



2015 WSCADV CONFERENCE

WORKSHOPS

An African American Approach: Accessing Domestic Violence Services

To most effectively work with African American victims and families, it is critical to recognize the importance of family systems, and culture as they affect a victim's willingness and/or ability to access DV services. Come to this workshop to gain an understanding of the decades of racism and discrimination which affect the African American family system. This workshop will provide a lens through which African American women/family systems can be viewed as programs refine their guidelines for providing services.

An African American Approach: Outreaching to the African American Community

Learn how to provide outreach services to the African American community in an effective manner. Recognize that African American women are less likely to leave an abusive home and less likely to go outside their community for support. Domestic violence providers are on the front line providing services to survivors. It is important that providers have the necessary basic tools to be able to work effectively with clients when providing outreach services.

All Things Housing

HMIS-CHG-HUD-CoC. What on earth do all of these acronyms mean? And how do they apply to us? Come to this workshop and find out from Department of Commerce housing staff what's happening with housing-related laws and funding impacts. Come prepared with questions and ready to discuss how all of this applies to your shelter and housing programs and to survivors.

Building Bridges to Rainbows: Centering LGBTQ Youth of Color in Anti-Violence Work

The Northwest Network has been working with low-income students of color at Rainier Beach High School; a notoriously under-resourced school in South Seattle. The Network has worked to organize a Gay/Straight Alliance which focuses on racial and economic justice - both of which are necessary for queer liberation and anti-violence work. This workshop will highlight the importance of building youth leadership and community as a tool for combatting systemic oppression and domestic/dating violence.

Workshop leaders will share challenges that have come up along the way, and discuss strategies for other anti-violence youth workers to consider in their efforts to support LGBTQ youth of color.

Child Support: Navigating the Benefits and Risks for Survivors

Child support can be a great benefit. But for survivors, being involved in this system often comes with some risks. Join us to learn the basics about how survivors can maximize the benefits and minimize the risks.

Confronting the Criminalization of Survivors: Lessons from the Free Marissa Now Mobilization Campaign

This session will share the development and strategies of the national movement to free Marissa Alexander as a case study for building political support for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence who are being prosecuted or imprisoned. Participants will learn more about the experiences of criminalized survivors and identify strategies for their freedom and safety.

Feminist Programs Welcoming Survivors of All Genders

Does sexism still matter? Does serving men in our programs and recognizing LGBTQ survivors mean leaving feminist anti-violence analysis behind? Is domestic violence gender neutral? Part think tank, part call to action, this workshop will give you a fresh perspective on how sexism sets the stage for violence in intimate relationships. Come to this workshop to discover how a robust gender analysis can equip programs to welcome all survivors with meaningful support, debunk barriers to gender-integrated services, and make common cause in the work for liberation.

Getting Guns Out of the Hands of Dangerous Abusers

It's plain old common sense. The law says that batterers should not have guns while there is a protection order in place against them. In practice though, getting the right guns out of the wrong hands at the right time is far more complicated. In this workshop we will share practical strategies for enforcement, examples of what is working in Washington State, and how advocates can leverage recent changes in state law to make victims safer.

Girl Power - Growing Great Girls in Rural Eastern Washington

An annual event created to empower young women. Girl Power has sustained itself for 13 years, with little money and a lot of passion. Join two of the Girl Power organizer's to hear about how they continue to host this 2-day camp for over 100 7th and 8th grade girls from rural northeast Washington and about healthy relationships, respect and the pressures that today's young women encounter.

Good Jobs!

Join us as we unpack the results from WSCADV's 2015 Wages & Benefits survey. Come discuss what the results might mean for all of us and our endeavors to lead by example as we strive for economic justice. Geared toward directors and managers, but all are welcome.

Handling the Tough Questions from the Audience

Have you ever being doing a public talk when someone asks you a personal or confrontational question? This workshop will help you think on your feet and develop confidence. Especially useful for those of you who work in classrooms with youth, this session will focus specifically on questions about values, personal experiences, and questions that contain slang or hurtful language. Strategies are adapted from the FLASH sexual health education training. Feel free to bring difficult questions you have encountered to the workshop to test out with the group.

IDK...what is a communication strategy? Part 1

Do you have a communication strategy for your organization? Come join in a lively conversation with the presenter and other workshop participants as we discuss the ins and outs of how we communicate. We'll provide tools so you can create your own plan!

IDK...so now what? Part 2

This workshop will look at how to effectively use data to evaluate your communication strategy. Do you know what to do with the numbers you already gather? Who are we trying to reach? Is it working? How do we decide if we should create a publication? Why does this matter? Come find out.

Into the Garden: Growing Healthy Relationships

Working with young people in the garden doesn't just yield beautiful vegetables, it can also help us teach healthy relationship skills. Join activist Tara Villaba as she shares her unique approach to engaging youth and promoting justice and healthy relationships in her community.

Introduction to Immigration Relief

This workshop is as an overview of the immigration system. We'll discuss U-Visas, VAWA self-petitions, gender-based asylum, and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA). Immigration relief can consist of affirmative (you go to them) or defensive (they are coming at you) applications to either the immigration court or the office of immigration benefits (USCIS). The benefits to obtaining temporary or permanent immigration status can mean physical, psychological, and economic independence and safety for our clients. Come hear about the options.

Just Futures

As follow up to the morning plenary session, come to this workshop to talk more with Jackie Payne about activating your activism. Learn tips for overcoming your particular barrier(s) to creative action, and talk with others about the challenges that your organization may be experiencing in taking on proactive community engagement. Come to think about how social change work can become as much a part of your day as answering your crisis line.

Legal Remedies for Farmworkers

This workshop will focus specifically on the legal barriers and the legal services for farmworkers. We will discuss trafficking, sexual harassment, and sexual assault in the work place. We'll explain immigration relief for undocumented farmworkers, including T Visas and U Visas. Advocates will practice "issue spotting" to detect legal problems and remedies so that advocates can refer people to the proper legal services organization.

Meditation for Beginners

You might think meditation is only for people who can sit cross-legged on the floor and empty their minds. The truth is anyone can meditate, and practicing basic techniques can be deeply restorative. How can calming and centering help your day-to-day advocacy work? This is a no-risk opportunity to hear about the benefits of a simple meditation practice and to give it a try.

Peek-A-Boo, I See You!: How do you support the parent-child bond within the African-American family in crisis?

This is an interactive workshop. Participants will learn techniques that can strengthen the parent-child bond in mobile families. Activities will allow participants to develop cultural respect and responsiveness to the families we work with.

The Real Deal with Trauma-informed Advocacy

As much as we strive to provide trauma-informed advocacy, there are a lot of holes in our practice. Come to this workshop as we gently challenge ourselves with a little introspection and critical thinking about what "trauma-informed" really means and what it takes to do it. Managers and line staff both encouraged to come and talk about our respective roles.

Reproductive and Sexual Coercion: First Aid for You!

We don't need a medical degree before you can figure out how to offer emergency contraception and birth control at your program. Come hear from advocates who lead the "Micro Team on Reproductive Health" from Rural Resources in Colville. Watch short video clips of conversations in action and get five creative examples on how to "tell it like it is"- integrating reproductive health into advocacy practice. Accept the challenge to make change in the three months following the conference and get a prize!

Safety Planning for Survivors Affected by Substance Abuse: Rural Concerns and Solutions

Real tools are the focus of this workshop - pragmatic tools to help advocates and allied professionals address the needs of rural program participants and their families who are impacted by trauma stemming from DV, SA, substance abuse, and other forms of harm. An overview of trauma-informed services will provide context for the situations where lots of problems are all piling on at the same time. We'll explore risk factors, safety planning, and resources as well as tools to support advocacy, safety, recovery, and healing.

Screening IN not OUT of our Programs: Accommodating Survivors Affected by Substance Abuse

This workshop will provide identification and intervention techniques in the context of safety. We'll use the Power & Control Wheel for Women's Substance Abuse to review how substances are used as a tool for manipulation, control & sexual exploitation, and also as a method of coping. Critical screening tools will be provided to help advocates screen participants in, not out, of our programs.

Serving Teens!!

There is growing interest in working with teens to provide support, education, and resources so that they can have healthy, happy, and safe relationships. As the interest grows, so do the questions. This workshop will address mandatory reporting, consent to services and the challenges of "grey areas" while engaging with this vibrant (and fun) population.

Shelter Managers Clubhouse

Here's a workshop just for you shelter managers. Come and be with your people. Network. Help each other out. This time together will be an open session (similar to the shelter managers webinars) where we'll talk about what you want to bring. Those nagging little (and big) problems that many of us have in common. Have you solved a problem recently? Great! Bring your materials and your cutting edge ideas to share too!

Shelter Rules: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Come to think creatively with your colleagues about shelter rules and their implications, both positive and negative, that determine access to our services. Examine ways to reduce barriers for survivors before and during their shelter stay. Feel free to bring your own shelter rules to get some technical assistance from workshop participants and presenters.

Supervising – Part 1

Supervising is an undervalued skill even though it's central to great advocacy. Great supervising is also essential for organizational health. Over the course of 2 workshops (this is part 1), you'll learn about and get to practice the supervision framework taught in WSCADV's leadership program: expectations, feedback, coaching, and mutual accountability. Presenters have experience in advocacy, management, executive leadership, and board service. Please plan to attend both part 1 and 2.

Supervising – Part 2

This is part 2 of the supervising series. It picks up where part 1 left off with topics of expectations, feedback, coaching, and mutual accountability. Please attend this workshop only if you also attended Supervising – Part 1.

We Got a Subpoena - Now What?

Confidentiality and privilege are key foundations of our advocacy with survivors of sexual and domestic violence. But how does that work when we're served with a subpoena? In this workshop, we'll demystify the process, review the differences between subpoenas for records vs. subpoenas for testimony, discuss what non-attorneys can do to respond, learn when it's time to seek legal counsel, and share strategies for helping our community partners understand our response to subpoenas.

What's Up with DV Housing First?

The pilot project is over and we're starting our demonstration project! Learn about the pilot's key findings and critical data nuggets and how this will be applied in the demonstration project. Meet the Demonstration Project's rural program directors and find out what their vision for change is.

Women Building Community: The Color of Hope

This participatory workshop will address ongoing challenges and barriers encountered by immigrant women in rural areas of our state. Together the participants and the presenter will identify systemic changes we need to make - both internally in our own organizations and also externally in regional and statewide policy.