



Domestic Violence University 18th Annual Conference

September 14-16, 2009 · Wenatchee Convention Center

Workshops – Monday 1-3pm

Agents of the Court?

Let's take a critical look at our relationship to the courts and talk about the pros and cons of offering court-mandated classes.

Blueprints of Dignity

Is it time to remodel (or build) your shelter? Learn how to create spaces that help people heal and meet the needs of both advocates and residents.

Child Support Update 2009

The child support system can be a mixed bag for anyone, but survivors face specific risks. Learn how to help people maximize the benefits and minimize the risks.

Disentangling DV, Substance Use and Mental Health Issues

Get the basic facts about substance use and mental health issues and how they affect survivors' lives. You'll come away with more knowledge and compassion, as well as great tips for advocacy and safety planning.

Leaders Touching Lives

Visiting faculty from the Domestic Abuse Women's Network will tell you how they got local business leaders excited about teaching life skills to survivors. You will leave with copies of the training modules they created and the know-how to create this program with minimal resources.

Suicide Assessment & Intervention

Bring your experiences, concerns and questions and we'll build on your skills. Learn how to assess lethality and develop suicide-safe plans. What is your legal responsibility? What if your client doesn't want treatment? We will address these issues and more through your case examples.

Technology Safety Basics (Pass It On!)

Email, cell phones, and facebook are just a few of the tools abusers use against survivors. Learn how to outwit the stalkers by using technology more safely. Gain confidence so you can pass good information along to others.



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Beyond Safety Planning: Honing Your Advocacy Skills

We often use the terms empowerment and self-determination, but how do we actually work with survivors to achieve these goals? This interactive class tackles this challenging subject.

Fundraising Success Stories from Rural Washington

Hear it directly from three rural executive directors who raised money to build programs and buildings! Lots of time for questions and tutoring.

Get Money Get Safe: Surfing the Web for Support

A tour of the best financial education site for survivors anywhere in cyberspace – getmoney-getsafe.org helps survivors reach their financial goals (and could help you too!).

Mental Health Practitioners and DV Advocates:

Reconciling Differing Perspectives on DV and Mental Health

DV advocates and mental health professionals have common goals but very different methods. This class will look at the conflicts that arise, opportunities for successful collaboration, and practical strategies for working together.

Technology Safety: Beyond the Basics

This class explores new and emerging technology – including Go Passes, Trap Call and more – that can be used to stalk and track survivors. Learn safety planning strategies to foil abusers and help survivors.

The Intersection: Migration Meets Domestic Violence

Join us for a history lesson about immigration in the U.S. We will discuss the push-pull of labor, public policy, and migration around the globe – and what happens when we add the dynamics of domestic violence.

Understanding Self Harm & How to Intervene

It is relatively easy to recognize self-injury; it is much harder to understand and even harder to treat. We will discuss the difference between self-injury and suicide and work on our intervention skills. Bring case examples and your challenging questions.



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Advanced Advocacy Topics in Co-occurring DV, Mental Health and Substance Use

This class will take up where Disentangling DV, Substance Use and Mental Health Issues left off. We'll discuss practical ways to deal with the situations you face in your daily work.

From Surviving to Thriving: Organizing Survivors for Social Change

The Thrivers Action Group uses personal stories to educate the public and mobilize change. In this class, TAG members will tell you how to replicate the TAG model with survivors in your community.

New Day! DV Guidelines for Child Welfare Workers

DSHS Children's Administration plans to publish a new DV practice guide for social workers! This guide provides a good framework for improved child welfare interventions. Come learn more so that you can advocate more effectively for your clients.

Tech Tune-up for Agencies

Is your agency's use of technology really safe? Databases, phones, and emails help us serve our clients but do we accidentally put people at risk? "Tune-up the tech" in your agency.

Thinking Transgender, Rethinking Domestic Violence

What's the difference between sex, gender, and sexual orientation? How does being transgender change the experience of domestic violence? How do we serve transgender survivors? From gender theory to advocacy tips, we'll discuss it all.

Under the Radar: Relocation and Privacy Planning for Survivors in Washington

Come to learn how survivors are affected by the requirements of our state laws regarding relocation, and how they can use our state laws such as the sealed name change statute, the address confidentiality program, and other tools to keep their location and personal information private and safe.

Welfare Basics

Come find out the basics of how to help survivors who use the state's welfare system - cash grants, food, healthcare, and more. We'll share insider tips for safely navigating these complex benefit programs.



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Bringing our Media Messages to Life

This class is for the PR/media contacts at WSCADV member programs. We will come together to critique the messaging materials we've used this year and discuss how to move our communications work forward.

Home Free: Housing First for Survivors

Visiting faculty from Portland's Home Free Program will share how they transitioned from emergency shelter to a housing first model. Get clear ideas of how to incorporate housing first principles into your work.

Legal Advocacy Problem Solvers

A team of experienced advocates will help you think through your most troubling advocacy issues. Mindful of confidentiality, come prepared to describe the situations where you need help.

Linking Arms with Mental Health Peer Counselors

What is a Mental Health Peer Counselor? Come find out! And learn how joining forces with these important allies can help you – and them - serve survivors with mental health issues better.

Sobriety and Safety

For advocates running groups, or looking to do so, come to this class to learn practical skills to support survivors on their journey to remain clean, sober and safe.

The Death Penalty and Women's Anti-Violence Movements

We work for a world without violence and discrimination. So, how is it that many of us don't speak out against the death penalty? Death row inmates are often victims of physical and sexual abuse and death sentences are influenced by race and poverty. Is this just? Should we take a stand? Join visiting faculty Sue Ostoff from the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women for a vibrant conversation.

The Facts: Using Fatality Review to Mobilize Change

We all know that domestic violence can be lethal. What can we learn from these tragedies? We'll talk about specific recommendations for change and how you can use the Fatality Review in your work and in your community.