
Event Agenda

2024 NCVC National Training Institute

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Registration and Coffee

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Until Every Voice is Heard: The harm of biased media coverage and how to advocate for representation

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Grand Ballroom

PLENARY

It's never easy for victims and survivors of crime to navigate public interest in the worst day of their lives. The meteoric rise of the "true crime" genre has made it even harder. More than ever, victims and their families find themselves trying to navigate not only the hurdles of the justice system but the sometimes insatiable public demand for details. Every survivor deserves privacy and time to heal. But it's also true that there's a benefit to having true stories at the forefront of the public consciousness. Yet all too often, media outlets and "true crime" producers don't accurately represent the toll crime takes because their coverage does not reflect the diversity of our population. Systemic racism and oppression have left members of many communities in our country facing additional hurdles to finding justice, yet their stories aren't given the same amount of coverage in the press. We ask why this harmful bias exists, examine its negative impact, and explore what can be done to elevate the stories of *all* victims and their families.

Speakers



Derrica Wilson

Co-Founder and CEO | Black and Missing Foundation



Natalie Wilson

Co-Founder and COO | Black and Missing Foundation



Nichole Schmidt

President | Gabby Petito Foundation



Tara Petito

Treasurer | Gabby Petito Foundation

Moderator



Kristen Feden

Litigation Attorney & Managing Shareholder | Anapol Weiss

NCVBA Child Sex Abuse Section - CLOSED SESSION

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

This is a **closed session** for members of the NCVBA's Child Sex Abuse Section.

Break

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

5 Strategies to Enhance and Strengthen the Law Enforcement/Advocate Partnership Serving Child Sex Trafficking Victims

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Galleria South

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Child Sex Trafficking (CST) requires a partnership between law enforcement and advocacy beyond the traditional collaborative child abuse model. Challenges will naturally arise that can create seemingly impossible barriers to overcome. Victim-centered service providers from Non-Governmental Organizations, advocates who work directly within police departments or task forces, and survivor leaders of sex trafficking all play a necessary role in successfully supporting a CST victim. Hear from a seasoned expert on law enforcement and advocacy partnerships who have worked through these issues over the last ten years of proactive law enforcement operations, victim support and assistance, and case investigation and preparation for prosecution.

Speaker



Karri Hemmig

Associate | Fox Valley Technical College

System Actors & Community Organizations- Effective Collaborations for Firearm Removal

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Council

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Effective firearm removal is critical to protecting communities from domestic and gun violence, and laws such as domestic violence protection orders (in all states and DC) and extreme risk protection orders (in 21 states and DC) are powerful tools to removing firearms. However, there are often challenges for culturally-specific or smaller organizations who may be working to enforce these orders. While larger, mainstream organizations, such as family justice centers, often have the resources and personnel built in to enforce these orders, smaller organizations may not. These smaller culturally-specific organizations are often lifelines to members of marginalized communities who may not feel comfortable accessing mainstream services. Moreover, the organizations themselves may feel uncomfortable accessing the services that can help them keep their clients safe. This interactive presentation will discuss the challenges and ways to create partnerships, overcome barriers, and work collaboratively to implement firearm removal laws and keep individuals and communities safe.

Speakers



Spencer Cantrell

Assistant Scientist | Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions



Courtney Fisher

Lecturer | University of Maryland, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

When Home Isn't Safe: Supporting Survivors of Crime to Avoid Displacement

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

This presentation explores forward-thinking strategies employed by various states to utilize crime victim compensation funds for providing temporary housing solutions. Aimed at law enforcement professionals, victim service practitioners, policymakers, and allied professionals, this session will delve into the housing challenges faced by crime victims and the impact of housing instability on their recovery.

Attendees will gain practical insights from real-world case studies, hear firsthand experiences from service providers and learn how to replicate successful strategies. We will explore how allied professionals are effectively using crime victim compensation funding to place victims in emergency housing immediately after experiencing a crime, ensuring their safety and stability.

Speaker



Megan Rabbitt

Senior Grove Account Executive, Product-Partnerships | ReloShare

Enhancing the Federal Crime Victim Compensation Program: Supporting Victims and States in Victim Services

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Galleria North

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) crime victim compensation program supports state and territory compensation programs through Victims of Crime Act funding, and offers training and technical assistance.

Over the past two years, OVC has endeavored to modernize its compensation program to better respond to the needs of crime victims, with an emphasis on equity and access. Working with survivors, direct service providers, state administrators, and national advocacy organizations, OVC aims to update its compensation program guidelines in 2024 for the first time since 2001 and help victims and their families receive the comprehensive care and financial compensation they deserve.

This presentation will outline key updates to the federal crime victim compensation formula award program and additional OVC efforts to support states and territories in growing their programs and increasing access and equity in compensation programs.

Speakers



Kathrina Peterson

Senior Policy Advisor | Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime



Malgorzata Bereziewicz

Grants Management Specialist | US DOJ, OJP, Office for Victims of Crime

Breaking Cycles of Violence through Survivor Centered Diversion

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Women are the fastest growing incarcerated population and those charged with a crime are overwhelmingly survivors of gender-based violence. Research also demonstrates that the needs and experiences of women of color, who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking go largely unaddressed in the traditional criminal justice approach to victim services. Few resources exist to provide diversion, services and a pathway to healing for criminalized survivors. The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), with funds from the DOJ Office for Victims of Crime, is working with two pilot sites to develop Survivor Centered Diversion programs to identify victims of gender-based violence facing criminal charges and develop alternative pathways to address trauma and provide support by connecting survivors with culturally relevant community providers and services. This workshop will provide examples of collaborative efforts of prosecutors and victim advocates to work together to break the cycles of abuse and victimization.

Speakers



Aviva Kurash

Sr. Program Manager | Association of Prosecuting Attorneys



David Martin

Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney | King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Jeffrey Auxier

Senior Deputy District Attorney | Multnomah County District Attorney's Office



Doris O'Neal

Director of Gender Based Violence Specialized Services | YWCA of Seattle, King, Snohomish

Let's Get Together: Creating a Collaborative Continuum of Holistic Care for Survivors

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There are many ways survivor service organizations approach care, some emphasizing advocacy services, while others focus on legal advice and support. What if survivors could have a one-stop shop for their needs, where these two roles work together to provide holistic support? Network for Victim Recovery of DC will discuss how it developed its trauma-informed model where advocates and attorneys work side by side in serving survivors, each contributing different skills and resources while working towards the same goal. This workshop will lay out the process for developing this model, and discuss how to overcome common challenges.

Speakers



Kristin Eliason, Esq.

Head of Services | Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC)



Benny Del Castillo

Engagement Manager | NVRDC

Building Bridges: A Collaborative Approach to Victim Services in the Aftermath of a Hate-Based, Mass-Violence Event

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

In the aftermath of the 2018 shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, the US Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania (USAO-WDPA) collaborated with community partners to best serve the victims and affected community. This collaborative response continued over the course of five years, from the day of the attack through the conclusion of the federal capital trial. A community-based approach resulted in the formation of the 10.27 Healing Partnership, a resiliency center dedicated to serving those directly and indirectly affected by the attack. The coordination between the USAO-WDPA and the 10.27 Healing Partnership serves as a model-approach for responding to the needs of victims of mass-violence and hate crimes and supporting them through the entire trial process in a culturally competent and trauma-informed manner.

Speakers



Adrienne Howe

Victim Assistance Specialist | United States Attorney's Office - Western District of Pennsylvania



Maggie Feinstein

Director | 10.27 Healing Partnership



Ranisa Davidson

Program Manager | 10.27 Healing Partnership

Responding to DARVO tactics: how advocates can support victims who experience retaliation from offenders. Understanding retaliatory tactics, taking practical precautions, and using legal remedies to protect victims

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Skyline I

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

After a military sexual assault victim reported her abuse, the perpetrator filed a retaliatory defamation lawsuit in state court. The victim's attorney filed an anti-SLAPP motion and the defamation case was dismissed. But this was only the beginning of an 8-year DARVO ordeal of intimidation and harassment. The perpetrator, a medical doctor, filed multiple motions to overturn the dismissal, along with re-filing the lawsuit and re-triggering the victim's trauma many times. Efforts to hold the offender accountable required criminal and disciplinary proceedings, litigating a claim in his bankruptcy proceeding, and even a case that was appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Responding to the perpetrator's retaliation involved an incredibly broad range of legal issues and practical concerns to shield the victim from intimidation and disruption of her personal and professional life.

Speaker



Joel Shapiro

Executive Director | Trafficking Law Center

Lunch

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM

P2P Kick-Off - Closed Session

12:45 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Park

This is the kickoff meeting for the Peer-to-Peer grant project. This session is invite-only for grant partners and subgrantees, and will serve as an introduction to the project, team, and requirements.

Uncovering Injustice: How an Indian Health Services case revealed decades of abuse and why we need services for Native young men

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM | Location: Grand Ballroom

PLENARY

In this session, we will explore the unique challenges faced by Native men, who are often victims of abuse and misconduct, and the barriers they encounter in accessing culturally competent and effective support services. The case of Dr. Stanley Patrick Weber, a former Indian Health Service pediatrician convicted of sexually abusing Native boys under his care, will serve as a poignant illustration of the systemic failures that can perpetuate victimization within marginalized communities. Through a critical examination of this case and its implications for victim services, we will engage in a candid discussion about the intersection of race, gender, power dynamics, and institutional accountability in addressing victimization among Native men. This keynote session promises to challenge perceptions, spark meaningful dialogue, and inspire action toward creating more inclusive and equitable victim services.

Speakers



Gayle Thom

Retired | FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation



Peter Janci

Partner | Crew Janci LLP



Greg Grey Cloud

Wica Agli



Elaine Yellow Horse

Tribal law Professor | Oglala Lakota College

Are we making a difference? The Importance of Evaluating Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Galleria South

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In 2018, the Office for Victims of Crime launched the Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services & Technical Assistance Program (LEV Program) to support agencies in developing new or enhancing existing law enforcement-based victim services. Establishing a law-enforcement-based victim services program is no easy task and evaluating its efficacy adds another layer of complexity. In this workshop, RTI International and the International Association of Chiefs of Police will highlight the importance of program evaluation, including promising practices and lessons learned from a formative evaluation of the LEV Program. Integrating evaluation as a foundational component of a program prioritizes victims/survivors and promotes agency transparency. This approach can move the field towards sustainable practices, ensuring continuous examination of services and improvement based on the needs of those affected by crime.

Speakers



Paige Presler-Jur

Research Public Policy Analyst | RTI International



Jesenia Alonso

Program Manager | International Association of Chiefs of Police



Emily Burton

Senior Project Manager | International Association of Chiefs of Police

Abusive Partner Intervention Programing and Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment: Survivor Safety and Participant Accountability

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Council

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The criminal justice system uses Abusive Partner Intervention Programs (APIP) for those who cause harm through intimate partner violence (IPV) and enhance survivor safety and accountability. APIPs have begun to include IPV risk assessments during their work with those who cause harm to measure either the risk of recidivism and lethality and further center survivor safety and accountability for the person causing harm.

IPV risk assessments are frequently used by first responders and advocates but at least two risk assessments have been identified to be used by APIP providers. Although the primary objective of the APIP programs is to work with the person who causes harm, enhancing survivor safety is central to their work. This workshop discusses the risk assessments best suited for APIPs, illustrate examples of programs using them and how to best identify an assessment for the community for the opportunity to elevate survivors' voices during the process of holding the person accountable.

Speakers



Michelle Toledo Cainas

Program Manager | Center for Justice Innovation



Gene Johnson

Associate Director | Center for Justice Innovation

A Survivor's Perspective: Lessons for Investigators, Prosecutors, and Victim Specialists

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

Lavender Ocean is a survivor of online child sexual exploitation. Catharine Richmond is one of the prosecutors who put her abuser in prison. Together, they offer insight into how to improve a victim's experience navigating an investigation and prosecution. Lavender offers a unique perspective as a child whose family actively withheld case information from her. Now an adult, she offers suggestions about how to engage even the most vulnerable of children. Catharine frames these suggestions in the context of red tape and legal restrictions.

Speaker



Catharine Richmond

Assistant United States Attorney | United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California

Rethinking Restitution ... Survivor Centered Loss Recovery Fund

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Galleria North

LEGAL

Let's rethink the "promise of restitution". An outdated method to "teach" offenders to take responsibility for the harm that they have caused crime victims with the hope of accountability and a wish towards rehabilitation. Restitution occurs post-conviction, and well after the financial collateral consequences that survivors experience after victimization. Most crime victims are not financially prepared from crime to happen. Most victims don't have more than two months of resources to cover rent or pay bills. Many have poor credit or no credit and lack formal and informal supports to assist them through this crisis. Though most states have a form of crime victim compensation, most programs don't cover loss of property, or other secondary costs associated to their victimization. In King County Washington, we have piloted paying crime victims for out-of-pocket losses as part of a community diversion program. Loss Recovery funds work and address the immediate needs that survivors face.

Speakers



Colleen McIngalls

Director of Victim Services | King County Prosecuting Attorneys Office



Ciara Callais

Loss Recovery Program Manager | King County Prosecuting Attorney's office

Amplifying the Victim's Voice: Creating Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In the realm of criminal justice reform, much attention has been focused on improving systems and processes to ensure fairness, equity, and rehabilitation for defendants. However, amidst these discussions, the voice of the victim often remains unheard or underrepresented. Crime victims endure significant trauma and loss, yet their perspectives and needs are frequently overlooked. This presentation aims to discuss this imbalance and the importance of incorporating the victim's voice in criminal justice reform. We will also explore the trauma that many victims experience going through the criminal justice process, the unintended consequences of prosecution to victims, and a desire for alternatives to traditional prosecution. Attendees will learn about the need for a more holistic approach to criminal justice that prioritizes victims' needs and voices, and actionable steps to achieve such an approach.

Speakers



Lisel Petis

Policy Director - Criminal Justice & Civil Liberties | R Street Institute



Jenna Harper

Founder & Executive Director | Restorative Justice Healing Collaborative (RJHC)

Evidence Based Trauma Treatment Model for Vulnerable Crime Survivors

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

The evidence-based Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) model was developed in 2001 at the University of San Francisco to help crime survivors most impacted by violence and crime heal and recover. TRCs provide assertive outreach, evidence-based clinical treatment, intensive case management, and support for immediate needs of shelter, food, and other safety needs in a multidisciplinary framework. The model has been replicated and there are now fifty-two TRCs in twelve states across the United States and more are in development.

This workshop will provide an overview of the TRC evidence-based model and target populations, share data and outcomes from a randomized control study, share information about the National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers and discuss the process for starting a TRC in your community. This workshop is appropriate for victim advocates, managers, and administrators.

Speaker



Gena Castro Rodriguez

Executive Director, National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers | University of California, San Francisco

Beyond Neutralizing the Threat: Mass Violence Incidents and Crisis Victim Assistance Plans

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

This workshop will equip participants to prepare for the challenges of responding to mass violence incidents and inform participants on the importance of collaborating with other key partners. Victim services personnel will learn the elements of a successful, victim-centered response and leave the session with a template to implement a crisis victim assistance plan (CVAP) in their jurisdiction.

Proactive planning ensures a robust CVAP is in place during crisis events, which streamlines the identification of internal and external partnerships to coordinate roles and resources. This allows victim services professionals to concentrate on effectively serving victims so law enforcement can focus on investigative efforts. Presenters from the FBI's Victim Service Division will be available for questions.

It is suggested participants attend this workshop in groups of two or more as time will be allotted to build a Crisis Victim Assistance Plan for their jurisdiction.

Speakers



Amanda Allen

Supervisory Victim Program Specialist | FBI



Cheryl Moores

FBI

Civil Justice for Victims of Crime

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Location: Skyline I

LEGAL

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

Break

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

COLLABORATIVE SYSTEM LINKAGES: Improving Victims' Lives by Bridging the Gap Between Sentencing and Post-Conviction Services

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Galleria South

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

There are still far too many victims and survivors who do not know that their rights continue after the offender is sentenced. Even if they are told, they are seldom provided a direct course of how to exercise those rights and who to contact for post-conviction services.

Building on research and recommendations from the National Gap Assessment of Post-Conviction Victim Services in the United States (2020) and related projects, this workshop will provide participants with information and resources for improving victims' lives through expanded linkages from the front end of the system (courts and prosecutors) with the back end of the system (jails, prison, parole).

Speakers



Jeralita "Jeri" Costa

Community Victim Liaison | WA Department of Corrections and National Association of Victim Assistance

Kameon Quillen

Victim Advocate | Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney

Special Considerations for Foreign National Children & Youth Survivors of Trafficking

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

With the rise in foreign national minors experiencing labor trafficking within the United States, it is increasingly important that those who may encounter these youth understand how to identify human trafficking and the special considerations needed when navigating complex barriers to stability. This session will provide an overview of human trafficking, the unaccompanied child (UC) system, and special case management considerations, such as safety concerns, placement stability, legal services, education, and health/mental health needs. We will also address the needs of special populations, such as youth with disabilities, those who identify as LGBTQ+, youth from indigenous communities, youth experiencing homelessness, and youth trafficked by gangs. The session will include handouts on key terms and tools individuals can use when working with foreign national minors who have been trafficked or are at risk of trafficking.

Speakers



Bart Bachman

USCRI



Leah Breevoort

Regional Coordination Supervisor | US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

Advocating for Victims of Violence on Campus - sexual assault, discrimination, hazing, mass shootings, and other acts of wrongdoing: Avenues for Justice in Civil Lawsuits, Campus Disciplinary Actions, and Complaints Before the U.S. Department of Education.

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Galleria North

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Advocating for victims and survivors of wrongdoing on campus requires a general understanding of state law (which vary from state to state), federal law (statutory and Constitutional) and policies of educational institutions that impact the survivor's pursuit of justice. For example, it matters significantly if the underlying wrongdoing involved a private or public college, boarding school, student organization, Greek organization, or K-12 school. Very few victims' advocates and attorneys have experience with such issues, despite the rise in incidents involving injuries and deaths at schools. This program seeks to educate attendees on these issues so that advocates can provide the right, best advice, resources and strategies to persons seeking advice while in the midst of trauma.

Speakers



Douglas Fierberg

Attorney | The Fierberg National Law Group



Monica Beck

Managing Attorney | The Fierberg National Law Group

Identity Theft as a Secondary Crime

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

FINANCIAL CRIMES

Identity theft has become a prevalent global issue affecting millions of individuals, significantly impacting not only their financial well-being but also their overall mental, emotional, and physical health. This workshop aims to shed light on the prevalence and consequences of identity theft as well as an often-neglected aspect of identity theft: its profound impact on victims of other crimes.

Speaker



Mona Terry

Chief Victims Officer | Identity Theft Resource Center

Beyond Neutralizing the Threat: A Case Study - Lewiston, ME

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

This workshop builds on the information from "Beyond Neutralizing the Threat: Mass Violence Incidents and Crisis Victim Assistance Plans". On October 25, 2023, eighteen people were killed and dozens were injured at two different locations in Lewiston, Maine. The FBI Victim Services Response Team (VSRT) deployed to the scene at the request of local law enforcement. VSRT worked closely with Maine State Police, Maine's Office of the Attorney General and the American Red Cross to establish a Family Assistance Center (FAC) tailored to the needs of the victims and their family members. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) and National Mass Violence Center deployed consultants specifically trained to assess immediate and long term victim and behavioral health needs of the community and to assist communities establish a Resiliency Center after the conclusion of the FAC. Presenters will provide an overview of the response to the mass violence incident in Lewiston, ME, speaking to best practices, challenges and lessons learned. Presenters will also highlight resources to support impacted communities in the aftermath of mass violence.

This workshop will highlight the importance of a Crisis Victim Assistance Plan (CVAP), the specific needs of the victim population and community, and OVC's ability to consult with a community to establish a Resiliency Center.

Speakers



Amanda Allen

Supervisory Victim Program Specialist | FBI



Alyssa Rheingold

Professor | Medical University of South Carolina

Practical Access to Victims' Rights During Law Enforcement Contact: Enhanced Engagement and Outcomes

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Skyline I

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Rights for victims and co-victims of crime have been formalized in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government. These rights are available throughout multiple stages of the justice system but obligations to ensure access to those rights start when crimes are reported to law enforcement agencies.

Victims and co-victims have unique experiences and desires for engagement with the justice system. Ensuring practical access to victims' rights during law enforcement contact can be an effective gateway to meeting their unique needs. This workshop will explore:

- Common victims' rights
- Application of victims' rights during law enforcement actions, and
- Examples of jurisdiction-specific victims' rights.

Resources to support practical access to victims' rights during law enforcement contact will also be provided.

Speakers



Amy Durall

Fellow | Office for Victims of Crime



Meg Garvin

Executive Director & Clinical Professor of Law | National Crime Victim Law Institute

Developing the Future Generation of Tribal Advocates

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

TRIBAL

Through the Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Victims of Crime program, the National Center for Victims of Crime, in partnership with Arizona State University, has developed an innovative internship program for MSW students to build their capacity to provide culturally responsive services to AI/AN victims of crime.

Speakers



Kim Camacho

Program Manager | NCVC



Tanya Grassel-Krietlow

FAST Tribal Grant Manager | SD Network - FAST Tribal Sexual Assault Initiative

Project Safe Neighborhoods: Building Relationships Between Victim Service and Justice Professionals

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Council

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2001, PSN was launched to reduce gun violence and violent crime in the United States. It is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, and non-federal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, government officials, community-based partners, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. This presentation will discuss the importance in building and enhancing the relationship between victim service and justice professionals to effectively serve crime victims. It will also highlight various materials and training produced as a result of collaboration between PSN Partners.

Speakers



Daniel Torrez

Deputy Director, Center for Victim Service Professionals | National Center for Victims of Crime



Iva Rody

Chief Operating Officer | National Center for Victims of Crime



Asha Collins

Associate Research Analyst | CNA Institute for Public Research

Thursday, September 19, 2024

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

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | Location: Skyline II

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

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.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. A rolled-up bath or hand towel can be used for additional decompression.

Speakers



Sabrina Fritts

Executive Director | PeaceWorks, Inc



Brenda Nelson

Lead Advocate | Peaceworks

Registration and Coffee

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Mass Violence Preparedness, Response, and Recovery: #KnowBeforeYouNeedTo

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM | Location: Grand Ballroom

PLENARY

Presentation Summary: Mass violence and terrorist incidents (MVIs) cause devastating consequences for victims, survivors, families and the communities where they occur. Over the past 25 years, there are many "lessons learned" from previous MVIs, including the lived experiences of survivors and evidence-informed strategies that provide a foundation for MVI readiness, response, recovery and resilience. Using examples across diverse communities, this session will highlight the importance of advance planning and collaborative approaches to strengthen readiness to respond to mass violence; best practices to address victims' needs in the immediate aftermath of mass violence; and aspects of recovery and resilience that are unique to mass violence for both individuals and the collective community.

Moderator



Alyssa Rheingold

Professor | Medical University of South Carolina

Speakers



Angela Moreland

Associate Director | National Mass Violence Center, MUSC



Amanda Allen

Supervisory Victim Program Specialist | FBI



Maggie Feinstein

Director of the 10.27 Healing Partnership | JCC of Greater Pittsburgh



Kristopher McLucas

Associate Director of Survivor and Community Advocacy | Giffords Center for Violence Intervention

Closing Remarks



Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

Break

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Homicide Response and Death Notifications: Incorporation of Victim Services for Enhanced Engagement and Outcomes

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Galleria South

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

Circumstances involving unexpected death often require law enforcement personnel to notify individuals affected by the death. Notifications may be required in both criminal and non-criminal death investigations.

The news of a death notification is often shocking, so being prepared to deliver it without causing further harm is essential. This workshop will provide information on the incorporation of victim services personnel for the effective delivery of death notifications and the application of these concepts in the Memphis Police Department. This workshop will explore:

- Death notifications processes and personnel responsibilities,
- Intersections between those receiving death notifications and law enforcement agency processes, and
- Enhanced outcomes for law enforcement agencies and those receiving death notifications.

Resources to support effective delivery of death notifications will also be provided.

Speakers



Amy Durall

Fellow | Office for Victims of Crime



Alicia Denton

Victim Services Supervisor | Memphis Police Department



Heather Dooley

Senior Project Manager | International Association of Chiefs of Police



Caroline Mason-Beasley

Colonel | Memphis Police Department

Dismantling the Perfect Victim Narrative for College Student Survivors

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Council

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This workshop challenges the "perfect victim" narrative surrounding college student survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence. Statutes that focus on "physical injury," "use of force," and the concept that a defendant in a criminal case cannot be a victim perpetuates the idea that only a perfect victim can seek help. Participants will explore alternative perspectives, emphasizing empowerment, resilience, and diverse experiences. Through interactive discussions and case studies, attendees will gain insights into dismantling stereotypes, fostering empathy, and supporting survivors effectively in academic settings.

Speakers



April Aster

Portland State University



Nic Francisco

Women's Resource Center Director | Portland State University

Navigating the Needs of Today's Youth Experiencing Crisis

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

JUVENILE VICTIMS

This workshop aims to delve deep into the complex challenges faced by young people experiencing crisis, shedding light on the myriad issues that may lead them to seek help from service providers or interact with the foster care, juvenile justice or criminal justice systems. Through a comprehensive examination of current trends, societal influences, and systemic barriers, participants will gain a nuanced understanding of the experiences of young potential victims of crime and opportunities for prevention. The session will explore topics such as mental health, homelessness, exploitation, and the impact of digital environments on young people. By integrating trauma-informed care principles, the workshop will equip professionals with the tools and knowledge necessary to offer effective support and intervention.

Speaker



Samantha Gillis

Chief Program Officer | National Runaway Safeline

Supporting Survivors of Color: A Cultural Competence Training

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Galleria North

MARGINALIZED/UNDERSERVED VICTIMS

A Guided Conversation in Supporting Survivors of Color is a conversational training aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by survivors of color in the context of trauma and violence. This training is a space to gather and tackle the pressing issue of violence against people of color and engage with holistic systems change. This guided conversation seeks to create a safe and inclusive space to explore the following aspects: cultural sensitivity, intersectionality, barriers to engaging, transformative justice, and allyship. This

guided conversation aims to foster a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by survivors of color and inspire collective efforts to create a more supportive and inclusive environment for all survivors. It emphasizes the importance of cultural sensitivity, intersectionality, and community collaboration in building a comprehensive and effective support system by uniting voices from all corners of society to collaborate, ignite, and advance.

Speaker



Breanna Allen

CEO | All-En Consulting

De-escalation and Conflict Resolution with Indigenous Considerations

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

TRIBAL

When is the last time you assisted someone who was in a crisis? This module introduces de-escalation skills to assist professionals individually and professionally in an effective manner. De-escalation skills are essential for any professional who deals with conflict, stress, or anger in their work environment. Whether you are an advocate, a counselor, a shelter case manager, a mental health professional, a teacher, a nurse, a prosecutor, law enforcement, or other leader, we all encounter situations where emotions can run high, communication breaks down, and cultural and spiritual considerations need to be factored in. Keeping clients safe and enhancing staff skills and safety is of paramount importance, thus there is a growing need to leverage de-escalation tactics. This surprisingly fun and interactive workshop offers the opportunity to develop and practice de-escalation skills with cultural considerations, relevant to your professional role. Tips will be shared to help you calm yourself and others, resolve issues, and prevent escalation.

Speakers



Tanya Grassel-Krietlow

FAST Tribal Grant Manager | SD Network - FAST Tribal Sexual Assault Initiative



Gayle Thom

Retired | FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation

How Secondary Trauma Affects Non-Offending Family Members in Cases of Child Sexual Abuse

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

Child sexual abuse is a traumatic experience that does not solely affect the victims. Children who have experienced sexual abuse have support systems that also are negatively impacted by this trauma. Specifically, children's non-offending caregivers and siblings often present with trauma-related symptoms and difficulty functioning after the disclosure of child sexual abuse. As a result, family systems can suffer as victims work towards individual healing and families seek to address secondary trauma. This workshop will explore how child sexual abuse affects survivors and their families, focusing on characteristics unique to non-offending caregivers and siblings of victims. The workshop will also identify treatment modalities and trauma-informed action steps that promote healthy family dynamics and functioning after disclosure of child sexual abuse.

Speaker



Kendall Patterson

Child Survivors Justice Program Director | Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office

Preparing for a Mass Violence Incident in Your Community: Lessons Learned and Strategies to Improve Preparedness Plans to Address Victim Needs

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

In working with communities and agencies that have experienced the devastating impact of a mass violence incident in their community, the most common "lesson learned" is that the more prepared a community is for mass violence, the more resilient the individuals and community members are able to be. While most communities have begun to develop plans for a potential MVI in the community, victim services are rarely included in these plans. This session will present the 16 Best Practices to MVI Preparedness, with examples and lessons learned from specific communities. We will also describe the many resources available to help survivors, professionals, first responders, and communities from the National Mass Violence Center.

Speakers



Angela Moreland

Associate Director | National Mass Violence Center, MUSC



Elizabeth Cronin

Associate Academic Program Director | National Mass Violence Center

Bullying: Obtaining Justice for Diego (RIP) and His Family

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

Diego Stolz was killed by bullies on campus during his 8th grade. We sued the school district for negligence for its failure to put an end to the bullying and its failure to protect Diego. In September 2023, the case settled for \$27 million, by far the largest settlement in the nation related to school bullying.

We have already put together a 30-45 minute powerpoint that includes video of the bullying incidents, key deposition clips, and key documents.

The PP and speech focus on (1) how we put the case together and proved liability; (2) how we changed CA law so as to allow Diego's aunt and uncle (his guardians) to have standing to sue (Diego's parents were deceased); (3) how we used the media throughout the case to convey our message and impact the case in a positive way; (4) how we proved significant damages for the death of a minor child (not a wage-earner, like a parent).

Speakers



David Ring

Attorney | Taylor & Ring



Neil Gehlawat

Attorney | Taylor & Ring

Listening Session: Image-Based Sexual Abuse (CLOSED SESSION)

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Location: Park

This Listening Session on Image-Based Sexual Abuse (IBSA), including Nonconsensual Distribution of Intimate Images (NDII), sextortion, and sexually explicit digital forgeries ("deep fakes") is invitation only. This session brings together survivor speakers, direct service providers, hotline staff, law enforcement, and community advocates. This important discussion aims to inform attendees about the nature of IBSA, the experiences of those affected, and both the challenges and opportunities within community responses, whose insights and experiences are crucial in shaping future support and response strategies. The Listening Session is co-coordinated by the Office for Victims of Crime in the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Hotline Consortium led by the National Center for Victims of Crime.

Speaker



Michele Schwartz

Senior Director of Programs | National Center for Victims of Crime

Moderator



Michelle Gonzalez

executive director | CCRI

Effectively Using Insurance Policies to Pressure Defendants and Successfully Represent Survivors

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

The presentation will focus on discussing the ins and outs of insurance policies and how to effectively use them in advocating for plaintiffs, with a focus on cases involving child sexual abuse.

It is a tool often misused and misapplied by many, including by both plaintiffs and defendants.

One of the main objectives is to present on what makes an appropriate and effective policy that limits demand in a case that can practically put pressure on both the defendant and the carrier at the same time. It will involve discussing the difference between primary and excess policies, and how both can - and should - be used effectively in representing plaintiffs.

This is a powerful tool that - if properly used - can be used in any case: from individually-filed lawsuits pending in state court to bankruptcy proceedings affecting hundreds (if not thousands) of claimants.

Speakers



Jason Amala

Partner | PCVA Law



Ben Watson

Associate | PCVA Law

Lunch

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Criminalizing Survivors: The Intersection of Trafficking and Incarceration

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM | Location: Grand Ballroom

PLENARY

Survivors of trafficking are overrepresented in the carceral system, and are frequently charged as defendants instead of being given services for their victimization and trauma. This panel, made up of both experts in the field as well as survivors, will highlight how survivors of trafficking become involved in the criminal justice system, and how advocates can best serve these survivors who have been criminalized.

Speakers



James Dold

Chief Executive Officer | Human Rights for Kids



Tanisha Murden CEO/ Founder Unique Stories Inc

Program Director | WOMEN INVOLVED IN REENTRY EFFORTS



Elizabeth Quiroz

Co-Founder | Redemption House of The Bay Area

Moderator



Anne LaFrinier-Richie

Safe Harbor Regional Navigator | Someplace Safe

From Blueprint to Reality: A Case Study on Crafting a Victim-Centered Justice System

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Galleria South

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Embark on a transformative journey with our workshop focused on victim-centered and trauma-informed practices in the criminal justice system. Delve into the latest research findings, innovative strategies, and successful models during this immersive experience. Through engaging discussions, real-world case studies, and interactive sessions, participants will gain a profound understanding of the challenges faced by victims of violent crime and explore evidence-based approaches to enhance support services. Led by seasoned professionals from the Center for Justice Research and Innovation, this workshop aims to equip attendees with practical skills and knowledge, fostering a more compassionate and effective response from law enforcement. Join us in revolutionizing victim advocacy and contributing to a justice system that prioritizes healing, empowerment, and justice.

Speakers



Lindsey Clancey

Research Scientist | CNA



Valerie Schmitt

Research Scientist | CNA Corporation



Nicole Carroll

Director, Victim Services Unit | Louisville Metro Police Department

Unspoken Realities of the Justice System: Perspectives from a Victim Advocate and a Survivor

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Council

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Join us for a transformative workshop delving into the unspoken realities, complexities, and challenges of navigating the U.S. justice system through the eyes of sexual assault advocates and survivors. Led by seasoned professionals and lived experience experts in the field, this session offers invaluable insights into the harsh realities faced by victims seeking justice and healing. Through poignant and thought-provoking discussions, participants will explore the barriers, mistreatment, rights violations, and biases that frequently hinder survivors' access to justice while also discovering empowering strategies to support and advocate for victims of sexual violence. This knowledge-packed workshop provides a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted journey toward justice and offers practical tools for effecting meaningful change. Together, let us amplify the voices and realities of survivors, dismantle oppressive systems, and pave the way for a more compassionate and just future.

Participants will not only deepen their understanding of the justice system but also explore practical strategies for improving its responsiveness and effectiveness in addressing the needs of survivors. By fostering empathy and awareness, this workshop aims to empower attendees to advocate for positive change within their communities and beyond.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the realities of the justice system and the vital role of victim advocacy in promoting healing, justice, and resilience. Join us as we amplify the voices of survivors and advocates, and work towards a more equitable and compassionate legal system for all.

Speakers



Erika Kura, MPH, MSW

Founder, Public Health Communications Strategist | Erika Port Consulting Group (DBA Kura Consulting)



Lauren Spector

Therapist | Mindfulness Counseling

Running From The Bear: Creating A Safer Space

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

JUVENILE VICTIMS

This presentation will discuss how the stress response presents in children when trauma (specifically abuse/neglect) has occurred

acutely or chronically. The goal of this presentation is to provide law enforcement, child protection workers, prosecutors, CAC professionals, and other professionals that work with youth with insight into effective ways that they can assist a child in reducing their stress response. This will support in preserving their mental health throughout the investigation process and prosecution. By doing this, the outcomes are better for both the investigation as well as long-term effects on the child. This workshop is unique as it will have case examples from multiple professional lenses.

Speaker



Dr. Gina Crean

Clinician/Trainer | Public Safety Psychology Group

Black girlhood interrupted: Understanding Black survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Galleria North

MARGINALIZED/UNDERSERVED VICTIMS

Black women and girls are disproportionately overrepresented among survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. Based on personal testimony, interviews with survivors, and advocates, the presenters will lead the audience in exploring the experiences of trafficking and sexual exploitation for Black girls. Participants will learn survivor-centered, culturally responsive, trauma informed approaches to avoid re-traumatization, address systemic barriers, and create pathways for prevention and healing.

Speakers



Dr. Carolyn West

Professor of Clinical Psychology | University of Washington



Jasmine Conway

Advocate, Coach, and Consultant | One Survivor to Another

Honoring Nada Fronk A Fathers Experience with his Missing and Murdered Indigenous Daughter

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

TRIBAL

On May 26, 2021 Monte Fronk, Nada's Dad and SCSU alumni, received "the call" – the call that his daughter had been murdered.

During much of her youth, Nada was trafficked. She was eventually found in the Metro area of Minnesota, and had the resilience to earn her high school diploma and make a life for herself. Monte will share beautiful and painful experiences of his daughter's powerful and short life.

Speakers



Monte Fronk

Tribal Emergency Management | Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe



T. John Cunningham

Assistant Commissioner of Emergency Services | Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Cultivating Resilience & Retention: A 3-Prong Approach to Navigate High-Functioning Anxiety in Leadership and Unveiling its Role in Self-Care on the Road to Burnout in Victim Services

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In this workshop, participants will explore a holistic leadership approach in victim services, emphasizing a 3-prong strategy. Engaging discussions will highlight the importance of self-care assessment, empathic peer support, resilience promotion as crucial components for personnel well-being, aim to demystify the stress diatheses model, clarifying its role in identifying "silent" high-functioning anxiety as a critical stage leading to burnout, enabling leaders to proactively improve retention.

Leadership role modeling will be central, with practical techniques for exemplifying self-care assessment, empathy, and resilience through reciprocity principals. Participants will delve into empathic peer support's significance, receiving resources to establish supportive networks within victim services organizations. Evidence-based resilience strategies will be discussed for seamless integration into organizational policies, emphasizing the pivotal role of self-care in burnout prevention. Discussions will focus on how leaders can actively encourage and support self-care initiatives within their organizations.

Speaker



Lisa Hartwell

Clinical & Forensic Psychologist | Hartwell Therapy Consulting LLC

Best Practices During Response Phase for Mass Violence Incidents to Address Mental Health Needs of Victims and Survivors

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

Based on lessons learned from numerous mass violence responses over the past two decades, best practices are available to provide guidance to victim services and behavioral/mental health professionals during the response phase of a mass violence incident (MVI). This presentation will provide an overview of the immediate impact of MVIs on victims and communities, as well as current best practices in response. An overview of emergency response plans and roles of government agencies in preparing and responding to MVIs will be highlighted. Several acute interventions to reduce risk for longer-term mental health problems have been developed with the goal of being implemented shortly following a traumatic event. Participants will learn about short-term approaches to help communities with initial trauma reactions after MVIs. Unexpected challenges with suggested solutions will be discussed. In addition, participants will be provided an overview of the latest resources available from the National Mass Violence Center.

Speaker



Alyssa Rheingold

Professor | Medical University of South Carolina

Circumventing Damage Caps to Secure a \$21.3M Settlement through the Use of Experts and Science

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

Many states across the country impose draconian damage caps that prevent survivors of sexual abuse from recovering fair and just compensation where their injuries are considered largely emotional and mental damages. Our client faced this challenging issue where, as a minor, he was groomed and repeatedly raped by a registered sex offender employed at a hotel franchise in Ohio. The sex offender used his employment to gain access to our client and inflicted significant mental and emotional damages on the child. The state of Ohio, however, limits recoverable non-economic damages to \$250k or three times economic damages up to \$350k. Our presentation will cover how, despite these caps, our team was able to secure a record-breaking \$21.3M for our client in this case by using scientific data, neuroimaging, and experts to circumvent the damage caps by establishing the child sexual abuse caused brain damage (i.e., a physical injury).

Speakers



Martin Gould

Founding Partner | Stinar Gould Grieco & Hensley (SGGH)



Valerie Letko

Attorney | Stinar Gould Grieco & Hensley, PLLC

Cross Examination: Boiling the frog slowly, Techniques for Controlling Your Witness and Obtaining Key Information

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

This presentation aims to equip attorneys with advanced strategies and techniques essential for effective cross examination of non-expert witnesses. Embracing a "boiling the frog" approach, it will illuminate the nuanced craft of gradually deconstructing witness testimonies, all while maintaining control and obtaining vital information imperceptibly.

The presentation will commence by covering fundamental rules of evidence pertinent to cross examination, ensuring participants grasp the legal framework that governs this critical aspect of trial advocacy. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of the legal parameters that shape effective cross examination strategies.

Building upon this foundation, the presentation explores a repertoire of proven techniques for controlling witnesses and eliciting pertinent information during cross examination. Attendees will learn how to craft questions and responses strategically, gradually undermining the witness's credibility and extracting the desired facts.

I will use real-world case examples and an interactive audience-based exercise where participants will have the opportunity to see how these techniques can be applied practically.

Speaker



Paula Vielman-Reeves

Partner, Trial Consultant | ADZ Law, LLP

Break

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

A Complete Picture of Justice

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

LEGAL

Justice has a different meaning for every crime victim. As professionals who provide victim-centered, trauma responsive services to crime victims, it is critical to assess and assist with all victim legal needs. Often, these needs will include representation in criminal cases to protect victims' rights and representation to seek civil justice. This workshop will utilize case examples to illustrate and explain the importance of victim service providers having the training and knowledge to help victims seek justice in criminal and civil court systems.

Speakers



Elizabeth Well

Legal Director | Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center



Konrad Kircher
Attorney | Kircher Law

Safety is More Than the Absence of Crime, it is the Presence of Well-Being: Influencing Narratives on Crime, Violence Prevention, and Healing by Elevating the Voice of Crime Survivors and People with Records

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Galleria South

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Traditional criminal justice narratives and policies have been reactive and tactical. That is, traditional systems do not function to prevent crime — they wait for crime to happen and then respond to it, usually by deciding on a type of punishment — and they criminalize many poverty-related issues while leaving those impacted by crime with little help to recover from harm.

This workshop will introduce Shared Safety, an adaptable framework that brings local system leaders and community together to develop safety priorities to scale up the drivers of wellbeing and safety that will truly prevent harm before it happens, prevent crisis from becoming crime, and create more expansive and inclusive victims services and safety narratives.

Speakers



Marisa Arrona
California Innovations Director | Alliance for Safety and Justice / Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice



Tinisch Hollins
Executive Director | Californians for Safety and Justice



Saun Hough
Vocational Services Administrator | Shields For Families



LaNaisha Edwards
California CSSJ Member Engagement Associate | Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice

Taking Action

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Council

FINANCIAL CRIMES

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



Kim Camacho
Program Manager | NCVC



Rob Mascio
Director | FINRA

The Impact of Hate: New Research Findings on Trans/Nonbinary Peoples' Experiences in “The Culture Wars”

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Galleria North

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

Hate towards transgender/nonbinary communities is increasing. Rarely do trans people get to participate in affirming research that documents our experiences. This workshop will share new findings from FORGE's national research on trans peoples' experiences with the impact of hate, the culture wars and resulting harm, and coping strategies of trans/nonbinary people. Research was conducted with project partners from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In addition to sharing study results, content will include strategies for service providers and victim service professionals to better support trans people at the intersection of multiple forms of trauma, violence, and victimization. Participants will engage in discussion and identify ways this research impacts their services.

Speakers



Emil Rudicell
Program Manager | FORGE



Caleb Weinhardt
Communications Coordinator | FORGE



Michael Munson
Executive Director | FORGE

A Holistic Approach To Family Advocacy

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In an effort to strengthen and maximize healing, prosecution, and interruption of re-victimization victims' services programs must offer a holistic framework that addresses the interconnectivity of all the complex working parts of the individual, the family, and the institutional processes. This workshop will provide insight into a holistic continuum of care and collaboration with advocacy, healing and law enforcement services.

Speakers



Kristen Scharlau

City Of Tempe/CARE 7



Julia Gadek

Victim Advocate | City of Tempe Care 7, Community Health and Human Services

Strategies to Foster Resilience and Recovery Following Mass Violence Incident

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

Over the past decade, approximately 25 resiliency centers have been established in mass violence impacted communities providing a range of victim and mental health services to foster resilience and recovery to individuals and communities in the aftermath of mass violence incidents (MVs). The National Mass Violence Center (NMVC) hosts a Forum of Resiliency Center Directors and through this networking of professionals and leaders, best practices have been developed. This session will provide an overview of long-term impact of mass violence crimes on victims, survivors and communities as well as resiliency and recovery concepts as it relates to mass violence. Participants will learn about key components of trauma-informed care for mass violence impacted communities and effective resiliency strategies to support communities in long-term recovery. Lessons learned and unexpected challenges identified from the NMVC's Forum of Resiliency Center Directors will be discussed.

Speaker



Alyssa Rheingold

Professor | Medical University of South Carolina

From Missing to Murdered – A Runaway Case Study

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

This presentation will focus on Missing/Runaway Juveniles and the investigation of these cases from the initial report to closure. The course will highlight Patrol response and responsibility and the role of the primary Investigator. Investigative tools/tips will be presented to include Law Enforcement resources, legal/law definitions and policies, and the use of social media. The Case Study will center on a Juvenile Runaway that was subsequently murdered, and the subsequent Investigation by multiple agencies and departments leading to the arrest, conviction of those responsible.

Speaker



John Witherspoon

Human Trafficking Task Force | Montgomery County MD

The Sword + the Shield: How the Rape Shield law and other privacy laws are insufficient to protect the rights of survivors from litigation re-victimization and how to fight back

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

This presentation will explore the intersection between privacy interests of victims/survivors and how defendants have used liberal discovery rules to obliterate the stated public policy of Federal Rule of Evidence 412, the federal "Rape Shield" law. This presentation will discuss real-world examples of litigation revictimization, including discovery abuses during depositions of survivors that improperly focused on irrelevant past sexual behavior of the victim. We will offer suggestions on how to fight back against litigation revictimization, including by suggesting changes to federal and state laws, but also by suggesting creative and practical solutions to better shield victims from such abusive tactics.

Speakers



Alexandria MacMaster

Partner | Laffey Bucci D'Andrea Reich & Ryan LLP



Jenny Flanigan

Breit Biniazan, P.C.

Beyond the Deposition - Preparing Clients for Other Types of Testimony

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

Every attorney knows how important it is to prepare a client before their deposition, but what about other types of testimony? When trying to affect change, there are times when an attorney might call upon a former or current client to help move the needle in order to

protect others from becoming future victims of crime. When these opportunities arise, it is important that both the attorney and client are well prepared for the task at hand. This presentation will review the different types of testimony and the nuances involved to ensure the greatest impact.

Speakers



Michael Haggard

Attorney and Board Member, National Center for Victims of Crime | NCVC



Jp Hervis

Senior Publicist, Crisis Communicator, Video Producer, Senior Media Trainer | Brandstory Communications

A Tree of Life: The Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Screening

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Location: Galleria South

Please join us for a screening of "A Tree of Life: The Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting" documentary.

Friday, September 20, 2024

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

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | Location: Skyline II

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

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.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. A rolled-up bath or hand towel can be used for additional decompression.

Speakers



Sabrina Fritts

Executive Director | PeaceWorks, Inc



Brenda Nelson

Lead Advocate | Peaceworks

Registration and Coffee

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Coffee will be in the **Plaza Foyer** today! Registration will remain in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.

Supporting Those Who Serve: Addressing Vicarious Trauma in Policing and Victim Services

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Galleria South

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

Police officers, victim services, and other helping professionals often encounter traumatic situations, both in the line of duty and while directly assisting victims. Repeated exposures, and vicarious trauma can significantly affect their mental health and ability to perform their jobs effectively. Without proper training, resources, and support, these effects can ripple throughout communities, affecting interactions with victims, witnesses, and offenders. By adopting trauma-informed practices, organizations can foster a culture that promotes wellness, empathy, and resiliency. This interactive workshop will explore the concept of vicarious trauma, examine its implications for professionals, and discuss the importance of incorporating trauma-informed approaches into organizational frameworks. Presenters will offer practical tools and strategies for integrating trauma-informed principles into daily work routines, fostering a more compassionate, supportive, and effective approach to serving victims.

Speakers



Daniel Torrez

Deputy Director, Center for Victim Service Professionals | National Center for Victims of Crime



Iva Rody

Chief Operating Officer | National Center for Victims of Crime

A Holistic Approach to Helping Scam Victims: Addressing the Non-financial Impacts

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Council

FINANCIAL CRIMES

The surge in scams in America means that more people are impacted than ever before. While there are many places to report scams and find steps to close affected accounts, where do they go to improve their safety and begin their recovery?

People lost more than \$8.8 billion to scams in 2022 (FTC), and those losing money to scams increased 27.8% (BBB). Beyond experiencing financial loss, scams also impact our mental/emotional health, cause reputational damage, harm our credit, and hurt our relationships. Clearly, more must be done to support those being harmed. In 2023, we met with victims and subject matter experts to determine the best resources and most effective way to present them to victims experiencing extreme stress. As a result, BBB is introducing a holistic online Scam Recovery Toolkit to connect victims with the resources they need to restore their financial, mental, and emotional well-being.

Speakers



Melissa Lanning

Executive Director | BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust



Rob Mascio

Director | FINRA



Kathy Waters

Executive Director | Advocating Against Romance Scammers



Carina Peritore

Victim Advocate | Operation Shamrock Victim Services Co-Leader



Amisha Datta

Employment Scam Survivor | Scam Survivor

TraffickSTOP: Teaching Students to Identify and Prevent Human Trafficking

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

With reliance on technology growing, youth are increasingly targeted by perpetrators online. TraffickSTOP (Signs to Observe and Prevent) is a human trafficking identification and prevention curriculum for high school students. TraffickSTOP provides students with information, skills, tools, and resources they need to identify human trafficking gives them the power to recognize the signs and prevent trafficking from occurring. This session will provide an overview of the curriculum: 12 meeting plans with student-led discussions, culminating in an awareness week with activities and events created by students. NW3C trains school resource officers (SROs) or other law enforcement representatives to deliver this curriculum in select schools. The facilitators guide students through discussion and activities with support from their school and community. TraffickSTOP was piloted in ten schools during the 2021-2024 school years, and the presentation will discuss student and facilitator experiences. This session will provide information on the materials and resources that will be available nationwide in late 2024; you can find out more at www.traffickingstop.org.

Speaker



Laura Cook

Program Manager | NW3C

Collaborating for Justice for Older African Americans: Key Strategies for Equitable Partnerships with Culturally-Specific Organizations

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Galleria North

MARGINALIZED/UNDERSERVED VICTIMS

Older adults deserve safety and dignity, yet abuse in later life happens far too often. For African American older adult crime victims, historical and present-day systemic oppression and marginalization impacts how they seek, respond to, and experience service providers and the criminal justice system. Culturally-specific organizations are vital in meeting the needs of older African American survivors and these organizations must be considered elder justice partners. Yet, mainstream organizations that serve older adults often struggle to engage culturally-specific organizations.

This session will discuss key findings from listening sessions and interviews with culturally-specific organizations. Through group conversations, participants will learn the definition, purpose and impact of culturally-specific programs, plus the gaps they fill and services they provide. The session will address challenges in collaboration, guiding principles, and practical strategies for building equitable and meaningful partnerships. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of intersectionality and strategies to improve community engagement.

Speakers



Victoria Ferguson-Young

NCALL



Kristin Burki

NCALL Director | NCALL- National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Empowering Victims of Gun Crimes: The ATF Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP)

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Domestic violence, homicides, car jackings and school shootings are just a few of the crimes committed with firearms, and that are responded to daily by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Providing effective victim assistance is crucial to help victims of gun crimes navigate the complex legal system, receive necessary medical and mental health care, and rebuild their lives. This presentation will discuss the challenges faced by victims of gun crimes and the strategies used by the ATF Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) to provide comprehensive victim assistance during the investigative stage of the criminal justice process. It will address the importance of collaboration among law enforcement, victim specialists, local victim assistance programs and community organizations to provide comprehensive and seamless services to victims. The presentation will provide examples of gun crimes investigated by ATF and the victim support provided by ATF VWAP. It will also address the impact of gun crime investigations on the agents that conduct them.

Participants will leave with a better understanding of the unique needs of victims of gun crimes, and the strategies used by the ATF VWAP to provide effective victim assistance.

Speakers



Shari Konarske

Regional Victim Witness Specialist | ATF



J Nokes

Assistant Special Agent in Charge, ATF | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Connecting Indigenous Survivors with Cultural Resilience

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Broadway I/II

TRIBAL

This presentation is intended to help providers connect Indigenous survivors of violence with cultural tools and resources to enhance resilience. The presenter will share tips to help programs develop inclusive program spaces for Indigenous clients, including ways to ensure that staff are representative of clientele. The presenter will share research and recommendations around using cultural tools as protection and prevention against many of the biggest issues impacting Indigenous populations. The presenter will share ideas on opportunities for cultural engagement through tools and activities that can be used with clients in many settings, including classrooms, group programs, and one-on-one.

Speaker



Anne LaFrinier-Richie

Safe Harbor Regional Navigator | Someplace Safe

Trauma and Support Services Recommendations from the Critical Incident Review of the Mass Casualty Incident at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Broadway III/IV

MASS VIOLENCE & HOMICIDE

On May 24, 2022, an active shooter took the lives of 19 children and 2 staff members, and physically and mentally injured the survivors, the families, staff and teachers, and the community in Uvalde, Texas. At the request of Uvalde leadership, the U.S. Department of Justice established the Critical Incident Review (CIR) to conduct an independent, objective assessment of what happened that day and assess the systems in place in the weeks leading up to May 24. The goal of the CIR is to provide information to those most affected by the tragedy and to build knowledge regarding how to best respond to incidents of mass violence. This panel will present observations and recommendations from the CIR report focusing in the areas of trauma and support services.

Speakers



Nazmia Comrie

Sociologist (Policing Assistance and Reform) | US DOJ COPS Office



April Naturale

Assistant Vice President | Vibrant Emotional Health



Mark Lomax

Director of Campus Safety | The George School

Settlement Process Survival and Efficiency: Keys to doing it quickly, efficiently, and with maximum benefit to your client - Taxes, Structured Settlements, QSF's, SNT's, and more

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

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Settlement Process Survival and Efficiency: Keys to doing it quickly, efficiently, and with maximum benefit to your client - Taxes, Structured Settlements, QSF's, SNT's, and more. Making settlements easier on yourself and your staff is a key to moving onto your next case. The settlement process can also be one of the most important steps, with the most important decisions, for your client. You spent countless hours, blood, sweat, and tears fighting for your client. Don't overlook the importance of the settlement process in making sure your hard work provides a lasting benefit to your client.

Speaker



Ryan DiMaria

Structure Broker/Attorney | Structured Settlement Benefits

Dealing with Defense Experts on Memory & Perception

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

Disqualifying or significantly limiting the testimony of defense experts who seek to testify about memory, repressed memory, or the reliability of eyewitness testimony. This sort of testimony is often used to try and shoehorn in otherwise inadmissible evidence and improperly impugn the credibility of your client or other witnesses through improper opinion testimony. The law, and science (or lack thereof) may be on your side- often this sort of testimony invades the province of the jury and can be excluded.

Speakers



Julie Kline

Attorney | Schroeter Goldmark & Bender



Rebecca Roe

Attorney | Schroeter Goldmark & Bender

Break

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Networking Session

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM | Location: Grand Ballroom

Join us in the Grand Ballroom for informal networking before your lunch break! Feel free to schedule meetups via Whova.

Lunch (On Your Own)

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Navigating Domestic Violence Dynamics in Supervised Visitation

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Galleria South

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This workshop offers essential insights and strategies for a diverse audience, including law enforcement, victim service professionals, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers, who play critical roles in addressing the complexities of domestic violence within supervised visitation programs.

Participants will gain a deep understanding of the dynamics involved, enabling them to contribute to the creation of safer and more supportive environments for families.

Key Topics:

Recognizing signs of domestic violence: Learn to identify red flags and understand the different forms of abuse, enhancing the capacity to recognize and respond to these issues across various professional roles.

Risk assessment and safety planning: Develop comprehensive safety protocols tailored to individual cases, irrespective of your specific role or function within the system.

Communication strategies: Explore techniques for facilitating non-threatening and trauma-informed interactions between parents and children, benefiting professionals involved in diverse aspects of family services.

Legal considerations: Understand legal obligations, reporting requirements, and court expectations, ensuring that policymakers and legal professionals are well-informed.

Collaborative approaches: Discover effective partnerships with local domestic violence agencies and professionals, fostering collaboration and coordination among all stakeholders.

By the end of this workshop, attendees will be better equipped, regardless of their specific roles, to engage in a collective effort to provide supervised visitation services that prioritize the safety and well-being of all participants and contribute to comprehensive solutions for domestic violence issues.

Speaker



Joe Nullet

Supervised Visitation Network

Building and Maintaining Relationships With Youth Survivors Of Violence

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Council

JUVENILE VICTIMS

The presenters will share real life skills they've learned throughout their careers to build meaningful and supportive relationships with youth who have experienced violence and other forms of victimization. The presenters both work within victim advocacy programs that are a part of a statewide public health response to human trafficking of youth 24 and under. This work is embedded with tenets for youth best practices that will be covered in this presentation. The presenters will talk about ways that assessing and maintaining professional boundaries helps protect providers from burnout, and how modeling these behaviors with youth who have experienced violence and other forms of victimization can help youth manage and maintain both personal and professional relationships. This presentation will be beneficial to anyone working with youth.

Speakers



Anne LaFrinier-Richie

Safe Harbor Regional Navigator | Someplace Safe



Carly Hiti

Safe Harbor Youth Advocate | PAVSA

Traffick Signals: Identifying Likely Perpetrators & Understanding Manipulation

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In this workshop, participants will learn to identify the warning signs that indicate a person is a trafficker. These warning signs have been identified through investigative practice and analyzed through analysis of human trafficking data through a practitioner-academic partnership. Insight from a lived experience advocate further flushes out these warning signs. Participants will learn how to detect likely traffickers and will also learn about the types of behaviors traffickers use on law enforcement and other official responders to manipulate them during arrest, incarceration, and trial. Finally, the importance of strong practitioner-academic partnerships will be discussed.

Speakers



Molly McDade

Sargent | Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



Christopher Carey



Anna Kosloski

Associate Professor | University of Colorado Colorado Springs



Robin Miller

Pacific Northwest Advocate; Lived Experience Advocate | Empower Her Network

Victimization of the Working Poor

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Galleria North

MARGINALIZED/UNDERSERVED VICTIMS

16.1 million households are living in poverty and another 34.7 million are living in Asset Limited, Income Constrained, (but) Employed (ALICE) homes. This means that many of our crime victims are living paycheck-to-paycheck; meaning, there is no room for an emergency such as a partner in custody due to domestic violence. This session will discuss how to assist victims who are on the verge of poverty and do not have their basic needs met. Strategies, suggestions, and case study will be presented.

Speaker



Carrie L. Paul

Consultant, Guest Lecturer, & Public Speaker | The National Victim Advocate

Trauma-Informed Research and Evaluation with Survivors

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

Research and evaluation are fundamental to building evidence for how programs and services work as well as their impacts. However, conducting research and evaluation with survivors must be done with special consideration of their prior experiences and potential reactions to the materials and process. This hands-on workshop will provide specific guidance on trauma-informed research for practitioners and researchers alike, including tips and real-world examples for interview and survey questions, recruitment, and interacting with survivors. By attending this workshop, practitioners will learn about the importance of trauma-informed research and evaluation and their role in protecting survivors in the research process. Attendees will also explore strategies for partnerships between practitioners and researchers to promote trauma-informed research. Lastly, this workshop applies trauma-informed principles to support victim-focused practitioners and researchers by providing tools to identify and address vicarious trauma they may encounter during

their work.

Speakers



Bree Boppre

Senior Research Associate | Urban Institute



Jasmine Engleton Ph.D.

Research Analyst | Justice Information Resource Network - Center for Victim Research

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

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

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



Michele Schwartz

Senior Director of Programs | National Center for Victims of Crime



Iva Rody

Chief Operating Officer | National Center for Victims of Crime

Benefits of using an empathetic, victim-centered approach with callers to the National Elder Fraud Hotline

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

FINANCIAL CRIMES

Billions of dollars are taken fraudulently from older adults every year. In 2022, more than 88,000 victims over the age of 60 reported losses of \$3.1 billion to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). The Department of Justice's National Elder Fraud Hotline, managed by the Office for Victims of Crime, has received over 110,000 calls since its inception in 2020, with volume growing each year. The National Elder Fraud Hotline is among the many initiatives and efforts that the USDOJ is undertaking to combat elder financial fraud. In addition to the financial impact of these crimes, the emotional toll older adult victims of fraud suffer can be devastating. This presentation will discuss the benefits of a victim-centered, trauma-informed, and empathetic approach to assisting older adult victims of fraud. Presenters will summarize research examining the prevalence and impact of financial fraud targeting older adults and highlighting the benefits of providing empathy-focused phone-based services. The presenters will also share the U.S. Department of Justice's 2022 Elder Fraud Report and provide an overview of the National Elder Fraud Hotline services, with supporting Hotline case studies that illustrate positive outcomes for callers.

Speakers



Helen Supanich

Case Management Team Supervisor (National Elder Fraud Hotline) | ICF



Lori McGee

Manager, National Elder Fraud Hotline | ICF (National Elder Fraud Hotline)

Using Federally Forfeited Assets to Compensate Victims of Crime

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

This presentation will focus on the types of cases where the DOJ can compensate victims with forfeited assets, along with information for victim attorneys who are directly assisting victims of federal crimes. The presentation will address different categories of victims and schemes (financial fraud, elder fraud, human trafficking, child exploitation, etc.) along with discussing the documentation and information that will need to be submitted to the DOJ.

Speaker



Drew Halter

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division

G.S. v. Goliath - suing "for profit" foster care

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

At age 8, G.S. is a Native American girl who was placed in foster care with an entity controlled by Acadia Healthcare - the largest for-profit behavioral health corporation in America. She was raped repeatedly by the foster father. We sued the foster agency, its parent, and its parent, ultimately reaching Acadia and obtained a \$485,000,000 verdict. That case and two other similar cases settled as we prepared for trials 2 & 3. It was a very challenging four-year battle in several different courtrooms but we learned a lot about how to win these cases.

Speakers



Joshua Conaway

Fadduol Cluff Hardy & Conaway



F Michael Hart

Director | Martinez, Hart, Sanchez & Romero, P.C.

Break

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Incorporating accessibility, accommodation, and inclusivity into domestic violence direct services, policies, and programming

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Galleria South

SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This workshop aims to provide service providers insight into developing disability inclusive programs for survivors of violence. We will begin by discussing the word "disability" from both a medical and social model perspective. We will then discuss program modification strategies including creating policies and implementation of those practices. Examples of sample policies and practices will be shared and discussed.

Speakers



Cynthia Amodeo

CEO | Barrier Free Living



Erika Calderon

Program Director | Barrier Free Living

Hitting the High Notes – Communicating with victims through the trial court process

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom West

LEGAL

System-based advocates have a unique role in walking with a victim through the trial court process. Many victims are new to the criminal justice system or do not have a working knowledge of its intricacies. Advocates' actions and words have an impact on victims' perceptions of, and participation in, the trial process. Victims rely on advocates to help them define and seek their own sense of justice. This presentation emphasizes the high points of victim participation in the trial court process through a trauma-informed lens as well as skills for advocates to best serve their victims and clients.

Speakers



Ashtyn Buechler

Program Manager | National Center for Victims of Crime



Ryan Clark

State Victims' Rights Compliance Administrator | Arizona Attorney General's Office

Supporting Trans and Nonbinary Survivors During Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Care

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Galleria North

MARGINALIZED/UNDERSERVED VICTIMS

Forensic exams are difficult for anyone. Trans and non-binary survivors face additional barriers pursuing medical care after a sexual assault. This session will explore how victim service professionals can help ensure transgender patients receive more effective and respectful care.

A discussion of common barriers trans and non-binary survivors face – specifically in seeking medical forensic care – will set the stage for addressing culturally-sensitive practices for building trust, navigating history taking, and conducting the exam itself. The conversation will also focus on ways victim service professionals can support trans survivors before, during, and after a medical forensic exam.

The session will offer practical resources, including a patient simulation with a transgender male patient in the Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination (SAMFE) Virtual Practicum. The Practicum is a free interactive training program that teaches each step of the medical forensic exam and even prepares medical professionals to testify in court.

Speakers



Grace Frances

Director of Community Partnerships | End Violence Against Women International



Michael Munson

Executive Director | FORGE

Fueling victim assistance through grant funding strategies

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Pavilion Ballroom East

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The ever-changing funding landscape has left many family violence and sexual assault programs with shrinking budgets while demand for their services continues to grow. This workshop will equip programs with additional skills to fuel direct services, capacity building, and systemic change through grant writing and grant research.

The workshop will cover topics such as: the philanthropic landscape for service providers in Georgia, trends in grant seeking such as navigating online applications and the use of AI tools, how to develop a grant readiness plan to make your agency or program more attractive to grant funders, how to find and vet grant opportunities, relationship building with potential funders, and elements of a successful grant proposal.

The session will include real-world examples and small group work designed to enhance practical skills for nonprofits interested in grant funding. Participants will leave with an understanding of trends in grant-seeking, how to diversify their grant funding, and tips for writing compelling grants for victim services.

Speaker



Betty Barnard

President and CEO | Resurgens Impact Consulting

Supporting Trauma Needs for Crime Victims and Caregivers At The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Broadway I/II

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

This presentation will discuss the ways that the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) works to support a person's trauma needs while building bridges for healing through peer connection, mental health resources, and advocacy opportunities.

NCMEC's intervention on a missing or exploited child's case can begin immediately with case management and analytical teams ready to help, but did you know there are teams of mental health providers ready to provide vetted and therapeutic treatment interventions?

Or that lived experience peers are offered to lessen feelings of isolation and uncertainty about what comes next for an adult victim or caregiver? These trauma specific resources are responsible for life changing moments when victims become survivors and thrivers.

Creating moments for connections and relationships are at the core of NCMEC's daily duties and we need all helping professionals to join us to make someone's tomorrow better than their today.

Speaker



Shannon Traore

Senior Program Manager | National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Victim Offender Dialogue: A Survivor's Voice & Journey Toward Healing

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Broadway III/IV

TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

The Victim Offender Dialogue (VOD) is a facilitated process where victims/survivors of violent crime can seek answers to questions only the offender can answer. It is also an opportunity for them to share the impact and trauma of their victimization with the offender. The VOD is victim-initiated and offenders participate on a voluntary basis. This workshop will discuss the basics of the VOD from the preparation phase through conducting the actual dialogue. It will highlight the importance of giving an additional voice to the victim/survivor as they navigate their journey toward healing. The workshop will highlight a survivor's experience and aftermath of the loss of a loved one. The survivor will discuss her VOD experience and the effect it had on her healing journey. The workshop will also offer insight from a facilitator's perspective, highlighting the importance of self-care and vicarious trauma. Through an open and sincere discussion, participants will learn the importance of providing victims/survivors an additional voice and opportunity to meet some of the unmet needs they continue to experience due to their victimization.

Speakers



Daniel Torrez

Deputy Director, Center for Victim Service Professionals | National Center for Victims of Crime



Jamie Leon-Guerrero

Development Manager | Greater Tucson Leadership

Hiding in Plain Sight: Investigating Assets in Bankruptcy

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

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Overview of tools available to investigate available assets when defendants (or affiliates of defendants) file for bankruptcy.

Speakers



Brittany Michael

Partner | Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP



Matthew Babcock

Director | Berkeley Research Group LLC

Rideshare sexual assault litigation: The update of Uber and issues involving these cases

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM | Location: Atrium Ballroom

NCVBA

Uber and Lyft have been repeatedly sued as a result of sexual assaults on riders and drivers. Two years ago, Neff presented on issues to be involved in pleading the cases. Now, we can provide some updates based on documents reviewed (many confidential), depositions taken, discovery arguments made, and summary judgment motions filed. Also, Neff is scheduled to arbitrate a case in May 2024 - prior to the NCVBA conference. Significant additional insights are expected to be gained between now and then.

Speaker



Michael Neff

Founder - Lead Trial Attorney | Neff Injury Law