced both. This is especially true for victim service agency staff who are survivors of color, as they may encounter unique challenges related to systemic oppression, discrimination, and marginalization.

In this collaborative workshop, we will engage in discussions about practical strategies and tools that victim-service organizations can utilize to foster healing-centered cultures of care for staff, particularly those impacted by interpersonal and racial trauma. Participants will have the opportunity to workshop current challenges and develop solutions collectively. This will include discussions on staff wellness programs, trauma-informed care, and restorative justice approaches to address instances of intraorganizational harm.

👉 **Speaker**



Richard Smith
Founder and Trainer
Richardsmithspeaks, LLC

12:15 PM

Lunch (on your own)

⌚ 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM, Sep 6
📍 Grand Ballroom

1:00 PM

Surviving Image Based Sexual Violence: Perspectives from Survivors, Lawyers and Victim Advocates

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Sep 6
📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

Image-based sexual violence is an increasingly prevalent crime that may be unfamiliar to many advocates. This panel will highlight the voices of survivors of image-based sexual violence, alongside experts in the field who will share practical ways that advocates and attorneys can support the individuals that they serve. The panelists will also discuss emerging legislation to protect survivors and what communities can do to implement changes.

👉 **Speakers**



Carrie Goldberg
Carrie Goldberg, LLC



Katie Hill
Founder
Her Time PAC



Matthew Herrick
Lived Experience Expert
Reclaim Coalition



Andrea Powell
Director
Reclaim Coalition

2:00 PM

Break

⌚ 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM, Sep 6

2:15 PM

Building Meaning and Lasting Relationships with Tribal Communities

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6
📍 Statler Room

Tribal

Efforts to address longstanding issues affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives, such as health disparities, have increasingly used partnership approaches. This workshop will demonstrate how to build meaningful and lasting relationships and strengthen collaborations by providing insight about how culture and experiences matter in partnerships with tribal communities.

There are many examples of meaningful and lasting relationships that have provided benefits to tribal communities and contributed innovative solutions to complex challenges. These partnerships offer insights to tribal leaders, researchers, community members, and other communities interested in using partnerships and/or research to address community issues.

Developing ethical and meaningful research partnerships with tribal communities requires partners to understand and commit to an ongoing process of authentic and deliberate relationship-building, cross-cultural learning, open communication, trust, and reciprocity. This is especially important for protecting knowledge, culture, and beliefs in the process while also providing benefit to tribal citizens.

↳ Speakers



Vickie LaFromboise

Director of Tribal Initiatives
Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)



Scott Barton

Assistant Director Tribal Initiatives
Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Building Violence Interventions with Community-Academic Partnerships

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 Studio 2

↳ Organizational Develop...

Family, neighborhood, community, and cultural contexts substantially shape violence prevention efforts. Increasingly, academic researchers partner with community members and organizations to adapt and build interventions incorporating these contexts. These community-engaged efforts range from community-informed work (e.g., discussions with community members about data collection) to community-based participatory research (CBPR; e.g., joint decision-making). We will begin with a brief overview of the history of CBPR, its similarities and differences from traditional research practices, and its guiding principles. We will discuss the strengths and drawbacks of conducting CBPR. During the second section, we will describe our experience building and evaluating a child maltreatment-focused hotline using CBPR processes. After brief presentations about each presenter's role in the partnership and the overall process, we will transition to a panel discussion of workshop participants' questions. Finally, we will conclude with lessons learned throughout the process and invite participants to reflect on their professional fit with CBPR.

↳ Speakers



Laura Schwab Reese

Assistant Professor
Purdue University



Larel Jacobs

Director, National Child Abuse Hotline
Childhelp



Michelle Fingerman

Vice President of Prevention Programs
Childhelp

How the Department of Justice is Helping Older Victims of Financial Fraud

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 The Loft

Elder Abu...

Financial fraud affecting older Americans is receiving increased attention, and victim advocates across the country are daily dealing with this issue. In this workshop, the audience will hear from three different components within the Department of Justice actively engaged in elder justice efforts. A Consultant with the Departments' Elder Justice Initiative will discuss and describes the Department's elder justice activities and relevant resources for elder justice professionals. The Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office for Massachusetts's Asset Recovery Unit will discuss the Unit's work and describe some of their cases. Finally, the audience will hear from an Attorney Advisor with the Department's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS). During the past decade, the Department's victim compensation program has returned more than \$4 billion in forfeited assets to victims, through the granting of petitions for remission, or by transferring forfeited funds to courts for payment of restitution through restoration.

👉 Speakers



Shelly Jackson

Consultant

Elder Justice Initiative, USDOJ



Carol Head

Chief of the Asset Recovery Unit for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts
U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts



Brittany Van Camp

Attorney Advisor

DOJ CRM

Integrating Hospital-Based & Community Linked Care for Survivors of Violence to Facilitate the Health and Safety of Pregnant & Postpartum People & Their Families

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 Studio 1

Trauma Informed Pra...

Empower working in collaboration with internal and external partners is a unique model serving peri/postnatal people and their families with higher rates of violence, suicide, and death.

👉 Speakers



Reed Bohn

project empower manager

virginia commonwealth university / health system: injury & violence prevention program



Indinesya Zhao

IVPP Counselor

vcu / health: injury & violence prevention program

Male Identified Youth--Unpacking Sexual Exploitation

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

Human trafficking and exploitation conversations and outreach have traditionally focused exclusively or primarily on female-identifying victims. Many times, service providers have incorrectly identified male-identifying victims as perpetrators of crimes, or as experiencing other issues such as substance abuse or homelessness. Minnesota's 2019 Student Survey found that males experience sexual exploitation at nearly equal levels to female youth, with higher rates of exploitation for males in certain regions of the state. Unfortunately, Minnesota statewide services provided to males represented only 7% of all clients. With this new data and other national human trafficking resources, the presenters and colleagues have been working in communities across the state to equip providers with tools to identify risk factors and indicators specific to male and male-identifying youth, as well as intake and assessment tools to start conversations with male-identifying clients.

► Speakers

**Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie**

Board member
YWCA of Cass Clay

**Andrea White**

Regional Navigator
Omlsted County Victim Servicea

Serving Survivors at the Intersection of Immigration, Disability, and Trauma

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Marginalized Underserved ...

Due to barriers entrenched in our societal systems, Latinx immigrants with disabilities are uniquely vulnerable to violence. It may be hard for these survivors to turn to local resources for help due to distrust of institutions and systems. When these survivors do ask for help, they are often met by professionals who may be untrained in working with this population. In addition, providers' prejudice towards one or more of these intersectional identities may also become another barrier to services. This may lead to further victimization and increasing distrust of systems by immigrant survivors.

Disability Rights Wisconsin recognizes the need to effectively serve survivors at the intersection of disability and immigration. We hope to share with conference participants why it is important to serve this population and offer suggestions for doing so successfully. We also hope to discuss our recent addition of legal representation on humanitarian immigration petitions to our program services.

Attendants of this presentation will hear directly from our advocates about our own work with immigrant survivors with disabilities, using case studies as well as an overview of the unique vulnerabilities and obstacles our clients face.

► Speakers

**Lydia Hartlaub**

Staff Attorney
Disability Rights Wisconsin

**Elvita Erdmann**

Bilingual Victim Advocacy Specialist
Disability Rights Wisconsin

Uplifting Survivors Voices in Your Community's Efforts to Reduce and Prevent IPV Homicides.

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 Arlington

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

Criminal Justice professionals often seek to implement strategies and/or risk assessments with the intent of decreasing intimate partner violence cases and preventing homicides. However, if survivors' voices are not included in the strategic planning process, missed opportunities to learn, build relationships, establish partnerships, and discuss important issues such as confidentiality, safety and healing may be missed.

Survivor voices are critical when deciding if a specific risk assessment or homicide prevention strategy should be implemented to ensure there is a thorough discussion of e potential unintended consequences and to avoid further re-traumatization and further harm by the process. This workshop will examine how survivors' voices can be uplifted in the community's response, address how lethality and recidivism factors can be used to create safer communities and discuss strategic ideas for survivor engagement.

► **Speakers**



Michelle Toledo Cainas
Program Manager
Center for Justice Innovation



Dottie Davis
Founder/President
Davis Corporate Training, Inc.

What's Your CashApp? Financial Fraud and Youth and Young Adults

⌚ 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Sep 6

📍 Park/Scollay

Marginalized Underserved ...

According to a 2018 Javelin Strategy & Research study, two-thirds of all identity theft victims are under 8. According to the same survey, teens are more at risk after a data breach than adults. (Javelin Strategy & Research 2018).

Children, Teens, and Young Adults are often left out of the conversations around financial literacy, fraud, exploitation, and abuse. Still, it does not mean they cannot be victims or shouldn't have a voice in the conversation. Equipping youth and young adults with the knowledge they need to be financially literate is essential in preparing them to become adults and mitigating risks for their future.

Ensuring they have the tools and strategies to identify risks and dangers around financial fraud, exploitation, and online scams is an integral part of prevention work.

Furthermore, helping adults and allies understand what these risks and dangers look like can help them begin conversations and to safety plan if youth are at risk and begin to help them gain a solid financial foundation.

Participants will gain a foundational understanding of the intersections of financial fraud and the risks to youth and young adults.

Participants will analyze three types of scams and frauds that affect youth and young adults and how they can cause harm.

Participants will identify at least three types of safety planning and financial literacy strategies to help youth and young adults mitigate risks and increase their privacy and safety in financial situations.

► **Speaker**



Rachel Gibson
National Center for Victims of Crime

3:45 PM

Break

⌚ 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM, Sep 6

4:00 PM

How to connect with survivors of human trafficking: Learning through the lens of a survivor.

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Studio 1

Human Traffick...

In this workshop, we will discover ways to connect with survivors of human trafficking. By exploring the background of survivors and the effects of trafficking, specifically on US minors, we will develop a good understanding of ways to communicate and connect better with them.

This is a presentation provided from a survivor's perspective and delivered by a survivor leader of human trafficking.

Speaker



Katariina Rosenblatt
Executive Director
There Is Hope For Me, Inc.

Increasing Empathy: Policing with a Trauma-Informed Lens

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 The Loft

Trauma Informed Pra...

Law enforcement officers often respond to individuals who have experienced trauma. An individual's response to trauma can vary depending on prior trauma history and victimization, history of mental health and substance use, and previous interactions with law enforcement. Trauma-informed policing acknowledges the impact of trauma and integrates that understanding into all aspects of service delivery, creating a culture that promotes mutual respect, healing, and resilience and actively avoids re-traumatization. This interactive workshop will provide an overview of the prevalence of trauma and the different manifestations of trauma. Participants will learn the benefits of incorporating trauma-informed practices when working with individuals throughout the criminal justice system.

Speakers



Jesenia Alonso
Program Manager
International Association of Chiefs of Police



Alana Richardson
Project Manager
International Association of Chiefs of Police



Denise Jones
Sergeant
Clark County Sheriff's Office

Los Angeles County's Victim Witness Testimony Protocol: An Innovative, Collaborative Approach to Supporting Youth Impacted by Commercial Sexual Exploitation Through the Court Process

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Park/Scollay

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

Los Angeles is at the forefront of a movement in California to improve our understanding of and response to the commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) of children and youth, which includes zealous prosecution of individuals who purchase sex and exploit and traffic youth. This workshop will provide an overview of the Victim Witness Testimony Protocol (VWTP), a multidisciplinary collaborative process that provides support to youth impacted by CSE who are called to testify in criminal court against their traffickers. Because the experience of appearing and testifying in court can be stress-inducing and traumatizing for a child witness, the VWTP creates a clear notification process and the establishment of a Victim Witness Support Team to provide victim-centered support pre-, day-of and post- testimony. This presentation will outline the key features of the Protocol, as well as the multi-year collaborative process used to develop the Protocol and lessons learned through initial implementation.

Please note: this session will be presented virtually.

► **Speakers**



Kate Walker Brown

Attorney & Senior Director, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative
National Center for Youth Law



Michelle Guymon

Director, Child Trafficking Unit
Los Angeles County Probation Department

Online Sextortion: How to Recognize and Address the Needs of Youth Survivors

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Arlington

Trauma Informed Pra...

In the last year, over 3,000 youth survivors of sextortion have been targeted nationally, according to a recent report from the US Department of Justice. In this session, we will discuss the dynamics of sextortion and how communities can recognize and respond to this prevalent crime through a trauma-informed and survivor-centered lens.

► **Speakers**



Zozan Kucukaydin

Anti-Human Trafficking Services Coordinator
Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect



Jaime Cypher

Children's Advocacy Coordinator
Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect

The Foundation and Globalization of Child Sex Abuse Statutes of Limitation

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Statler Room

Legal

The trauma associated with child sexual abuse has immediate and long-lasting impacts on victims. This trauma has historically resulted in the vast majority of victims who come forward missing their deadlines to file a claim in court. Reforming statutes of limitations provides justice for victims and results in greater prevention of child sexual abuse as the public learns more about how abuse is perpetrated. In its workshop, CHILD USA will explore the research related to trauma and the disclosure of abuse, and explain the role of statutes of limitations in keeping victims out of court. CHILD USA will also outline the recent advances in state and federal law, which better reflect victim experiences, and the results of opening courthouse doors for victims across the country. This workshop will better equip services providers and attorneys to support victims in the disclosure process, as well as help them access safety and justice.

► **Speakers**



Kathryn Robb

Executive Director
CHILD USAAdvocacy



Andrew Ortiz

Director of Social Science
CHILD USA

Utilizing Police Partnerships to Address Child Trauma

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Trauma Informed Pra...

In this session, attendees will learn about Family Service of Rhode Island's Go Team, a law enforcement/social worker co-response model aimed at improving outcomes for traumatized children encountered on crime scenes. This police department/social service partnership model has operated for over 20 years in numerous Rhode Island communities and has received a number of national awards. Family Service of Rhode Island recently received a Substance and Mental Health Services Administration, National Child Traumatic Stress Network Category II Treatment and Services Adaptation Center grant to replicate the model nationally. The Trauma-Informed Policing (TIP) Center will serve as a state-of-the-art resource for law enforcement across the nation interested in becoming trauma-informed, implementing FSRI's Go Team co-responder best practice model, and partnering with community-based organizations to mitigate the effects of childhood trauma exposure and reduce revictimization risk. Attendees will also learn how to start a Go Team in their local community.

► Speakers



Candace Johndrow

VICE PRESIDENT, HOPE DIVISION
FAMILY SERVICE OF RHODE ISLAND INC



Thomas Oates

CHIEF
WOONSOCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

“What’s an Eden?” The benefits of implementing a facility dog at a Police Department

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Organizational Develop...

Learn about the benefits and challenges of implementing a facility dog program within a police department. Hear from a Police Chief about a leaders perspective on facility dog programs and how to build a culture of success with new programs. Learn from a facility dog handler and Victim Advocate about the firsthand experience of a program such as this; and hear from a prosecutor about the dramatic impact the utilization of a facility dog can have in court.

► Speakers



Amy Bonney

Chief of Police
Prescott Police Department



Amy Fillingim

Senior Victim Advocate/Facility K9 Handler
Prescott Police Department

Civil Justice for Victims of Crime

⌚ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sep 6

📍 Studio 2

Organizational Develop...

While service providers are often well-versed in the intricacies of the criminal justice system, they are often unfamiliar with the civil justice system and how it can help crime victims rebuild their lives. This introductory seminar focus on the basics of tort law, the various civil causes of action that can be brought by victims, and where service providers can refer victims to find legal assistance.

► Speaker



Renee Williams

Executive Director
National Center for Victims of Crime

Thu, Sep 07, 2023

7:00 AM

Real-time Resiliency: Release Trauma While You Work with Victims

⌚ 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM, Sep 7

📍 Park/Scollay

Trauma Informed Pra...

Stress, anxiety, and vicarious trauma are synonymous with victim assistance. Self-care is essential, not optional, without it, burnout and health challenges arise. Cultivate resiliency and give yourself the care you need with simple, effective techniques that provide the ability to decompress and release trauma at a cellular level in real-time. As a victim service provider, you can apply these practices while you provide services which will allow you to be a clear and grounded force, help deescalate the scene/trauma-response as you co-regulate yourself, and give the survivor the opportunity to feel seen and heard. Best of all, you may not be negatively impacted by the trauma you're exposed to or bring it home with you. These valuable techniques will serve you both professionally and personally.

(Please note that this session is not accredited for CE credits.)

👉 Speaker



Sabrina Fritts

Lead Advocate
PeaceWorks, Inc.

Birthing Your Gift

⌚ 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM, Sep 7

📍 Statler Room

Trauma Informed Pra...

Are you ready to get uncomfortable to begin to walk in your purpose? This space is for you to release and leave unwanted things at the door. This is an interactive session - please feel free to dress comfortably and share as much with the group as you'd like.

👉 Speaker



Tanisha Murden CEO/ Founder Unique Stories Inc

Program Director
WOMEN INVOLVED IN REENTRY EFFORTS

8:00 AM

Registration & Coffee

⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Sep 7

9:00 AM

Gun Violence in America: Weighing the Toll and Turning the Tide

⌚ 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Sep 7

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

The gun violence epidemic in the United States continues to worsen each year. In 2021, the latest year for which full statistics are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 48,800 people died from gun-related injuries. Many thousands more survived their injuries but are scarred physically and emotionally for life. The names of entire towns have become shorthand in American vernacular for mass shootings, and firearms are the leading cause of death for U.S. children. Gun violence has torn apart families and communities and become an unconscionable part of the fabric of life in the U.S. But we can make a change. Our panel of survivors and advocates will examine the weight of this tragedy and discuss potential solutions for a future with fewer victims of gun violence.

► Moderator



Samuel Dolce-Powers

Partner/Attorney
Milestone

► Speakers



Garnell Whitfield



Josh Koskoff

Lawyer
Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, PC



Alyssa Rheingold

Director, Preparedness, Response, & Recovery
National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center



Adam Skagg

Chief Counsel & Vice President
Giffords Law Center

10:15 AM

Break

⌚ 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM, Sep 7

10:30 AM

A Link in the Chain: How Colleges and Community Organizations Work Together to Improve Outcomes in Sexual Violence Cases

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Statler Room

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

Of all the preparations made prior to entering college, most students are unprepared for the possibility of sexual violence that may occur. This lack of preparation compounds the student survivor's traumatic responses and reinforces the self-doubt that consequently results in holding back disclosure of their lived experiences. Their reluctance to disclose may limit the student survivor's options for assistance, including protective measures through the Title 9 process or through other system remedies, has documented effects on their ability to succeed academically, and can result in prolonged and profound mental and physical consequences.

“A Link in the Chain” demonstrates how collaborations between colleges and community resources are imperative to helping students move from helplessness to surviving. Developing essential partnerships enables colleges to help survivors MOVE again-- from the immobility of trauma to the process of making active and informed decisions and ultimately, to healing.

↳ **Speakers**



Catherine Vanbomel

Senior Counselor/Victim Advocate
Purchase College State University of NY



Susan Carroll

Director of Training, Outreach and Education
Pace Women's Justice Center



Darlene Reda

Deputy Director
Westchester County Office for Women



Robi Schlaff

Director
Westchester County Office for Women

Building Healthier Organizations: A Shared Responsibility

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Studio 2

Organizational Develo...

Organizations are increasingly recognizing their responsibility for creating supportive practices and policies to address vicarious trauma and strengthen their overall response to survivors. Whether system- or community-based advocates, the impact of direct and indirect exposure to trauma can be challenging and can lead to burnout if intentional steps are not taken. In addition to attending to the negative impact of the work, bringing awareness to the positive aspects is essential to creating a robust workforce, retaining long term employees, and welcoming younger and more diverse staff.

Presenters will discuss evidence-informed workplace practices designed to sustain staff engagement and restoration throughout the workday, as well as build staff cohesion and morale. This interactive session will explore ways that staff, supervisors, and managers can enhance overall individual, team, and organizational well-being.

↳ **Speakers**



Lisa Tieszen

Co-Director
Resilience Works



Katherine Manners

Co-Director
Resilience Works

Collaborating in a Crisis: FBI Victim Services and Santa Clara County District Attorney's Victim Services Unit Response to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Shooting

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Studio 1

Mass Violence & Hom...

On July 28, 2019, three people were killed and seventeen injured during the last day of the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California. After police returned gunfire, the subject took his own life. FBI Victim Services Response Team (VSRT) deployed to the scene at the request of both the Gilroy Police Department and Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit (SCC VSU). VSRT worked closely with SCC VSU to establish a Family Assistance Center (FAC) tailored to the needs of the victims and their family members. SCC VSU and FBI VSRT will highlight the importance of collaboration, coordination, and flexibility during a critical incident and the importance of properly and sensitively returning personal effects to families. This workshop will equip participants to prepare for the predictable challenges of responding to critical incidents and inform participants on the importance of collaborating with other key partners.

☛ **Speakers**



Amanda Allen

Supervisory Victim Program Specialist
FBI Victim Services Division



Allison Davis

Supervisory Victim Program Specialist
FBI Victim Services Division



Adam Flores

Deputy District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney County of Santa Clara

Introduction to StrongHearts Native Helpline "Taking a Native Centered Approach to Domestic and Sexual Violence"

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 The Loft

Tribal

Power-point presentation followed by Q&A

Introduction to StrongHearts Native Helpline "Taking a Native Centered Approach to Domestic and Sexual Violence"

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy. Call or Text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or chat online [@strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)

☛ **Speakers**



Lori Jump

Chief Executive Officer
StrongHearts Native Helpline



Diane Pavlat

Communications Coordinator
StrongHearts Native Helpline

Mental health impact on community members following mass violence incidents

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Arlington

Mass Violence & Hom...

Mass violence incidents (MVIS) occur suddenly and result in death and physical injury to many direct victims (Littleton et al., 2011). Their impact extends to family members, friends and loved ones of victims; members of the affected community; first-responders; and recovery service providers (Hafstad et al., 2011; Lowe & Galea, 2015). MVIS have multiple immediate and long-term psychological/behavioral effects on victims and the community (e.g., shock, anxiety, depression, grief, problematic substance use). To examine the mental health impact that MVIS have on community members, surveys were completed by approximately 8,000 community members from six different MVI sites across the United States. Data was collected using address-based sampling from the impacted communities. This presentation will provide preliminary results and information from community members. Results will describe mental health impact of community members following a MVI, including posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, social support, and substance use. Analyses examined differences among different levels of proximity to the incident. Findings can be used to: (1) inform city and government officials about existing availability and use of different victim services; (2) emphasize the importance of service provision as it pertains to individual mental health and community recovery, and (3) allow communities to better allocate resources after a MVI.

Speaker



Angela Moreland

Associate Professor
Medical University of South Carolina

Gun Industry Misconduct and Its Relationship to Mass Shootings in America

⌚ 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM, Sep 7

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

This presentation will focus on lessons learned during the nearly 10-year legal battle of the Soto v. Bushmaster et al case. This case was brought on behalf of 9 families who took on the maker of the rifle used in the shooting, a Bushmaster AR-15. You will see internal company documents which show the decision making done behind closed doors by the largest gun conglomerate in American History. The presentation will show the relationship between those decisions and the current epidemic of mass shootings in America

Speaker



Josh Koskoff

Lawyer
Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, PC

Cultivating Healthy Relationships: Enhancing Resilience and Well-being Through Meaningful Connections

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Trauma Informed Pra...

Interactive Advocacy, led by CEO Tanya Jones and Co-Facilitator Dr. Nissi Hamilton, is thrilled to present a dynamic and insightful training at the 2023 National Training Institute. This continuing education session is meticulously designed for advocacy and violence prevention professionals.

This training delves into the pivotal role of healthy relationships in violence prevention, **Titled Cultivating Healthy Relationships: Enhancing Resilience and Well-being Through Meaningful Connections**. Tanya Jones and Dr. Nissi Hamilton, distinguished experts in the field, will guide participants through exploring the intricate dynamics underpinning resilient connections.

The training encapsulates comprehensive insights into the significance of relationship education as a powerful tool to fortify violence prevention endeavors. Attendees will gain a profound understanding of the various forms of relationships and their impact on well-being. They will also dissect the essentials of building and maintaining healthy relationships while unearthing the complexities of unhealthy relationships, including trauma bonding and codependency.

This training focuses on strategies for nurturing healthy relationships across different contexts, such as family, friendships, and the workplace. The significance of self-care and boundary-setting as pillars for fostering healthy connections will be underscored.

Through engaging discussions, interactive exercises, and evidence-based insights, this training will empower participants with a comprehensive toolkit for fostering healthy connections and enriching violence prevention efforts. The collaborative efforts of Interactive Advocacy and the expertise of Tanya Jones and Dr. Nissi Hamilton ensure a training experience that is enlightening, impactful, and transformative.

Speakers



Tanya Jones

Founder & CEO
Interactive Advocacy



Dr. Nissi Hamilton

CEO
Nissi's Network Inc. + Safe Space Training and Collaborative Partner, Interactive Advocacy

Reimagining Advocacy and Coordinated Community Response to Center the Lived Experiences of Immigrant Survivors

⌚ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Marginalized Underserved ...

Immigrant survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) are often convinced they have no options. It is imperative that advocacy providers and system practitioners develop the capacity to consistently respond to the complex and nuanced needs of immigrant survivors in culturally appropriate and novel ways. This requires a reimagined approach to direct advocacy and Coordinated Community Response (CCR).

👉 Speaker



Maria Jose Fletcher

Director National Center for Systems Change and Advocacy
BWJP

11:15 AM

Nuts and Bolts of Discovery in Abuse Cases: Where is the obligation to turn over "the stuff" you need?

⌚ 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

With the overwhelming jurisdictions passing SOL reform, courts are now tasked with resolving disputes over basic issues of duty and discovery. Many lawyers have entered the arena of representing survivors of childhood sexual abuse but may not appreciate what effective advocacy entails - including effective efforts at obtaining the discovery an attorney needs to successfully represent their clients.

Defendants are increasingly taking advantage of these situations and are "re-litigating" issues that have been put to rest in other parts of the country in hopes of obstructing survivors from obtaining the discovery they are entitled to. Several jurisdictions, like New York, are issuing the leading decisions in this area of the law.

This seminar will provide practical skills and guidance on how to effectively obtain the discovery one needs and how to carefully avoid legal argument traps that may foreclose someone's right to this important information. This starts with understanding what "duty" is owed by a defendant to a plaintiff. This is critical because some defendants do not understand this concept, but have moved to dismiss (and in unfortunate cases, successfully) a plaintiff's complaint before providing any discovery. A defendant's duty and a plaintiff's allegations shape the scope of discovery. Learn how to get what you need even when dealing with obstructive opposing counsel.

👉 Speakers



Jason Amala

Partner
Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala



Mallory Allen

Partner
Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala PLLC

12:00 PM

Lunch (on your own)

⌚ 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM, Sep 7

12:45 PM

Holistic Safety: Creating Safer Environments for All

⌚ 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM, Sep 7

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

For too long, our criminal justice system has focused on punishment and control in American jails and prisons. But those who are incarcerated and work in correctional settings deserve to feel safe as well, and many of them experience trauma. An Alliance for Safety and Justice survey found the majority of survivors want the justice system to prioritize rehabilitation to help incarcerated persons succeed upon reentry, lowering the chance of recidivism. We need institutional change in the corrections industry to make that a reality. Learn why — and how — a shift toward holistic safety in corrections benefits not just those who are incarcerated and corrections staff but the community at large.

👉 Speakers



Nida Abbasi

Program Officer, Criminal Justice
MacArthur Foundation



Nneka Jones Tapia

Managing Director, Justice Initiatives
Chicago Beyond



Ronald Simpson Bey

Executive Vice President
JustLeadershipUSA



Andy Potter

One Voice United

1:45 PM

Best Practices for Serving Survivors of Homicide Victims

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Arlington

Mass Violence & Hom...

Provides training, tools, technical assistance, and professional development to providers and institutional stakeholders so they can serve families impacted by murder equitably and effectively.

👉 Speakers



Heather Dabreu

Senior Survivor Support Coordinator
Louis D Brown Peace Institute



Evandissa Cabral

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

Developing Safe Spaces for Fa'afafine Community to Increase Advocacy

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Studio 1

Marginalized Underserved ...

Sharing information on our process to increase advocacy for vulnerable population in American Samoa, the Fa'afafine. They are born as men, but identify as women. Like many other vulnerable populations they have limited or no access to advocacy. This project will discuss how the Alliance collaborated with the Fa'afafine community to identify what advocacy looks like for them.

► **Speakers**



Jennifer Tofaeono

Executive Director
Am Samoa Alliance against Domestic & Sex



Luana Scanlan

Am Samoa Alliance

Centering the survivor: Providing holistic civil legal services for survivors presenting with mental health and developmental disabilities

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Legal

The presenters are both Licensed Clinical Social Workers in New York City working with victims/survivors in a non-profit civil legal service setting, providing interdisciplinary services for needs in family, immigration, education, disability advocacy, and housing practices. This workshop will help practitioners and advocates in the field build capacity to recognize common mental health disorders and disabilities, which many survivors in our practice often present with. Mental health symptoms, trauma, and disabilities can interfere with how a survivor engages in their legal proceeding, so it is of utmost importance for advocates to recognize and respond effectively to these issues in order to best ensure a positive outcome. The presenters will discuss effective ways to engage around these symptoms, communication strategies, and methods to build trust and rapport with clients.

► **Speakers**



Mindy Lupo

Director Of Social Work
Queens Legal Services



Tara Lambert

Director of Social Work
Bronx Legal Services

Introduction to the National Guard Special Victims' Counsel Program

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 The Loft

Legal

The National Guard Bureau Special Victims' Counsel (NG SVC) Program provides free specialty trained military attorneys that are Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) to Army and Air National Guard service members, their dependents and certain civilian personnel who are victims of sexual and/or domestic violence. The assault need not occur on duty, and the perpetrator does not have to be a military member. There must simply be a nexus to the National Guard to request/receive appointment of a NG SVC representation.

This workshop will provide information on the NG SVC Program, NG SVCS, what services NG SVCS can and cannot provide to clients, and statistics on our Program cases assigned in the recent few years. The workshop aims to provide foundational knowledge regarding the NG SVC Program to non-military SARCs, Victim Advocates, civilian law enforcement, prosecutors and other professionals working within or related to victim services, in order to open doors for a multi-faceted support area for victims of sexual and/or domestic assault with a National Guard nexus.

▶ **Speakers**



Lt. Col Tiffany Cook

Senior Regional Special Victims' Counsel
National Guard Bureau



TSgt Melissa Gerdom

Special Victims' Paralegal
National Guard Bureau

Post-Conviction Use of Restorative Justice to Respond to Severe Crimes of Violence

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Statler Room

Trauma Informed Pra...

Restorative justice is a practice that provides healing and trauma recovery for people impacted by crime. For many, restorative justice provides an opportunity for accountability, healing and restoration in ways the traditional criminal justice system does not. This presentation will provide an overview of restorative justice philosophy and application within both carceral and non-carceral settings. The presentation will focus on implementation and foster a conversation that addresses safety, expectations and motivations for those participating in restorative processes. Participants will also have an opportunity to engage in a restorative justice Circle Process.

▶ **Speakers**



Alicia Nichols

Deputy Director
BWJP



Sarah King

Restorative Justice Coordinator
MInnesota Department of Corrections



Chris Godsey

Restorative Justice Specialist
Minnesota Department of Corrections

Destroying the Defense Security Expert in your Negligent Security Case

⌚ 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 7

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

This presentation will focus on the absolute obliteration of the Defense Security Expert in your Negligent Security Case. How will you do this? By using a calculated attack focused on the facts of your case, criminology principles, industry standards and intense opposition research. This presentation will use an array of prior expert depositions and defense cross examinations at trial and will be highly interactive. Everything from the process of defense expert research, deposition tactics and tried and trial tried and true cross exam strategies will be utilized to ensure the destruction of the Defense Security Expert.

▶ **Speaker**



Michael Haggard

ATTORNEY - MANAGING PARTNER
THE HAGGARD LAW FIRM

Uprise Theatre: Using art as a tool for social justice and healing in vulnerable communities.

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Studio 2

Trauma Informed Pra...

The intention of this conference session is to illustrate to participants how art can work as a social catalyst for change, particularly within vulnerable populations. Art can and should be healing, empowering and educational. When we use techniques such as theatre, it increases community engagement, community involvement and self confidence; as well as creates a safe space to explore and address trauma for survivors.

📣 Speaker



Annie Rios

Executive Director/Managing Attorney
Uprise Theatre

Victim-Centered Responses to Transnational Elder Fraud

⌚ 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Elder Abu...

Transnational elder fraud is a growing problem. These scams target or predominately impact older adults and perpetrators are located overseas. Scammers also frequently use victims as money mules to move stolen funds from other victims to perpetrators. There are many tips and techniques that can be helpful when responding to these types of crimes that are affecting our older populations. In this presentation, we will share information about common victim reactions, guidelines for working with older victims, interviewing techniques, and what a trauma-informed response looks like. We will emphasize the need for collaboration in these cases and how a multidisciplinary response is most beneficial to victims. This presentation will also provide information on the most common scams and what actions can be taken to assist victims. Lastly, we will review the agencies and organizations where victims may be referred.

📣 Speakers



Laura Cook

Program Manager
The National White Collar Crime Center



James Foley

Vice President
NW3C

2:30 PM

The Threat of Defamation or Cross Claims in Sexual Assault/DV Cases and Strategies to Respond

⌚ 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

Abusers use the threat or actual filing of cross-claims to dissuade victims from pursuing accountability for the abuse. Counsel for victims must not be persuaded from pursuing justice but also must advise their clients fully and accurately of the risks.

📣 Speaker



Jessica Dayton

Owner/Partner
ADZ Law, LLP

3:15 PM

Break

⌚ 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Sep 7

3:30 PM

The What, How, & Why: Criminal Record Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Human Traffick...

The Survivor Reentry Project (SRP) focuses on criminal record relief for survivors of human trafficking and builds sustainable post-conviction representation practices across the country.

This workshop focused on criminal record relief available for survivors of all forms of human trafficking; it will cover the basics of what criminal record relief is, why it is essential, how to screen for survivors that might be eligible, and the resources available during the process.

📢 Speaker



Miranda Nehrig

Staff Attorney
Freedom Network USA

Breaking Barriers- Serving Incarcerated Survivors

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Arlington

Marginalized Underserved ...

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) was enacted to establish a “zero-tolerance standard” for sexual violence in prisons in the United States. Since 2014, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS) has collaborated with community-based advocates to create access to survivor centered, trauma informed and culturally competent services for incarcerated survivors in NY. This presentation will highlight lessons learned, current status of the collaboration and the innovative goals we have committed to. Advocates will unpack the challenges of providing services and discuss the different services provided. NYSDOCCS will outline the benefits of working with community-based advocates, their commitment to enhancing facility response to sexual violence and the actions taken. By sharing our experiences and providing the tools necessary for this work, we hope to encourage community based advocates to expand their services to incarcerated survivors and correctional agencies to collaborate with community based advocates.

📢 Speakers



Jacy Woodworth

Director of PREA
New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS)



Rachel Herzog

PREA Clinical Coordinator & Staff Therapist
Crime Victims Treatment Center



Jessica George

CVTC

Culturally Responsive Intimate Partner Homicide Prevention

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Statler Room

Marginalized Underserved ...

In this workshop, participants will gain knowledge on racial and ethnic disparities in Intimate Partner Homicide (IPH) and explore findings from the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention initiative (DVHPI) of Esperanza United, a federally designated national resource center mobilizing Latin@ communities to end gender-based violence. Training participants will gain knowledge on the scope of the issue in the US, including research using data collected through the National Violent Death Reporting System. A review of DVHPI findings from listening sessions with Latin@ IPV survivors and advocates throughout the United States and the territory of Puerto Rico includes unique risk factors among Latin@ IPV survivors, barriers to accessing the criminal justice system, and culturally specific needs. Using an intersectional framework, considerations for indigenous, transgender, and Puerto Rican Latin@ survivors will be shared. Recommendations for systems-level advocacy include strategies to enhance language access, community outreach, and crisis response.

Speakers

**Lillie Macias**

Assistant Professor
University of New Haven

**Paula Gomez-Stordy**

Director of Training and Technical Assistance
Esperanza United

**Nancy Nava**

Research and Evaluation Senior Manager
Esperanza United

**Jasmin Garcia**

Student Research Assistant
University of New Haven

Mass Violence in Underserved Communities and the SNUG Street Outreach Victim Service Model

 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

 The Loft

[Mass Violence & Hom...](#)

The workshop will focus on the effect of mass violence on underserved communities and looking at the broad impact to communities by expanding the definition of mass casualties. The presenters will discuss New York State's innovative approach to serving victims of crime in underserved communities through the SNUG Street outreach model and how its expansion can serve communities in unique ways. The workshop will discuss tenets of the program, such as building trust and promoting resilience through training outreach workers and delivering victim services using culturally and trauma-informed methods. The workshop will also explore the effects of a mass casualty event, motivated by hate, in a community already experiencing high levels of violence and how this model can be effectively used in the response.

Speakers

**Elizabeth Cronin**

Board Member
NOVA

**Katie Egglefield**

Deputy Director of Compensation
New York State Office of Victim Services

**Jerome Brown**

Statewide Director of Training
DCJS

Special Victims Unit Case Study: 10 Years to Justice

 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

 Copley/Kenmore

[Legal](#)

This case study will demonstrate how a multi-state child rape case took 10 years to the day from the initial disclosure to a guilty verdict. A seasoned Special Victims Detective, a relentless Advocate, and a dedicated Prosecutor will take you through the intricacies of a multijurisdictional case of over 300 counts of rape of a child by a stepfather. We will demonstrate how the Yarmouth Police Department's Special Victims Unit took on this case after a court error caused it to sit undetected for over 5 years. We will display how we utilized a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach throughout the entire investigation, and how we built an evidence-based prosecution despite the years that passed from disclosure to trial. We will show the incredible collaboration with the out of state prosecution team to bring justice to this family. You will learn how the team of support surrounding the victim was able to guide her through the lengthy criminal justice process as they watched her grow up, find closure, testify powerfully against her abuser and finally thrive.

👉 Speakers

**Annie Catalano**

Victim Services Specialist/Advocate
Yarmouth Police Department

**Detective Michael G Zontini**

High Risk/Special Victims Detective
Yarmouth Police Department (MA)

**Kate Bozeman**

Deputy District Attorney
Androscoggin County District Attorney's Office

VAWA Implementation and the Role of Survivor and Legal Advocates in Successful Implementation

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Studio 2

Tribal

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2013 and 2022 included historic tribal provisions that recognized the inherent authority of "participating Tribes" to exercise "special tribal criminal jurisdiction" (STCJ) over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit certain "covered crimes" of domestic violence in Indian country. In addition, "Subtitle B" of VAWA 2022 creates an Alaska Pilot Project program where Alaska Tribes who meet certain requirements may apply to also exercise STCJ to protect their tribal citizens and communities in the same manner as lower-48 tribes have had the opportunity to do since 2013. The Alaska Native Women's Resource Center will present a workshop that discusses VAWA history and reauthorizations, VAWA implementation, and the Alaska Pilot Project, as well as highlight the important roles of Survivor and Legal Advocates in implementation and success of VAWA within a Tribe and Tribal community.

👉 Speaker

**Rick A. Garcia, Esq.**

Co-Director, Law and Policy
Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

When Crime Occurs Abroad: How the U.S. Department of State Assists Victims of Crime Overseas

⌚ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Studio 1

Marginalized Underserved ...

The U.S. Department of State's Directorate of Overseas Citizens Services will review what to do before and after victimization around the world. An overview of the Departments use of messaging & technology to reach the traveling public, and the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), will be shared. Emphasis will be on understanding different aspects of violent crime overseas, developing and fostering partnerships to assist victims, and how we use a trauma-informed approach to empower survivors of various types of violent crime globally. The 90-minute workshop will include case studies, examples of interagency cooperation, and interactive scenarios for victim services professionals.

► **Speakers**



Kira Zaporski
Hostage Affairs
U.S. Department of State



Mehmil Zia
U.S. Department of State

Handling Multi -jurisdictional, multi-party litigation in sexual abuse Cases

⌚ 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 7

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

Often in cases involving victims of crime, the perpetrator has abused multiple parties; with the abuse spanning multiple states. These lawsuits can often lead to a litany of ethical and logistical issues that attorneys must remain conscious of. This presentation will discuss the most oft-cited issues that arise and discuss pitfalls and strategies to mitigate them.

► **Speakers**



Jeff Fritz
Attorney
Soloff & Zervanos, P.C.



Brian Kent
Attorney
Laffey, Bucci, Kent, LLP

4:15 PM

How To Become An Expert Trial Lawyer Handling Security and Sex Abuse Cases in 5 "Easy" Steps

⌚ 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 7

📍 Georgian Room

NCVBA

A description of how to develop the skills and knowledge to become proficient in evaluating, investigation, litigating and trying premises security, violent crime and sex abuse cases. Using over 35 years of experience litigating and trying these cases, we will set forth the basic means for becoming "expert" in some of these fields and what are some of the best resources for trial lawyers to use.

► **Speakers**



John Leighton
Managing Partner
Leighton Law, P.A.



Max Panoff

Fri, Sep 08, 2023

7:00 AM

Real-time Resiliency: Release Trauma While You Work with Victims

⌚ 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM, Sep 8

📍 Park/Scollay

Trauma Informed Pra...

Stress, anxiety, and vicarious trauma are synonymous with victim assistance. Self-care is essential, not optional, without it, burnout and health challenges arise. Cultivate resiliency and give yourself the care you need with simple, effective techniques that provide the ability to decompress and release trauma at a cellular level in real-time. As a victim service provider, you can apply these practices while you provide services which will allow you to be a clear and grounded force, help deescalate the scene/trauma-response as you co-regulate yourself, and give the survivor the opportunity to feel seen and heard. Best of all, you may not be negatively impacted by the trauma you're exposed to or bring it home with you. These valuable techniques will serve you both professionally and personally.

(Please note that this session is not accredited for CE credits.)

Speaker



Sabrina Fritts

Lead Advocate
PeaceWorks, Inc.

Birthing Your Gift

⌚ 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM, Sep 8

📍 Statler Room

Trauma Informed Pra...

Are you ready to get uncomfortable to begin to walk in your purpose? This space is for you to release and leave unwanted things at the door. This is an interactive session - please feel free to dress comfortably and share as much with the group as you'd like.

Speaker



Tanisha Murden CEO/ Founder Unique Stories Inc

Program Director
WOMEN INVOLVED IN REENTRY EFFORTS

8:00 AM

Registration & Coffee

⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Sep 8

9:00 AM

Turning Grief Into Purpose

⌚ 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Sep 8

📍 Grand Ballroom

Plenaries

After enduring the tragic loss of their son GUAC, Manny and Patricia Oliver have been on a non-stop mission to save the children in America from their #1 threat - Gun Violence! The organization they have founded in loving memory of their son is called "Change the Ref" and the trailblazing path they have been on started with the ultimate grief, but will result in the purpose of saving America's children.

Speakers



Manuel Oliver



Michael Haggard

ATTORNEY - MANAGING PARTNER
THE HAGGARD LAW FIRM

10:00 AM

Break

⌚ 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Sep 8

10:15 AM

From Missing to Murdered - A Runaway Case Study

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Studio 2

Mass Violence & Hom...

This Presentation is catered to Law Enforcement, L/E partners, Child Protection Services, Child Advocacy Centers and allied and contributing agencies that are invested in Juvenile High-Risk Victims. This course will highlight the response and responsibility of Police and the role of the primary Investigator. Investigative strategies, tools, and tips will be presented, as well as legal definitions and policies, and the use of social media. Community response team approaches will be encouraged, and communication between all parties will be detailed. A case study of a runaway juvenile who was subsequently murdered will be presented to highlight these components. The Case Study will also cover the subsequent Investigation by multiple agencies and departments leading to the arrest, conviction of those responsible.

📢 Speaker



John Witherspoon

President/ Instructor

Defend Our Children inc.

Increasing our understanding of victim service provision: data and resources collected from crime victims and victim service providers

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Statler Room

Organizational Develo...

This panel will discuss key data sources that together help paint a more comprehensive picture of crime, victimization, and victim services across the nation. Presenters will give an overview and updates for the National Census and Survey of Victim Service Providers (NCVSP/NSVSP), review updated and new questions on victim services for the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), and findings from the Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) Performance Management Tool (PMT). This panel will also discuss the OVC-funded tool called iMPRoVE (Measuring Provider Responses to Victimization Experiences) and the use of outcome surveys as another way to understand victim service assistance. Presenters will provide examples of how findings across these efforts, which include data from victims and victim service providers, can be examined together for a richer picture of who experiences victimization, what crimes are reported to police, which victims receive services, and how these services support victims' healing.

📢 Speakers



Alexandra Thompson

Statistician

U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Statistics



Rachel Morgan

Bureau of Justice Statistics



Ashley Russell Ellis

Performance Management Specialist

U.S. DOJ, Office for Victims of Crime



Jaclyn Houston-Kolnik

Social Scientist, Justice Practice Area

RTI International

National Public Safety Partnership and Victim Services

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Studio 1

Organizational Develo...

This panel will highlight BJA's National Public Safety Partnership sites and their work with violent crime victims. Presenters will discuss site's use of victim services assessments to facilitate improvements in their victim service operations, different types of victim services deployed, and provide site examples that include homicide support and victim service units. Additionally, presenters will discuss lesson learned and successes they have experienced with providing victim services in local communities. Chattanooga and Baltimore, two PSP sites, will be highlighted.

Speakers



Kristie Brackens

Director of National Public Safety Partnership/ Supervisory Policy Advisor
Bureau of Justice Assistance, OJP, USDOJ



Heather Warnken

Executive Director
Center for Criminal Justice Reform, University of Baltimore School of Law



Hannah Hytken

Victim Services & Chaplain Director
Chattanooga Police Department

Our Anti-Racism Journey: No longer Silent and Still Unlocking Gates

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

[Organizational Develop...](#)

This dynamic workshop is a window into what it looks and feels like to move towards being an anti-racist nonprofit victim services organization now that we have been on this journey for nearly ten years. We are not experts at Safe Horizon and are still early in our journey. We will humbly share what we have learned in our journey and what tools and materials that we have used or developed along the way to begin to infuse our anti-racist values into our practices, policies and how we engage with each other and our partners. We believe this work has strengthened our organization, our partnerships, our services and relationships with our clients and our relationships with each other. Come sit in community and as we build the capacity to sit in discomfort so that one day we may all sit in full liberation in our futures.

Speaker



Michelle Lawrence

Director of Anti-Racism Organizational Development
Safe Horizon

Beyond Title IX and the Clery Act: Holding Colleges Liable Under State Tort Law for Sexual Assault and Other On-Campus Dangers

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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Bringing a traditional premises liability claim for a sexual assault at a College or University.

Beyond Title IX or the Clery Act, universities and colleges have decades of industry knowledge about acquaintance sexual assault and other dangers on campus. Particularly the "Red Zone" of danger at the beginning of every college freshman's first six weeks is a dangerous time frame during which females are targeted and sexually assaulted at an alarming rate.

In a recent case, we worked to elicit testimony about witnesses' personal experiences with sexual assault, their common knowledge of on-campus sexual assault, trainings, policies, etc. This evidence proved powerful coupled with established statistics and industry knowledge.

Additionally, standards published by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators ("IACLEA") and a presentation at the Stetson University College of Law 21st Annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education in 2000 both establish long-standing industry standards for on-campus safety and security measures. Standards from which the industry and its associations have attempted to separate themselves from over the past two decades.

► **Speakers**



Kara Phillips

Partner
Deitch + Rogers



Naveen Ramachandrappa

Partner
Boudurant, Mixson & Elmore, LLP



Gilbert Deitch

Partner
Deitch & Rogers, LLC

The VictimConnect Resource Center: An Overview of the Past and a Look to the Future

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Trauma Informed Pra...

The VictimConnect Resource Center (VCRC) is the only all crime national hotline in the US. Started in 2015, VCRC has served over 80,000 survivors and their loved ones. Join us as we explore the history of VCRC, discuss trends and what VCRC is doing today, and take a glance into the future.

► **Speakers**



Jenae Williams

National Center for Victims of Crime



Jocelyn Jacoby, LGSW

Program Manager of Hotlines
National Center for Victims of Crime

Crime Survivors at the Center of Policy and Healing

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 The Loft

Trauma Informed Pra...

Crime Survivors in communities most impacted by violence should have a seat at the table to make decisions on programs and systems that are meant to support them. Learn about the practices happening across the country where crime survivors are making their voices heard to ensure we build safe communities, uplift the importance of healing, and win key legislative reforms for all crime survivors. Danny Montes and Kimberly Youngblood of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice will facilitate the workshop. Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is a national network of 180,000 crime survivors joining together to share stories, heal together, and advocate for a justice system that prioritizes healing, prevention, and recovery.

Please note that this session is not eligible for CE credits.

► **Speakers**



Danny Montes

CSSJ Organizing Director
Alliance for Safety and Justice



Kimberly Youngblood

CSSJ Texas Statewide Manager
Alliance for Safety and Justice

Empowering, Not Exploiting: Centering the Voices of Individuals With Lived Experience in Storytelling

⌚ 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Arlington

Trauma Informed Pra...

Storytelling, or sharing one's personal experience, has long been an important part of working through trauma, and survivors of violence and those who have been incarcerated often turn to this to connect with others who have similar lived experiences. For decades, especially in communities of color, storytelling has been a method that provides trauma survivors a platform for speaking transparently about their experiences of interpersonal and systemic violence without being judged or further harmed. Organizations in both the victim advocacy and justice reform fields have also begun to feature more voices of individuals with lived experience in their work, by asking people to share their own stories when speaking to constituents. While this can be an extremely valuable tool for organizations, there is an inherent risk of retraumatization and harm to the individual who is sharing their experience. This workshop will discuss NCVC's recent report on storytelling, and give attendees space to develop ideas about how they can center survivor voices in their own organizations.

👉 Speakers



Tanisha Murden CEO/ Founder Unique Stories Inc

Program Director

WOMEN INVOLVED IN REENTRY EFFORTS



Richard Smith

Founder and Trainer

Richardsmithspeaks, LLC



Katy Maskolunas

Director of Events and Special Projects

National Center for Victims of Crime

11:00 AM

Protecting America's Most Vulnerable Population - Immigrant Crime Victims

⌚ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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There are millions of immigrants living in the U.S. today. As they strive to assimilate into this country, it is natural for them to live, shop, and work in neighborhoods and communities that share their rich cultures and traditions. Sadly, these same neighborhoods and communities are often riddled with violence. For this reason (among others), immigrants are particularly vulnerable to being victims of crime. This presentation focuses on the unique issues that surface when litigating a negligent security case on behalf of an immigrant. Specifically, this presentation tackles head-on how to overcome defendant properties with little reported crime, the victim's immigration status, issues surrounding the victim's status on the property (i.e., invitee), finding witnesses willing to talk, and so on.

👉 Speaker



Brian Mickelsen

Founding Partner

Mickelsen Dalton LLC

11:45 AM

Lunch (on your own)

⌚ 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM, Sep 8

1:00 PM

Ask Me, Then Listen, Using a Multidisciplinary Approach to Understand and Address the Needs of Sexual and Domestic Abuse Survivors with a Disability

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Studio 2

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

This workshop, introducing participants to Massachusetts' Building Partnerships Initiative for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities (BPI), provides participants with the key components of a statewide, multidisciplinary approach to understanding and addressing the prevalence, signs, and impact of sexual and domestic abuse perpetrated against persons with disabilities. Sexual and domestic abuse is a serious problem disproportionately affecting persons with disabilities, in particular, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). More often than not, persons with a disability are capable of understanding and accurately communicating what has happened to them. Yet, the seriousness and magnitude of sexual and domestic abuse of persons with disabilities often goes unheard. Through case analysis, this workshop will demonstrate how law enforcement, adult protective services, forensic medical professionals, and others can collaborate in a comprehensive and complimentary manner to interview victims and witnesses with disabilities, effectively investigate sexual and domestic abuse, and identify other multidisciplinary partners to address the needs of sexual and domestic abuse survivors who have disabilities and provide them access meaningful access to our criminal justice system.

👉 Speakers



Nancy Alterio

Executive Director
DPPC



Elizabeth Dunphy Farris

Legal Counsel to the District Attorney
Hampden District Attorney (MA)



Timothy Grant

Sergeant State Police Detective Unit
DPPC



Julie Westwater

General Counsel
DPPC

Defining "Crime Victim" Under Victims' Rights Enactments

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Copley/Kenmore

Legal

Recently a number of courts around the country have had to wrestle with the issue of who is a "crime victim" for purposes of exercising protections under various crime victims' rights enactment. This workshop will review the various approaches for determining "victim" status, along with suggestion for how crime victims' advocates can argue for an expansive interpretation of "victim" status. As an illustration of the issue, recent litigation involving the Boeing 737 MAX crashes victims' families will serve as a springboard for discussion.

👉 Speaker



Paul Cassell

University of Utah

Emotional Wellness: Using an Evidence and Practice Based Model to Build Strong Relationships

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Arlington

Organizational Develo...

This session is a research-based, experience based and a surprisingly fun approach. Over the past decade, tremendous progress has been made in developing tools to address the impact doing this work has on our emotional wellness. Acknowledging that self-care isn't enough and that we have a responsibility to build and maintain strong relationships, tools have become available to the field. The Organizational Resiliency Model (ORM) integrates resilience theory and research that can be applied at the personal, professional, and organizational levels to strengthen crucial collaborating skills, thus building coalitions necessary in our personal and professional lives. This dynamic and interactive session features three professionals who adapted the ORM for their work with homeless and trafficked youth and the people who serve them, underserved populations including Native American victims and survivors, and healthcare and social justice disciplines. Participants will learn how they can implement the workshop information for a trauma informed approach to emotional wellness working with victims, staff or volunteers as well as with family and friends.

↳ Speakers

**Karen Kalergis**

Organizational Resiliency Consultant
Mani Partners Strategic Communications

**Jen Vernon**

Vice President of Clinical Services
Synergy Services

In the Shadows of Consent: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and the BDSM Community

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

This talk presents a 101-level overview of the BDSM community, its practices, and mental health needs. Through lecture, case study, and discussion attendees will have a working knowledge of how to provide kink-affirming care to kink-identified victims. Attendees will learn the key differences between Interpersonal Violence and Consensual Kink, as well as how to differentiate between the two when assessing risk. We will compare and contrast the Cycle of Domestic Violence with the Stages of BDSM Play, learn to evaluate the objective risk of various BDSM activities/dynamics and to separate these from our own personal concerns/objections, and discuss barriers to intervention experienced by BDSM practitioners who do experience domestic or sexual violence.

↳ Speakers

**Stefani Goerlich**

Co-Founder
Securing Sexuality

**Brittany Rotelli**

Owner & Certified Sex Therapist
Sana Wellness Center

Retired Cop to Victims Dad: Lessons Learned Supporting our Transgender Child

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Statler Room

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

This workshop is being presented by the parents of a 16-year-old transgender son, the victim of sexual misconduct by a female adult who posed as a mentor. As K-12 educator parents and former law enforcement, they became acutely aware of being on the other side of victim experience, including LGBTQ considerations. Their intentional and coordinated efforts to utilize the arresting agency's victim's advocate and the court victim's advocate, along with the expertise of their detective, prosecutors, and victim's advocacy attorney, created a supportive network to navigate a complex and painful situation. This Rainbow Power Team utilized their talents and resources to support an entire family. They are focused on sharing their lessons learned within the lens of the national context of LGBTQ+ victims and research around the transformative influence of advocacy and care.

► Speakers

**Kelly Stewart**

Program Chair PhD in Education & Associate Professor, University of Arizona Global Campus
University of Arizona Global Campus

**Michael Stewart**

Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations, Maricopa County Regional School District
Maricopa County Regional School District

**Kirsten Newport**

Victim Assistance Caseworker
Glendale Police Department

The Top Ten List You Don't Want To Be On: The Most Frequently Violated Crime Victim Rights

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 The Loft

Legal

To find an expert on crime victim rights violations, look to those state offices with responsibility for addressing complaints of victim rights violations. This panel presentation will include representatives from offices in four different states who will share their experiences with the “Top Ten” list of rights violations, the reasons why these rights get violated, the steps that advocacy and criminal justice professionals can take to prevent rights violations, and the options available to victims when those rights are violated.

► Speakers

**Suzanne Elwell**

Crime Victim Justice Unit Director
Minnesota Department of Public Safety

**Kim Branham**

Victim Rights Act Specialist
Colorado Office of Victims Programs

**Julie Braun**

Operations Director | Wisconsin Crime Victims Rights Board & OCVS Policy Initiatives Advisor | Wisconsin Department of Justice
Wisconsin Crime Victims Rights Board, Wisconsin Department of Justice

**Helen O'Brien**

Crime Victim Rights Coordinator
Oregon Dept of Justice

High-Functioning Anxiety Assessment: 3 Key Markers of Resilience Activation for trauma service professionals

⌚ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Studio 1

Trauma Informed Pra...

Don't confuse burnout with stress and high-functioning anxiety. Stress is “too much...”: on your plate, work, responsibilities, hours. Burnout is the opposite, “not enough”...motivation, energy, empathy. High-Functioning Anxiety (HFA) gets lost in the middle. You function day-to-day and nobody would be none the wiser that underneath you are exhausted, have difficulty performing tasks because you just..keep..going. HFA impacts every aspect of your life with persistent feelings of inner chaos, helplessness and over time it takes a jab at your self-worth.

Speaker



Lisa Hartwell

Clinical & Forensic Psychologist
Hartwell Therapy & Consulting, LLC

Forensic Psychology at Trial

⌚ 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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Dr. Bassman and I will conduct a mock direct examination to demonstrate how a psychology expert explains to a jury the following concepts: 1) Grooming - how a perpetrator selects a victim, gains access to and isolates the victim, develops trust, desensitizes the victim to sexual contact, and normalizes the conduct afterwards; 2) Corroboration of the victim's experience through scientific studies; 3) the misleading appearance of an absence of damages outwardly.

Speaker

Konrad Kircher

Attorney
Rittgers Rittgers & Nakajima



Dr. Stuart Bassman

Forensic Psychologist

1:45 PM

Slayers, Abusers, and Deadbeats: Redirecting Money to the Deserving While Keeping Your Bar License

⌚ 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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Every state has a slayer statute or doctrine to prevent murderers from inheriting or otherwise financially benefiting from their crimes, and some states have laws that extend similar principles to abusers and deadbeat parents. This presentation will assist crime victims' attorneys in navigating the rules of professional conduct while preventing evil-doers from profiting from the death of their victims.

Speaker



Erin Olson

Attorney
Law Office of Erin Olson, P.C.

2:30 PM

Break

⌚ 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM, Sep 8

2:45 PM

Centralizing Marginalized Survivors: Re Imagining CCRs

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 Berkeley/Clarendon

Marginalized Underserved ...

Using a Human Centered Design Approach (HCD), the workshop will explore ways in which the lived experiences of marginalized survivors can be used to reimagine coordinated community response (CCR). CCR has become the main stay of much of the work in gender based violence. However over the years, many CCRs have focused only on systems approaches and neglected the ways in which systems further oppress marginalized survivors. HCD offers a new methodology to ensure that voices and experiences of survivors are always at the forefront of any systems approach. Presenters will outline ways to use HCD to become more equitable.

👉 Speakers



Sujata Warrier

Chief Strategy Officer
Battered Women's Justice Project



Amalfi Parker Elder

Director, National Center on Reimagining CCR
BWJP

Ecosystems of Equity in Victim Services: Collaborations & Models for Systems Change

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 Studio 1

[Organizational Develop...](#)

With many victim service providers focusing on survivors of gender-based violence, survivors of other crimes are often left behind. This workshop seeks to encourage providers and advocates to address the underserved and under-resourced victim populations in their community through uncommon partnerships and proven legislative advocacy. Attendees will walk away with concrete actions steps based on a replicable model with sample policy considerations.

👉 Speakers



Bridgette Stumpf

Executive Director
NVRDC



Lindsey Silverberg

Deputy Director
Network for Victim Recovery of DC

High-Risk Missing and Exploited Youth: A Multidisciplinary Team Approach

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 Copley/Kenmore

[Organizational Develop...](#)

Youth who are missing from care are particularly vulnerable to exploiters who seek to prey upon their isolation and lack of resources.

With 17 years of experience, the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County and its Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) program has been a pioneer in recovering and supporting missing youth—leading countless teams to find youth missing across the country and bring them back home.

This training is designed to increase the ability of responders to recognize and respond to high-risk, missing victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Participants will learn about the nexus between the internet, missing youth, and CSEC and about the composition of the CSEC Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) when youth go missing. They will receive practical guidance and discuss strategies and approaches to trauma-informed engagement, planning the recovery of high-risk missing youth, and prevention.

☛ **Speakers**



Elizabeth Bouchard

Associate Director

The Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County



Sheelah Gobar

Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Program Manager

The Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County

Leveraging Community Policing to Support Victims of Violent Crime

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 Studio 2

Trauma Informed Pra...

With rising rates of violent crime, agencies looking to address public safety must engage their communities with respect, empathy, and as problem-solving partners. As law enforcement are addressing the criminal factor, it is equally important to support victims and survivors. A victim-centered, trauma-informed approach is widely accepted as an effective practice not only for supporting victim recovery and engagement with successful prosecutions but also for improving law enforcement's ability to solve and prevent crime and enhancing overall community safety. Combining with community policing, these approaches enhance the response to ensure that law enforcement is meeting the needs of their community without revictimizing. While many law enforcement agencies are implementing victim-centered, trauma-informed policies and practices, these approaches have not been universally adopted due to lack of time, resources, and expertise needed to develop and institutionalize these practices. This panel will highlight promising practices and present lessons learned from a variety of law enforcement victim service projects addressing violent crime.

☛ **Speakers**



Nazmia Comrie

Senior Program Specialist

US DOJ COPS Office



Laura Wilt

Senior Program Manager

International Association of Chiefs of Police



Deb Reed



gary Melvin

Sergeant (ret.)

Delaware State Police

The Impact of Digital Abuse: A Day in the Life of a Survivor: An Interactive Journey about the Impact of Technology Abuse

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 Arlington

Sexual & Domestic Vi...

Understanding the impact that technology abuse can have is critical when working with survivors. This highly interactive session will give participants an opportunity to better understand the experiences of survivors of tech abuse. A simulated video experience will help participants consider the complex and challenging situations that this type of abuse can create and the impossible decisions and choices survivors are often left with. This session will also explore how to take context into account in a case involving intimate partner violence (IPV) through a game of deciphering emoji conversations, with a discussion of why context matters for survivors of tech abuse. At the end of this session, professionals will have a deeper understanding of the impact technology abuse can have on survivors.

Speaker



Jessie Lowell

Technology Safety Specialist
Safety Net Project, National Network to End Domestic Violence

Litigating Sexual Abuse cases and overcoming insurance hurdles

⌚ 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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Sex abuse cases are generally sensitive in nature and require certain complexities not common in other types of civil litigation. The program covers the inner workings of such a case. Topics covered include becoming a trauma-informed lawyer, intake issues with assault victims, sex abuse case communication techniques, statutes of limitation, theories of liability, maximizing insurance issues, and more. The learning objectives include: (1) Understand the dos and don'ts of litigating a sex abuse case; (2) Learn methods of communication with abuse victims; (3) Know what the common theories of liability a lawyer can invoke in a sex abuse case; and (4) maximizing insurance coverage under the various types of applicable policies.

Speaker



Kristen Feden

Partner
Saltz Mongeluzzi Bendesky



Marni Berger

Partner
Saltz Mongeluzzi Bendesky

Justice or Just-for-Now? A Survivor's Journey Beyond the Courtroom

⌚ 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 The Loft

Trauma Informed Pra...

Imagine a quiet courtroom, a judge handing down a sentence, a victim standing ready to share an emotional statement, and the accused is taken into custody one final time. The hope of accountability by the offender, recognition of harm by the court, and an end of victim participation. In the aftermath of conviction, it is easy to assume that the system has triumphed, justice has been served and victims have attained closure so needed and desired. What lies beyond can be a confusing, chaotic, gut-wrenching journey. The struggle to overcome obstacles is faced with new challenges as victims soon learn the roller coaster of life beyond trial. This presentation highlights the experience of one survivor whose journey after being brutally abducted and assaulted was intensified by the involvement of multiple defendants and jurisdictions. The over 30-year fight to keep them in jail, find safety and privacy while attempting to find purpose and meaning in advocacy. Presenters will explore the many impacts of lifelong participation in the justice system and the ultimate challenge of how to live beyond offender release.

Speaker



Iva Rody

Chief Program Officer
National Center for Victims of Crime



Kim Case

Survivor/Victim Advocate/Trainer
Case Consulting

3:30 PM

Holding the Franchisor Liable

⌚ 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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In many of our cases, especially premises liability cases, there will often be a franchisor-franchisee agreement with regards to the property or business at issue. In turn, it is usually an accepted fact that the franchisor (who will almost always have deeper pockets) cannot be held directly liable and is shielded by the franchise relationship. However, David and I have had success holding franchisors liable under several theories; and, favorable case law in this area is so scarce, that we have always had to cite from case law from all other the country in making our arguments, in addition to several sections of the Restatements and law review articles.

Theories we have pursued in this context have included negligent undertaking vis-a-vis training programs with regards to safety and security that the franchisor designed, implemented, or organized, pursuant to Restatement (Second) of Torts, § 323; negligence in franchisor's retained control over an ostensible franchisee, pursuant to Restatement (Second) of Torts, § 414; under the doctrine of apparent agency, pursuant to Restatement (Second) of Agency, § 267; and negligent selection of the franchisee, pursuant to Restatement (Second) of Torts, § 411. At the last conference, we gathered that some of these theories were not widely known, and so we would like to use the opportunity to discuss favorable theories, favorable Restatements and case law, and practical advice for gathering evidence and making the argument.

↳ Speakers



David Thiruselvam

NCVBA member



Keith West

Lawyer

Victims' Recovery Law Center

4:15 PM

Maximizing Value

⌚ 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM, Sep 8

📍 Georgian Room

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Maximizing case value in a trauma-informed setting. Working with client's, adjusters and defense lawyers to protect the health and well-being of crime victims while advocating on their behalf.

↳ Speakers



Dan Chamberlain

Partner

Cohen & Malad, LLP - Indianapolis, IN



Greg Laker

Attorney

Cohen & Malad LLP