

28th Annual Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Conference
Leading the Change: Advocacy in Action
Feb. 28 - March 4, 2010
[Isla Grand Beach Resort](#)
South Padre Island, Texas

* A "safe room" is available in the conference room after the board meeting and will be open throughout the conference.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Conference Room

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Early Registration

Second Floor Lobby

Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Margarita Reception

TBA (Hammerhead Deck or Grand Ballroom, depending on weather)

Join us for a fun-filled evening of networking and margaritas – the perfect way to begin your stay in South Padre!

Monday, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Second Floor Lobby

Monday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Opening Address – The Future of Advocacy: Engaging Communities

Olga R. Trujillo, J.D.

Grand Ballroom

Monday, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Connecting the Dots: Media and the Rape Culture

Casey Elizabeth Scott, Rhonda Wilson Williamson

Ballroom A 100

You wake up in the morning to your favorite radio program. You watch the news as you get ready for work. You pass countless billboards during your commute. You use the Internet to do research and check your e-mail. As a society, every day we are constantly inundated with multiple forms of media and the messages that they send us. After critically examining several of these, it is apparent that many of the messages promote an acceptance of violence against women. This perpetuates the rape culture – a culture in which rape and other sexual violence is common, and in which prevalent attitudes, norms, practices and media condone, normalize, excuse or encourage sexualized violence. In order to

eliminate violence against women we must first address the social norms that not only tolerate, but often condone this violence, and which are propagated every day by the media.

Cyberstalking: A Force to Be Reckoned With

Rose Luna

Ballroom B 100

Cyberstalking is a relatively new phenomenon plaguing our society. This workshop will explore the dynamics involved with cyberstalking as it relates to the victim, perpetrator and the law. Subject matter includes an examination of offender typology and tactics, law enforcement strategies and victim assistance and resources.

Preventing Compassion Fatigue/Burn Out/Secondary Trauma and Promoting Compassion Satisfaction

Miriam M. Elizondo, MS, LPC, NCC; Carmen Vasquez, MS, LPCi

Ballroom C 100

Compassion fatigue, or the "cost of caring," is a normal reaction to working with traumatized people. Crisis responders are at risk of developing psychological symptoms that may cause distress and/or limit their daily functioning, including at work and in their relationships, not to mention the impact on physical health. As crisis responders and trauma clinicians, it is important to understand what compassion fatigue, secondary trauma and burn out are, be aware of the symptoms and have ideas about how to combat it. This workshop will discuss the differences between these issues, how they impact your professional and personal life, and what you can do to both prevent and treat it.

Partnership with Schools: Speak the Language

Bobette Doerrie

Ballroom D 100

Participants in this workshop will leave with practical skills for understanding the special language and tools that educators use, as well as the ability to match goals with educators as partners for prevention. The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) set the standards for public education at present, just as primary prevention grantors set ours. This workshop will provide tools for primary prevention outreach personnel to use to effectively approach schools for inclusion in their programs.

Facilitating a Successful Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

Brooke Wyatt

Nautilus 80

During the initial launch of a SART, or the continuation of one by a new facilitator, it may be difficult for the team to maintain momentum and focus. This workshop will explore tools for developing, coordinating, stabilizing and maintaining a successful SART while maximizing the use of resources within a community and providing inclusive services to those affected by sexual assault.

A Paternity, Child Support & Custody/Visitation Primer for Advocates

Stephanie Chiarello, Michael Hayes

Conch/Sundial 50

What do survivors need to know about applying for and receiving child support services in the state of Texas – and how can they go about accessing those services safely? This session will provide an overview of how the child support process works, what the state can and can't do to protect survivors who need child support, and how advocates can help survivors understand and navigate the complicated legal processes of paternity establishment, child support enforcement and custody/visitation. Staff from the Texas Attorney General's Office Child Support Division will be looking for significant input from workshop participants to identify potential policy and procedural barriers survivors encounter when accessing child support services.

Domestic Minors of Human Trafficking (Part 1 of 2)

Wende Hilsenrod

Key Largo 40

Runaways, other vulnerable youth, pimps, johns, law enforcement, social services and criminal justice professionals are different pieces of the puzzle that is domestic minors of human trafficking. Victims are recruited because of their vulnerabilities; and once rescued, those vulnerabilities and the survival skills the victims were taught by the pimp create a complex situation for all agencies involved.

Monday, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Executive Director Luncheon

For Executive Directors only, lunch on your own for all other attendees.

Hammerhead Deck

Monday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Did You Hear That? Active Listening in Advocacy

Danielle Rominski

Ballroom B 100

This interactive workshop will focus on using active listening skills among attendees in combination with advocacy through hands-on activities. We will identify communication blockers and explore how attendees can avoid this communication blunder when talking with survivors during hospital advocacy, on hotlines and even on the RAINN Online Hotline. We will explore respectful communication in both calm and highly charged situations by using conflict resolution methods.

Why Victims Don't Always Behave the Way We Think They Should and What We Should Do About It

Olga Trujillo

Ballroom C 100

This interactive session will examine the struggles first responders and other professionals face when handling domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse cases. Through case study and question and answer we will explore how trauma can look and sound in victims and examine strategies for improving investigations and prosecutions of these cases.

Pornography, Violence and the Threat to Intimacy

Robert Jensen

Ballroom D 100

In the past two decades, pornography has become increasingly normalized and mainstream in U.S. culture, while at the same time the content of the material has become more and more cruel and degrading to women. What are the effects of this on the men who use pornography and their partners? In this talk, Jensen will discuss the consequences of an increasingly pornographic culture on our intimate lives, drawing on material from his new book, *Getting Off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity*.

Finding Our Strengths: Military and Civilian Communities Working Together to Serve Survivors in the Military

Dr. Charlotte Moerbe, Shelley Botello, R. N., SANE

Nautilus 80

Recent Department of Defense policy emphasizes the need to support victims of sexual assault as a top priority, and to use all available resources in doing so. Lackland Air Force Base created a new program with the support and expertise of

civilian agencies that addressed those areas lacking in previous military sexual assault response procedures. The challenges and successes of the program will be discussed.

Our World Through Someone Else's Eyes – Role Play

Sherry Hostetter

Conch/Sundial 50

A great way to see the world is to see it from someone else's perspective. Learning how to role play will allow you to recognize what is important to someone else, not what you believe should be important to them. People use different bits of information and knowledge to tackle the same problem and since no two people think alike, it's enormously helpful to view a particular situation from many different angles.

Domestic Minors of Human Trafficking (Part 2 of 2)

Wende Hilsenrod

Key Largo 40

Monday, 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

Ballroom A

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration

Second Floor Lobby

Tuesday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

"Speak Your Mind, Even if Your Voice Shakes": The Role of Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Rick Gipprich, Jr.; Kelsey Holt

Ballroom A 100

This workshop will provide prevention educators with tools to effectively show communities how everyday situations present us with opportunities to stand up for what we believe in. Participants will discuss why they sometimes take action and become responsible bystanders and why other times they are passive and do nothing. Participants will explore why certain situations they may have found themselves in made them uncomfortable, while also exploring the consequences of why they did or did not do anything about it. Finally, we will discuss how apathy and lack of involvement affect our relationships with one another and the community as a whole.

Men's Roles in Sexual Assault Prevention

Curtis Clay

Ballroom B 100

This workshop will analyze the strategies being utilized today to prevent sexual assault and discuss their effectiveness. The presentation will also look at the challenges that men will particularly face as they become more involved in sexual assault prevention.

Fundraising with a Twist of Humor

Kim Stark, LMSW

Ballroom C 100

This workshop is designed to help rape crisis centers find a creative way to raise money using a lighthearted approach by bringing the International "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence into their communities. Walk a Mile is a march where men literally walk a mile in women's high heeled shoes to speak out against sexual violence. This march can be integrated with several funding streams to increase potential for maximized financial impact. It is also possible to coordinate efforts to someday bring statewide recognition to the issue of rape through this march.

Recruiting & Training Volunteers Across the Generations

Danielle Rominski

Ballroom D 100

In the coming years, four different generations (traditionalists, baby boomers, gen Xers and gen Yers) will exist in the workplace together, each of a different age and era, with different motivations, skills, values and interests. In order to stay effective in the training techniques, we must be able to create a workplace environment that is responsive to these varying generational needs.

Estrogen/Testosterone Across the Lifespan

Shelley Botello

Nautilus 80

Throughout the life span hormones play an important role in the development of the human body. A forensic nurse examiner must have a firm understanding of the possible physical changes that may be identified as we note increases and decreases of hormones throughout the life cycle.

Inner-healing Counseling for Victims of Incest

Dr. Sandy Murphy

Conch/Sundial 50

For more than a decade the taboo of incest has emotionally destroyed people, often to the point of chronic depression and/or suicide. The Drama-Counseling technique will be demonstrated to teach how the different personalities are formed from emotional trauma, how to recognize the problems, and how to effectively counsel victims of incest.

Sexual Assault and Hate Crimes in the GLBT Community

Allison Vogt, LBSW

Key Largo 40

This workshop will provide the worker with understanding of how people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and/or transgender (GLBT) are affected by sexual assault and hate crimes. Moreover, the presenter will discuss with participants the connection between sexual assault and hate crimes in all communities. Not only will this presentation provide the advocate/therapist with the tools to work with a diverse population, but it will also provide much needed information about the hate crime – sexual assault connection.

Tuesday, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Region A Meeting

Ballroom A 100

Region B Meeting

Ballroom B 100

Region C Meeting

Ballroom C 100

Region D Meeting

Ballroom D 100

Region E Meeting

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Region F Meeting

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Tuesday, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday Luncheon – Recognizing and Utilizing Each Other’s Strengths

Shelley Botello and Charlotte Moerbe

Grand Ballroom

Tuesday, 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Are We Protecting Children? The Management of Sex Offenders (Part 1 of 2)

Allison Taylor

Ballroom A 100

Sex offenders are an extremely heterogeneous mixture and range in categories from the voyeur, exhibitionist, statutory offender, incest offender, the pedophile, the rapist, sadist, to the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). With all sex offenders,

a “containment model” is necessary in order to protect the public. An effective containment model incorporates legislation, judges, district attorneys, law enforcement, supervision officers, sexual assault prevention programs, victim advocates, victim assistance agencies, qualified treatment providers and external controls such as polygraphs, global positioning satellite monitoring, radio frequency electronic monitoring, child safety zones, registration and community notification. However, this model is only as good as its weakest link. The efficacy of a society managing sex offenders is related to a multitude of issues such as understanding myths and facts, identifying high risk offenders, understanding the thought process, deviant sexual behavior, triangulation, recidivism rates and grooming techniques of sex offenders.

Marketing Your Volunteer Program/Agency in the Community (Part 1 of 2)

Sherry Hostetter, Nichole Tips, Josh Maher, Melissa Heald

Ballroom B 100

We all know that volunteers are vital to the missions of our organizations – even more so when economic times are trying. In order to attract high quality volunteers for your organization, you need to aggressively and effectively market your volunteer program and agency as a whole. In this workshop, we will discuss approaching your volunteer program from an internal standpoint, crafting compelling and effective messages, designing visually-appealing marketing materials, and using a multi-tiered approach to deliver the finished products to your constituents.

Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Treatment Services in Texas

Natalie Furdek

Ballroom C 100

Many individuals who experience sexual assault often attempt to cope with the resulting emotional devastation by using alcohol and other drugs. Additionally, the dependent lifestyle of victimization and substance abuse often leads to continued victimization. Early models of treatment for substance abuse and dependence were based on highly confrontational interactions with clients which resulted in many addicted survivors of sexual assault feeling re-victimized by the treatment process itself. Within the last several years, the Department of State Health Services has worked to implement trauma-informed treatment services which aim to eliminate this experience for clients and increase the effectiveness of services with those individuals who have experienced trauma in their past. This presentation will highlight the Seeking Safety Model of trauma-informed services, describe the specific changes in the DSHS-funded substance abuse treatment system in Texas, and explain how victims can access this system.

Program Evaluation Made Easy (Part 1 of 2)

Jeanne Stamp

Ballroom D 100

Strong program evaluation drives future program design and improvement, identifies best practices and supports funding requests through proof of effective and high impact service delivery. This workshop will walk participants through a step-by-step approach to evaluation design to create objectives that are SMART, and that produce measurable outcomes that show not only the number and types of services provided, but the benefits, impact and changes those services have on clients.

It's Not Always About the Hymen

Deborah Kleypas

Nautilus 80

This workshop will focus on the medial forensic exam of the child, adolescent and adult male sexual assault patient. A case study will be presented for each age group. A comprehensive look into the exam, treatment, documentation of injury and testimony in court will be discussed.

Building Gender Equity (Part 1 of 2)

Tim Love, Ted Rutherford

Conch/Sundial 50

This participatory workshop will explore the cultural influences that help determine the sets of social norms males and females are expected to follow. Participants will closely examine specific social and cultural systems as they pertain to gender role socialization and gender-based oppression. We will examine the connections between gender role socialization and sexual violence, and develop strategies to create gender equity.

¿No se habla español? Models for Addressing the Gaps in Service (Part 1 of 2)

Laura Zarate, Sandra Molinari, Rose Luna

Key Largo 40

The Latin@ population is growing and in ten years most Texans will be Latin@, according to the Texas State Data Center. Yet as the presence of Latin@s grows across the nation, limited funds, anti-immigrant sentiments and limited outreach efforts have kept victims service agencies in a perpetual state of “catch-up.” Many victim advocates and outreach workers are overextended and burned out, thus furthering the gap in the disparity of services to the Latin@ community. The first segment of this two part session will address community collaborations and how existing programs can be enhanced to provide culturally competent programs in Spanish. The second part will explore the significance of TAASA’s statewide diversity initiatives on the local level as well as the role Texas has played in national efforts and program models such as the Existe Ayuda (help exists) National Outreach Project.

Tuesday, 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Are We Protecting Children? The Management of Sex Offenders (Part 2 of 2)

Allison Taylor

Ballroom A 100

Marketing Your Volunteer Program/Agency in the Community (Part 2 of 2)

Sherry Hostetter, Nichole Tips, Josh Maher, Melissa Heald

Ballroom B 100

You're Having a Breakdown: Vicarious Trauma & Helping Professionals

Jennifer McLaughlin

Ballroom C 100

Participants will be invited to explore vicarious trauma as a natural consequence of being empathically engaged with clients who have experienced trauma in their lives. This workshop uses humor to help build resilience in those working with the traumatized and to explore ways of immunizing the worker from vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout.

Program Evaluation Made Easy (Part 2 of 2)

Jeanne Stamp

Ballroom D 100

Strangulation: Role of the Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Sheilah Priori

Nautilus 80

This presentation will discuss the role of the SANE/forensic nurse examiner regarding domestic violence and the strangulation patient. It will discuss options in reporting for the domestic abuse patient and changes in the law. Case studies will be presented with secure digital forensic images to support the need for a medical evaluation of the sexual assault, strangulation and/or domestic abuse victim.

Building Gender Equity (Part 2 of 2)

Tim Love, Ted Rutherford
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¿No se habla español? Models for Addressing the Gaps in Service (Part 2 of 2)

Laura Zarate, Sandra Molinari, Rose Luna
Key Largo 40

Wednesday, 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration

Second Floor Lobby

Wednesday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Documenting Sexual Assault in Non-Consensual Language

Wende Hilsenrod
Ballroom A 100

Even when properly investigated, most reported sexual assaults are not successfully prosecuted. Prosecutors point fingers, claiming that the way the report is written does not justify a charge. Law enforcement points back, saying that attorneys want a slam dunk. Advocates get mad at the system. Defense attorneys win cases by attacking the credibility of the victim and the investigation, which comes directly from the investigator's report. Sexual assault is uncomfortable to talk about and few investigators have been trained on how to properly document sexual crimes. This training looks at ways of writing reports that allow the reader to "see" the assault through the victim's eyes.

From Awareness to Action: Fostering a Dialogue from a Prevention Perspective

Aissa C. Solis, Kelly McGinty
Ballroom B 100

This interactive workshop will focus on exploring creative ideas about how to engage youth in social justice issues. The highlights will include encouraging group cohesion, incorporating activities that inspire youth to reflect on social justice issues and adding to the toolbox of educators. This workshop will be beneficial to all prevention educators in that it will give new facilitators a place to start and seasoned facilitators new ideas on how to build connections with the youth we work with. The focus of this workshop is to assist educators in building a stronger foundation for understanding primary prevention and creating connections with youth. The workshop will include tools for establishing and fostering group trust in order to promote a safe environment in which to have challenging discussions. We will also include creative approaches to inspire group involvement and responsiveness.

Introduction to Establishing a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Collaboration

Lisa Zapata-Maling
Ballroom C 100

A coordinated community response to sexual assault is imperative for the victim, successful investigations, resolution of cases and community safety. This workshop will review the process of creating and maintaining a local SART/SANE program and review the role of the Office of the Attorney General in supporting this process.

Recruiting & Selecting Top Volunteer Advocates

Annette Burrhus-Clay
Ballroom D 100

Managing a strong corps of volunteers is a challenging endeavor which can be made easier when your screening process identifies potential problems in advance. Additionally, your job is easier when you retain the strong volunteers you have. This workshop will share tools for simple and effective recruitment and selection, plus give concrete, inexpensive and common sense suggestions for keeping your volunteers committed to your program for years to come.

Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Case Review (Part 1 of 2)

Laurie Charles

Nautilus 80

This workshop is an interactive discussion of adolescent and pediatric sexual assault cases with photo documentation, directed to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner or physician. Attendees are encouraged to bring cases to review.

Case Study: A Victim's Legal Journey and Vindication

Erin Hendricks

Conch/Sundial 50

This case study will present one survivor's experience with the criminal justice system. Valerie lived in a relationship of domestic and sexual violence for a number of years before she finally broke the cycle of abuse. Despite her efforts years ago to leave the relationship, seemingly unanswered calls for help from the criminal justice system, and her own struggle to embrace the reality of her situation, Valerie returned to her abuser despite his continued emotional abuse. However, her frightening call for help to local police in August of 2008 was the beginning of the end of her abuser's power and control over Valerie. The collaborative response by local law enforcement, counselors and advocates, medical personnel, prosecutors and civil legal assistance professionals enabled Valerie to live to see her criminal case to trial. The presentation will explore the many facets of this case's path through the criminal justice system and the tangential issues that arose along the way.

Improving our Work with Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual Survivors

Heidi Pyron

Key Largo 40

While most agencies are LGBT aware, to best serve survivors we must continually strive to achieve competency in working with these clients. Effects of heterosexism and homophobia on service providers and LGBT individuals will be discussed. Appropriate terminology, cultural considerations and safety planning concerns specific to LGBT survivors will be covered. Information on addressing organizational forms/policies for inclusion of LGBT clients and ideas on creating an LGBT-friendly environment will be shared. Because SA has historically been viewed as a heterosexual issue, LGBT survivors may not recognize the abuse. Ideas to help get them to you for service will be given.

Wednesday, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Volunteer/Staff Relations: Making it Work

Danielle Rominski

Ballroom A 100

This workshop will explore the delicate balance between staff and volunteers by using different models/handouts to create volunteer opportunities that are responsive to staff needs, identify satisfying work for volunteers and find the right volunteer for the right job. Once you find the right balance for volunteers and staff then you can focus on team building and appreciation for staff and volunteers.

Interviewing Victims with Communication and/or Cognitive Disabilities

Lyndel Williams

Ballroom B 100

The training provides specific guidelines for law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocates who work with victims of crime with disabilities during the interview process. It is designed for professionals who already conduct interviews to help them hone their abilities to work with individuals who present specific challenges to a successful interview outcome. Cognitive disabilities, which involve the mental process of knowing, include disabilities such as mental retardation and autism. Communication disabilities, which involve physical impairment that interferes with a person's ability to convey information and ideas, include disabilities associated with speech production. This will be a video-driven training with many opportunities to discuss the issues of these special populations.

New Sexual Assault Laws from the 81st Legislative Session

Victoria "Torie" Camp

Ballroom C 100

There were 1,424 new laws created during the 81st legislative session. How many address sexual violence and what were they? Attend this workshop to learn about recent changes to the Code of Criminal Procedure, Government Code, Property Code and other Codes that are relevant to sexual assault survivors and advocates. We'll try to keep the jokes about politicians to a minimum!

Primary Prevention Partners: We Are Not Alone

Carol Harper

Ballroom D 100

This workshop will present models for primary prevention partnerships with existing community organizations. Four models will be discussed, including school-based programs, community-based youth programs, community-based adult programs and juvenile justice system programs. Potential partners and audiences will be considered as well as some of the successes and challenges involved. Program management, including professional development and documentation issues, will be discussed. Benefits and impacts of the program will be shown through real-life experiences of adult and youth, professional and community, and teacher and student participants with illustrations of skills developed, concepts learned and actions taken.

Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Case Review (Part 2 of 2)

Laurie Charles

Nautilus 80

Logic Models: Bringing Some Method to the Madness

Morgan J Curtis, LMSW

Conch/Sundial 50

Logic models provide a useful framework for strategic program development and evaluation, and creating a logic model is an integral component of a successful comprehensive primary prevention program. This workshop will explore the process of creating a logic model and will give participants an opportunity to begin working on logic models for their own community-based prevention efforts.

Sexual Assault and Learned Helplessness

James A. Runnels, LPC

Key Largo 40

Negative situations experienced by individuals in which the individual is not able to control the outcome of the situation produce a profound sense of inadequacy and fear. This lack of confidence and helplessness can last for years if not addressed. This workshop will help the advocate recognize helplessness and provide intervention techniques to help the client regain a sense of control over their lives.

Wednesday, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Awards Luncheon

Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

It Is Possible: School-Based Primary Prevention (Part 1 of 2)

Amy Loftus

Ballroom A 100

Learn how primary prevention education challenges students to examine knowledge, attitudes and behaviors regarding sexual violence in an interactive format. Following the ecological model through community collaboration this education program engages students, parents and the community. Understand the importance of increased dosage, lessons aligned with state standards and testing for efficacy.

Mixing Four Generations in the Workplace (Part 1 of 2)

Sheryl J. McMullen

Ballroom B 100

In today's work environment, we are likely to be managing, coaching, counseling or leading people who are nothing like us. So, how do we find common ground? One starting point is to gain an understanding of generational dynamics. The workforce comprises four distinct generations; each with its own shared history, common biases and core beliefs. Learning what makes each generation tick and what is most important to them can help build relationships within the workplace.

Striking the Balance: Compassion Fatigue vs. Compassion Satisfaction

Noel Busch-Armendariz, Karen Kalergis

Ballroom C 100

Working with sexual assault survivors can be both incredibly rewarding and incredibly difficult. Learning how to identify and manage the risks of this work is key to keeping the experienced practitioner or volunteer healthy and on the job. This interactive session will present results of IDVSA (Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault) research on the extent of compassion stress in programs serving victims of interpersonal violence in Texas and provide time for participants to create an action plan to develop resilience in themselves and others.

The Religious/Spiritual Dimension of Healing: A Legitimate Issue? (Part 1 of 2)

Gregg Judd

Ballroom D 100

This workshop will feature a panel of faith-based and spiritual leaders providing insight on the various faith and spiritual perspectives that exist in our society. This facilitated discussion will include both didactic instruction and thought provoking dialogue exploring the following areas: Implications on the intersection of faith/spirituality and victims of crime; best practices for effective and respectful service delivery; suggestions for building sustainable partnerships between agencies and communities of faith; and dialogue on the prevention of sexual assault and/or all forms of violence and oppression as a social justice issue. The audience will also have an opportunity to engage in a question & answer session with the panel.

Suspect Evidence Collection

Kayce Ward RN, CA-SANE

Nautilus 80

This presentation will discuss the components of a suspect sexual assault exam as provided by a forensic nurse examiner. We will cover the differences between suspect and survivor exams and identify potential risks when working with law enforcement when conducting suspect evidence collection.

Survivor Relocation: Safety Planning, Tools and Resources (Part 1 of 2)

Andrea Edgeron, Molly Voyles

Conch/Sundial 50

This workshop will discuss relocation resources specifically for survivors of violence as well as cover both basic and advanced safety planning. The workshop will also cover the barriers survivors face when relocating as well as tools that can assist in the process. These include Crime Victims Compensation, the Address Confidentiality Program, housing programs and many others. There will also be time built in to discuss challenges that can arise when survivors of violence relocate. This training is beneficial for new advocates and can be a refresher for advanced advocates.

Treatment of Complex Trauma with Sexual Assault Survivors

Miriam M. Elizondo, MS, LPC, NCC; Carmen Vasquez, MS, LPCi

Key Largo 40

Complex trauma is a psychological injury that results from exposure to prolonged trauma where the victim has a lack or loss of control and disempowerment in the context of captivity/entrapment. These trauma sources include sexual abuse, child sexual abuse, physical abuse, torture and trafficking. Complex trauma better describes the pervasive negative impact of chronic repetitive trauma that PTSD does not include.

Wednesday, 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

It Is Possible: School-Based Primary Prevention (Part 2 of 2)

Amy Loftus

Ballroom A 100

Mixing Four Generations in the Workplace (Part 2 of 2)

Sheryl J. McMullen

Ballroom B 100

The Gentler Sex: Working with Female Sex Offenders

Lisa Luna

Ballroom C 100

This training explores the rates of female perpetrated sexual abuse, the barriers to reporting it, impact and treatment issues, as well as working with this highly under-reported population of perpetrators.

The Religious/Spiritual Dimension of Healing: A Legitimate Issue? (Part 2 of 2)

Gregg Judd

Ballroom D 100

Networking, Mentoring and Retaining New SANEs

Stephanie Schulte

Nautilus 80

This workshop will describe what the new SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner) nurse experiences as she/he begins practicing in her/his new role. Looking through a new SANE's eyes will show the importance of mentoring and networking in order to retain the professionals in their current role.

Survivor Relocation: Safety Planning, Tools and Resources (Part 2 of 2)

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Working with the African American Community

Debra Mitchell-Ibe, Shanika Davis

Key Largo 40

When you look at me, what you see? Do you see me, my color or gender? To see me, you must take into consideration all of these. Service providers often encounter challenges when offering services and responding to the needs of the African American community. Effective advocacy entails using innovative approaches with this community. The focus of this presentation will be to increase the participants' self awareness while challenging them to think outside of the box when providing services to minorities.

Thursday, 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration

Second Floor Lobby

Thursday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Ethics in Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault (Part 1 of 2)

Eugenia (Jennie) Barr, Ph.D.

Ballroom B 100

Ethics in providing victim services is paramount to ensuring that the rights of victims are balanced with the needs of the criminal justice process in prosecuting offenders of these crimes. Definitions of professionalism, ethical decision making and ethical self-awareness will be offered and discussed in the context of sexual assault-related cases. Professional codes of ethics will be shared, compared and contrasted.

Civil Legal Remedies for Sexual Assault Victims

Julia Raney

Ballroom C 100

While many sexual assault victims and advocates are aware of criminal legal options, many are unaware of civil legal options. In many cases, civil legal needs are more urgent to a victim's immediate safety and stability. This workshop will discuss a variety of sexual assault victims' civil legal needs, including civil protective orders, housing, immigration and education issues, so that advocates can help victims identify these issues.

Twilight: Cute vs. Creepy – Primary Prevention & Youth Attitudes

Rhonda Wilson Williamson, Amber Marcil

Ballroom D 100

Pre-and-post surveys gathered during primary prevention work with South Texas youth have revealed a clear connection between their perception of what a romantic relationship should be and the mediated images our pop culture presents them with. This program investigates the link between the pop culture phenomenon *Twilight* and youth attitudes surrounding healthy relationships and stalking. The books and films are current cultural touchstones for youth and adults. Using selections from the movies, books and marketing materials for both, we will apply critical media literacy strategies to investigate the connection between youth attitudes and this media enterprise.

Economic Advocacy as Part of the Safety Equation

Krista Del Gallo
Nautilus 80

Economic stability is critical to the ongoing safety and prosperity of survivors of sexual and domestic violence and their families. Survivors often cite the lack of financial resources and support as a main reason for remaining in or returning to violent relationships or for feeling unsafe and unable to move forward. This workshop will address ways in which to incorporate economic support and strategies into everyday advocacy work with survivors and will provide an overview of the various economic protections in state and federal law from which advocates can draw.

Trained Like the Military

Allen Blair
Conch/Sundial 50

Have you ever wondered what military training is like, especially in regard to sexual assault? People often wonder why there continues to be so many sexual assaults in the military if the training is truly effective. This is your opportunity to partake in the very same training being presented to every single new member of the United States Air Force. You be the judge.

Lights, Camera, Action! (Part 1 of 2)

Karen Kalergis, Melissa Heald
Key Largo 40

Learn how to make the most of your 15 minutes of fame. This fun, fast-paced and interactive workshop will provide the basic skills to make your encounters of the close-up kind a success! Learn the difference between what print and broadcast media want, and practice techniques to publicize the important work your organization does. To make sure you are ready for your 15 minutes of fame, you will have time to practice on camera, so class is limited to the first 25 registrants.

Thursday, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

The Secret of Sustainable Advocacy

Ellen Elliston, PhD, LCSW, CDVC; Susan Clark, PhD, LCSW
Ballroom A 100

We all know that talking about sexual victimization day in and day out can cause serious secondary trauma even in the strongest professional. Less known are the psycho-physiological mechanisms that drive vicarious traumatization. Participants in this workshop will learn to detect early signs of secondary trauma, gain control of their automatic responses and learn to effectively interrupt the cycle of harm to help themselves and their staff members heal.

Ethics in Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault (Part 2 of 2)

Eugenia (Jennie) Barr, Ph.D.
Ballroom B 100

Women of Color, Society and the Media: A Primary Prevention Perspective

Kelly McGinty-Owen, Aissa Solis
Ballroom C 100

“Women of color” is a broad descriptor and this workshop is designed to cover this wide ranging topic to address how women of color are portrayed in the media as well as the connection between media portrayal and sexual violence. The workshop will be interactive and discussion-based and is meant to build cultural competency as well as start a dialog about how to better connect with women of color in each of our communities. This will also be an opportunity for exchanging ideas about success stories as well as barriers in our communities. There will be discussion about media

portrayal of women of African American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Native American and Latina cultures. It is important that the group is discussion-based and people should come with the intention of participating and sharing. The workshop will also address ways to connect with women of color in each of our unique communities.

Victim Impact Statements: Strengthening the Voice of Victims in Your Community

Mike Jones, Stacy Steck

Ballroom D 100

The victim impact statement (VIS) serves as the voice of victims in the criminal justice process. The VIS allows for meaningful victim participation and has become an important tool for criminal justice decision makers, including prosecutors, judges and parole board members. This workshop will address the purpose and uses of the VIS and the laws governing this important victim right. The Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse revises the victim impact statement every odd year following the legislative session. We will discuss the major changes made to the VIS in 2009 for 2010-11 and how the Clearinghouse plans to improve its effectiveness for crime victims in Texas. We also will discuss the state-mandated VIS statistical reporting requirements for Victim Assistance Coordinators.

Stalking in Texas: The Case for Comprehensive Action Now

Linda Hunter

Nautilus 80

The Interpersonal Violence Prevention Collaborative's vision is to see Texas free from sexual assault, domestic violence... and stalking. Too often attention to stalking and its impact on Texans remains an afterthought. It's time to change that. Though stalking certainly isn't a "new" crime, awareness and education about what it is, its effects and laws against it, are relatively recent. In addition to increasing our knowledge about stalking, we'll also decide together what actions we can take in our communities and at the state level to confront stalking behavior and improve services for victims.

Engaging Men and Boys in Non-violence

Hilda Gutierrez

Conch/Sundial 50

The Texas Council on Family Violence has created a guide for anti-violence workers that addresses the need to engage men and boys in non-violence work. Drawing on national discourses on male engagement and anchoring that in anecdotal information collected from Texans working in the field, the guide provides a thought-provoking analysis of the work that is being done in Texas to end violence against women and some practical tools for engaging men and boys. This workshop will provide an overview of primary prevention, highlight statewide and national efforts and provide an overview of the guide.

Lights, Camera, Action! (Part 2 of 2)

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This session is only open to those who attended the first session.