

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT  
PRESENTS

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION: SPECIAL ISSUES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

MARCH 15-17, 2009 • JACKSONVILLE, FL

### AGENDA



Monday, March 15, 2010

8:00-9:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introductions**

*Rhonda Martinson, Attorney, Battered Women's Justice Project*

9:15-11:15 **Law Enforcement and U-Visas**

*Kavitha Sreeharsha, Sameera Hafiz, Senior Staff Attorneys, Legal Momentum*

- Understanding the U-visa process
- Role of law enforcement in U-visa certification
- Developing local U-visa protocols
- Expanding relationships with immigrant victim communities

11:30-1:15 **Working Lunch, Plenary**

*Chief John Harrington, Saint Paul Police Department - The Saint Paul Blue Print for Safety*

1:30-4:30 **Workshop Sessions**

**A. Victim Intimidation and Witness Tampering:  
Identification, Investigation, Documentation**

*Jeff Griepp, Attorney Advisor, Aequitas*

- Signs of a batterer's undue influence over a victim.
- Recognizing victim behaviors that are attempts to cope with battering.
- Strategies to hold "intimidators" accountable for obstruction of victims' access to justice, victim intimidation, and manipulation of the justice system.

**B. Identifying patterns of stalking**

*Marc A. Guillory, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco District Attorney's Office*

- Challenges associated with the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases.
- Offender dynamics and uncharged acts.
- Victim safety and support.
- Recidivism and risk of future violence.

**C. Strangulation and Suffocation: Identification, Investigation, Documentation**

*Detective Mike Agnew, Fresno Police Department*

*Dr. Dean Hawley, Indiana University School of Medicine*

- Anatomy, signs and symptoms of strangulation and suffocation.
- Law enforcement best practices in identification, investigation and documentation.
- Forensic information on strangulation and suffocation homicides.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

8:00- 9:00	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00-12:00	<b>Workshop Sessions (repeat)</b> <b>A. Victim Intimidation and Witness Tampering: Identification, Investigation, Documentation</b> <i>Jeff Griep, Attorney Advisor, Aequitas</i> <b>B. Identifying patterns of stalking</b> <i>Marc Guillory, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco District Attorney's Office</i> <b>C. Strangulation and Suffocation: Identification, Investigation, Documentation</b> <i>Detective Mike Agnew, Fresno Police Department, Dr. Dean Hawley, Indiana University School of Medicine</i>
12:00-1:30	<b>Working Lunch</b>
1:30-4:30	<b>Workshop Sessions</b> <b>A. Assessing for sexual assault in DV cases</b> <i>Officer Mike Davis, Vancouver PD, WA</i> <i>Officer Mike Lumpkin, Mt. Vernon PD, WA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing protocols to screen for sexual assault in DV cases; what to ask and how to ask.</li><li>• Determining appropriate LE response , What actions are appropriate to take?</li></ul> <b>B. Law Enforcement Responses to Child Witness: Considering the Issues and Creating Best Practice Responses</b> <i>Jeff Fontaine, Sergeant, Colchester Police Department, VT; Amy Torchia, Children's Advocacy Specialist/Consultant with VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy to best protect children and adult victims while employing effective investigatory practices.</li><li>• Decision making points for Law Enforcement Officers: why, when and how to search for children, when to talk to children, and subduing or arresting in the presence of children.</li><li>• Tools to assist in creating model protocol for responding to children witnesses to domestic violence.</li></ul> <b>C. Overcoming Obstacles to the Full Enforcement of Protection Orders</b> <i>TBA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interjurisdictional service of orders and promising practices for effective service.</li><li>• Firearms prohibitions under the federal Gun Control Act.</li><li>• Role of law enforcement in the relinquishment of weapons.</li><li>• VAWA III mandate re: custody, support, and economic provisions in protection orders.</li></ul>

**Wednesday, March 17, 2010**

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8:30-11:25	<b>Workshop Sessions (Repeat)</b> <b>A. Assessing for sexual assault in DV cases</b> <i>Officer Mike Davis, Vancouver PD, WA</i> <i>Officer Mike Lumpkin, Mt. Vernon PD, WA</i>  <b>B. Law Enforcement Responses to Child Witness: Considering the Issues and Creating Best Practice Responses</b> <i>Sgt. Jeff Fontaine, Amy Torchia</i>  <b>C. Overcoming Obstacles to the Full Enforcement of Protection Orders</b> <i>TBA</i>
11:30-12:30	<b>Closing Plenary</b> <b>Maryland Lethality Project, a model for Law Enforcement</b> <i>Dave Sargent, MD LAP</i>