

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, MSW, CAC-R, 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, PH.D., 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, Ph.D., 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. Supervising Military and Veteran Offenders**  
*Brian Clubb, J.D., 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, J.D., 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, BA, MPA, 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, MSW, CAC-R, 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, BSW, 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, BA, MPA, American Indian Development Associates, Albuquerque, NM*  
*Rod Kaskalla, Domestic Violence Coordinator, Pueblo of Nambe, NM*

3:15 – 3:30

**Break**

3:30 – 5:00

**Late Afternoon Workshops**

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*Angel Lotito, BSW, Deschutes County Adult Probation and Parole, Bend, OR, and Trish Meyer, Assistant Director, Saving Grace, Redmond, OR*
2. **Using Risk Assessment Tools in DV Cases within a Corrections Setting: Using DVSI; Its Strengths and Limitations**  
*Nancy Halverson, J.D., 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, BSc, Operations Manager, Denver Community Corrections and Lindsey Dixon, BSc, 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, J.D., Program Attorney, Stalking Resource Center, Washington DC*
2. **Intersection of Combat-Related Conditions and Intimate Partner Violence**  
*Brian Clubb, J.D., 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, BSc, 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, MSW, CAC-R, Battered Women's Justice Project, Ann Arbor, MI*