



New Workers' Institute

September 1-2, 2009

*The Crowne Plaza
6121 North I H 35
Austin, TX*

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:15 -10:30 a.m. Welcome Remarks

In Her Shoes

*Aaron Hernandez, Family Violence Services Manager, Texas Council on Family Violence
Diana Meriggi, Family Violence Service Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence
Rachel Moore, Family Violence Service Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence
Cassie Taylor, Family Violence Service Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence
Molly Woodard, Family Violence Service Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence*

This revolutionary interactive workshop illustrates the experiences of victims of family violence. Participants gain greater insight to the challenges victims face and sense what it is like to walk “in her shoes”.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Current Family Violence Laws

Jackie Pontello, J.D., Executive Director, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

Participants will learn about current and new laws, policies and practicalities of working with family violence survivors. Topics include legal definitions of family violence, how laws impact advocacy work, how laws apply to Texans working with interstate custody orders; purposes and terms of protective orders and how they intersect with divorce and custody provisions; civil family law explanations; criminal justice system response; importance of a coordinated community response and how to start one in your community; and 81st Legislative overview.

11:45 - Noon Break

Noon - 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Characteristics of Working with Batterers and Demystifying Accreditation

Jennifer King, Director of Family Violence Intervention Services, Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Criminal Justice Assistance Division

Aaron Hernandez, Family Violence Services Manager, Texas Council on Family Violence

This workshop focuses on the characteristics and indicators of batterers. Participants will explore options for batterers as they enter the criminal justice system, and get an overview of the Texas Accreditation Process for Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs.

1:30 - 1:45 p.m. Break

1:45 - 3:15 p.m. Break Out Sessions

1. Victim Services 101 & Safety Planning

Molly Woodard, Family Violence Services Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence

The workshop will focus on advocating for survivors in ways that support their right to self-determination and autonomy. Participants will explore empowerment as a partnership between the advocate and the survivor. Safety planning will be discussed as it relates to empowerment based advocacy.

2. Building a World without Domestic Violence

Maria Limón, Prevention Specialist, Texas Council on Family Violence

This workshop will address the role of prevention in the movement to end domestic violence, help participants define and visualize domestic violence prevention in real-world terms, and explore ways that everyone can contribute to building a world without domestic violence, regardless of whether their job specifically focuses on prevention.

3. Protective Orders

Jackie Pontello, Executive Director, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

This interactive workshop provides participants with information about the laws, policies and practicalities of working with protective orders. Attendees will gain knowledge about the purposes and terms of protective orders and the importance of a coordinated community response involving this safety option for survivors. Topics include comparing protective and restraining orders; types of relief available; enforcement; foreign protective orders; and the intersection of protective orders and firearms.

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

3:30 - 5 p.m. Breakout Sessions

1. Preparing a Victim for Trial: How Not to Help the Defense

Messina Madson, J.D., Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County District Attorney's Office

This workshop will address the process that a victim goes through when a criminal case is filed, how to keep the victim informed, tools to aid her specific needs, and preparing the victim to effectively testify in front of a jury.

2. Teen Dating Violence

Candice Hopkins, Director, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

Participants will discuss the newest research on teen dating abuse and technology, apply safety planning tips specific to teens and technology and learn how to use technology safely to engage teens and young adults.

3. Incorporating Financial Literacy into Advocacy with Survivors

Krista Del Gallo, Policy Manager, Texas Council on Family Violence

This workshop will highlight the importance of weaving in financial literacy and economic advocacy into advocates' every day work with survivors. The Allstate "Moving Ahead through Money Management" curriculum will be introduced as well as opportunities for advocates to learn more throughout the year about financial issues critical to survivors' safety.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Networking Event/Dinner**

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

7:30 a.m. **Registration Opens**

7:30 - 8 a.m. **Continental Breakfast and Welcome Remarks**

8 - 9 a.m. **Healing the Wounds: Navigating the Legal System after Surviving Domestic Abuse**

Natalie Cobb Koehler, Bosque County Attorney, Texas Young Lawyers Association

Attendees will view the Texas Young Lawyers Association production of "Healing the Wounds: Navigating the Legal System after Surviving Domestic Abuse." This informative DVD is a tool to aid police departments, women's shelters and other advocates help women navigate the legal system after leaving an abusive spouse, and answers questions about protective orders, temporary restraining orders and divorce process.

9 - 9:15 a.m. **Break**

9:15 - 10 a.m. **Effects of Family Violence on Children and Fatherhood Initiatives**

Diana Meriggi and Rachel Moore, Family Violence Service Coordinators, Texas Council on Family Violence

This presentation will cover the following topics pertaining to children who are exposed to domestic violence: Types of Exposure, Developmental Effects of Exposure to Domestic Violence, Survival Strategies of Children who have been Exposed, Discipline vs. Abuse, When to Report Suspected Child Abuse and Fatherhood Initiatives for Domestic Violence Intervention.

10 - 10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. **Crawford v. Washington**

Messina Madson, J.D., Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County District Attorney's Office

This session will discuss the United States Supreme Court Case, **Crawford v. Washington** and its impact on the prosecution of domestic violence.

11:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Break**

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

12:15 - 1 p.m. **Vicarious Trauma: Preventing secondary trauma through trauma stewardship and**

self-care

Martha Duffer, Ph.D.

Advocacy work in the field of Domestic Violence is immensely rewarding but also entails significant exposure to human suffering that often can lead to what is known as vicarious or secondary trauma. This session shares breakthrough neuroscience research that can facilitate vicarious trauma prevention through simple and proven strategies of self-care.

1 - 1:15 p.m. **Break**

1:15 - 2:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

1. Advanced Vicarious Trauma: Successful implementation of secondary trauma prevention strategies

Martha Duffer, Ph.D.

Often we find ourselves with the information that we need to take care of ourselves and the best of intentions only to be disillusioned when we don't actually put this information into practice. Learn key concepts from current research on motivation and human behavior to successfully empower yourself to actively practice the strategies you choose to implement.

2. Address Confidentiality

Tanya Martinez-Cardenas, Address Confidentiality Program Training Specialist, Crime Victim Services Division, Office of Attorney General

A presentation that covers what the Address Confidentiality Program is, the qualifications that victims must meet, and how it can be used to help victims of crime. Instructions on how to fill out forms needed for the program also will be reviewed.

3. Remedies and Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors

Edna Yang, General Counsel, American Gateways

This workshop is an introduction to various remedies under immigration laws for immigrant survivors of family violence and sexual assault, as well as a basic primer to the benefits available for such survivors and the role and importance of advocates in this process.

2:45 - 3 p.m.

Refreshment Break

3 - 4 p.m.

Historical and Philosophical Underpinnings of the Battered Women's Movement

Deborah Tucker, MPA, Executive Director, National Center for Domestic and Sexual Violence

An overview of the philosophy that provided the underpinnings of the movement: But for the Grace of God Go I; Battered Women and other Victims of Violence are not Square Pegs to be Pushed into the Round Hole of a Program; Creating Cooperation, Coordination and Collaboration are deliberate strategies to avoid duplication of services and enhance the ability of many to make a difference. Participants also will have some fun and share some oral history of creating programs, services, coalitions, laws and policies.

CEU Available: LPC, LCDC, Social Work professionals, and CJAD-Approved Hours

CEUs Pending: TCLEOSE and CLEs

CJAD Funded Programs Hours: 12.25

All other participants Hours: 12.25

Included in registration:

2 Continental Breakfasts

2 Buffet Lunches

4 Light Refreshment Breaks