

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT
PRESENTS
ENGAGING OFFENDERS IN JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY
USING EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES
JUNE 9–11, 2015 • ALBUQUERQUE, NM



AGENDA

Effective probation responses gather reliable information about offenders and their history; reassess dangerousness over time; and collaborate with system and cultural/community partners to manage offenders appropriately. Outcomes include reductions in offending and maximizing the safety and autonomy of victims and their families, and greater wellbeing for communities.

Practitioners working with offenders will be better able to:

- Engage, motivate and monitor offenders as they move through systems and programs
- Expand their own role in promoting victim safety and autonomy
- Identify and address disparate intervention outcomes
- Clarify who needs to be accountable to whom, for individuals, agencies and systems
- Discern the quality of evidence-based research, and apply it to their practice
- Encourage multi-institutional, community and family capacity to hold men who batter accountable for their conduct and encourage them to change.

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

7:30 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 9:00 **Welcome, Introductions, Conference Overview and the Context of Domestic Violence Cases**
Jim Henderson Battered Women's Justice Project, Ann Arbor, MI

9:00 – 9:45 **Plenary One – Practical Implications of Current Intimate Partner Violence Research for Probation Officers**
Andrew Klein, Senior Research Analyst, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., Sudbury, MA

9:45 – 10:00 **Break**

10:00 – 11:45 **Morning Workshops**

1. **Accountability for Witness Intimidation: Probation's Role**
Rhonda Martinson, J.D., Rhonda Martinson Consulting, LLC, Minneapolis, MN
2. **Exposing What's Concealed: Probation, Domestic Violence and Firearms**
John Guard, Pitt County Sheriff's Office, Greenville, NC
3. **The Impact of Differential Sentencing Severity for Domestic Violence Offenses and All Other Offenses Over Abusers' Life Spans**
Andrew Klein, Senior Research Analyst, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., Sudbury, MA

11:45 – 1:15 **Lunch**

- 1:15 – 2:45** **Early Afternoon Workshops (Repeat)**
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- 2:45 – 3:00** **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30** **Late Afternoon Workshops**
- 1. Increased Criminal Justice Attention to Strangulation and the Impact on Probation Practice in a Coordinated Community Response**
Rhonda Martinson, J.D., Rhonda Martinson Consulting, LLC, Minneapolis, MN
 - 2. Accounting for Violence and its Context in Presentence Investigation**
Jen Wright, Superintendent - Juvenile Center, Arrowhead Regional Corrections, Duluth, MN
 - 3. Supervising Military and Veteran Offenders**
Brian Clubb, Military Advocacy Program Coordinator, Battered Women's Justice Project, Stafford, VA

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

- 8:30 – 9:30** **Plenary Two – Culture Matters: Working More Effectively with African American Men**
Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley, Howard University, Washington, DC
- 9:30 – 11:00** **Morning Workshops**
- 1. Risk Assessment Tools in DV Cases within a Corrections Setting: Using SARA, Its Strengths and Limitations**
Nancy Halverson, Corrections Unit Supervisor, Hennepin County Corrections, Minneapolis, MN
 - 2. Working with Victims of Violence and Sexual Assault using a Culturally Competent Approach**
Ada Pecos Melton, American Indian Development Associates, Albuquerque, NM
 - 3. The Context of Domestic Violence in African American Women's Day-to-Day Experience**
Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley, Howard University, Washington, DC
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15** **Plenary Three – Strength-Based Victim Interviewing In a Probation Setting**
James Henderson Jr, Battered Women's Justice Project, Ann Arbor, MI
- 12:15 – 1:45** **Lunch**

1:45 – 3:15

Afternoon Workshops

1. **Deschutes County Oregon Intensive Probation Supervision – Reducing Recidivism by Focusing on the Most Dangerous Offenders**
Angel Lotito, Deschutes County Adult Probation and Parole, Bend, OR, and Trish Meyer, Assistant Director, Saving Grace, Redmond, OR
2. **Working with Native American Men and Tribal Courts – Applying First Nation Cultural Resources**
Ada Pecos Melton, American Indian Development Associates, Albuquerque, NM
Rod Kaskalla, Domestic Violence Coordinator, Pueblo of Nambe, NM
3. **Batterer Intervention Programs and Corrections working Synergistically: The View from a Probation Supervisor**
Jen Wright, Superintendent - Juvenile Center, Arrowhead Regional Corrections, Duluth, MN

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 5:00

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2. **Using Risk Assessment Tools in DV Cases within a Corrections Setting: Using DVSI; Its Strengths and Limitations**
Nancy Halverson, Corrections Unit Supervisor, Hennepin County Corrections, Minneapolis, MN
3. **Boy, What We've Learned: 14 Years of Monitoring Defendants on GPS in Denver City and County**
Mary Beth Wise, Operations Manager, Denver Community Corrections and Lindsey Dixon, Probation Supervisor, City and County of Denver, Electronic Monitoring Program

Thursday, June 11, 2015

8:00 – 8:30

Sign-in

8:30 – 10:00

Morning Workshops

1. **Identifying and Responding Effectively to Stalking – Partnerships that Work for Victims and Probation**
Elaina Roberts, Program Attorney, Stalking Resource Center, Washington DC
2. **Intersection of Combat-Related Conditions and Intimate Partner Violence**
Brian Clubb, Military Advocacy Program Coordinator, Battered Women's Justice Project, Stafford, VA
3. **Practical Guidance on Supervising DV Offenders with Co-occurring Chemical Dependency Problems**
Maureen Casey, Director of Programs, Spectrum Health Systems, Fitchburg, MA

10:00 – 10:20

Checkout Break

10:20 – 11:45

Closing Plenary Four – Practice Reality: Probation's Potential to Impact the Lives of Offenders and Their Families

James Henderson Jr, Battered Women's Justice Project, Ann Arbor, MI