



How Do We Know How We're Doing? Assessing the Effectiveness of Your Coordinated Community Response

July 23-25, 2018 | Providence, Rhode Island

Agenda

This conference is designed to provide a multi-disciplinary audience with ideas and tools for the enhancement of their CCRs. Presenters bring years of experience in leading and working on CCR teams to share ideas for evaluation of current processes and their own communities' efforts to identify problems and create remedies to them. Participants will leave this conference with skills and knowledge to bring these strategies home to their own communities. CCRs have the ability to greatly improve systems' abilities to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable and can continually work to identify areas for ongoing attention and improvement. Accountability for the CCR is a critical piece of the response to domestic and sexual violence. Join us to learn how to continue to enhance your team. This conference will help both new and experienced CCR teams to improve their practices.

As a result of this conference, you will be better able to:

1. Integrate promising practices from other communities into your own response.
2. Access other ICJR grantees for support and exchange of ideas.
3. Identify system challenges such as dual arrest or victims getting arrested to strengthen the CCR's response to victim needs.
4. Develop criteria to assess and account for repeat offenders.
5. Evaluate your effectiveness in assessing for danger and lethality.
6. Centralize the victim experience to enhance offender accountability.
7. Review case files to ensure accountability between and among practitioners and agencies.

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Day One: Monday, July 23, 2018

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sujata Warrior, Ph.D., Battered Women's Justice Project

Room Assignment TBD

9:15-9:20 Break to Move

9:20-11:00 Practical Scenarios: Issues Facing Coordinated Community Responses

Battered Women's Justice Project Staff

Room Assignment TBD

Professionals working to improve the criminal justice response to gender-based violence must understand that many victims access criminal or civil legal options simultaneously or in close succession. This highly interactive session uses scenarios that illustrate potential challenges CCR teams may encounter with situations that survivors face. The participants will identify frequent challenges and discuss potential responses. Faculty will assist participants in resolving issues that arise across and within settings.

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Debrief Practical Scenarios

Battered Women's Justice Project Staff

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This session will discuss participants' responses to the scenarios presented in the morning. BWJP staff will facilitate a conversation about opportunities for grantees to identify similar issues in their own communities.

12:00-1:30 Lunch on Your Own

1:30-2:45 Opening Plenary: St. Paul Minnesota's Coordinated Response to Domestic Assaults: Identifying and Responding to Offenders

Bree Adams-Bill, St. Paul Intervention Project and Tara Patet, Saint Paul City Attorney's Office

Room Assignment TBD

The Blueprint for Safety was fondly called a coordinated community response "on steroids" by the creator, the late and dearly missed Ellen Pence. This enhanced response is rooted in the belief that victims of domestic violence are not positioned to hold their own abusers

accountable and that it is up to the system to do so. The Blueprint model is designed to tightly link all system responders to best protect victims of domestic violence and their children by holding offenders responsible for their violence. The community of St Paul, MN has adopted the principles, policies, and practices of the Blueprint and made concrete improvements over the course of their work. In this plenary, an advocate and a prosecutor will detail the ways in which the team in St. Paul evaluated and improved their work.

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:30 Workshop Sessions: Tools to Identify Persistent and Dangerous Offenders

A. St Paul's Response: How to Boost Your CCR's Work to the Next Level

Bree Adams-Bill, St Paul Intervention Project and Tara Patet, Saint Paul City Attorney's Office

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CCR teams know that offenders who are gone on arrival are among the most dangerous and persistent offenders. This workshop will provide participants with more details of the ongoing efforts to hold these offenders accountable in St. Paul, MN. Facilitators will lead participants through the process the team in St. Paul used in order to identify the issue, understand the scope, design solutions to address suspects fleeing and tools to implement it, and evaluate the results.

B. Offender Focused Deterrence: How to Identify Appropriate Offenders

Courtney Cahill, Bristol County (MA) District Attorney's Office

Room Assignment TBD

Many communities are refining their efforts to focus on the most dangerous and persistent offenders in this age of limited resources. But how does your team begin to identify those offenders? And what are the creative remedies that can be used to hold them accountable? Who do you have to partner with to succeed? The HART program, an offender-focused deterrence program in Bristol County (MA) will be described as a potential response and provide participants with concrete tools to identify and respond to the most dangerous abusers.

C. The Post-Adjudication Response to Domestic Violence Offenders: How Probation Officers and Batterer Intervention Programs Can Partner with Advocates to Improve Accountability for DV Offenders

Jim Henderson, Battered Women's Justice Project and Advocate, TBD

Room Assignment TBD

Probation can be an integral part of the CCR's response to domestic violence. Officers partnering with advocates can be one of the most effective tools to protect victims and hold offenders accountable after a domestic violence conviction. A good working relationship between probation and advocacy will provide victims with ongoing support and safety. An experienced probation officer and batterer intervention provider, Jim

Henderson will offer some strategies to foster a relationship between those who work with abusers and those who work with victims. An advocate will provide insight into how working with probation and batterer intervention professionals enhances advocacy, for both individuals and systems.

End of Day One

Day Two: Tuesday, July 24, 2018

8:30-10:15 **Plenary Conversation: Opportunities for a Coordinated Community Response Team to Identify System Gaps and Close Them**

Facilitator: Rhonda Martinson, Rhonda Martinson Consulting, LLC.

Panelists: Amy Dilworth, Knoxville Family Justice Center; Debi Cain, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board; Johnanna Ganz, Sexual Violence Justice Institute, Tina Olson, Mending the Sacred Hoop

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Led by former prosecutor Rhonda Martinson, this panel presentation will offer participants a glimpse into the inner workings of teams from across this country. The panelists will describe concrete ways in which they were able to identify problems in their systems' responses to domestic and sexual violence and work within a response team to improve them. In the morning and afternoon workshops (repeated), these presenters will offer a greater depth into their processes and give participants tools to begin to evaluate their own responses.

10:15-10:30 **Break**

10:30-12:00 **Practical Skills Workshops (Repeated in Afternoon Session)**

A. Delving into Documentation: What Does all the Paper We Produce Tell Us About Our Response to Domestic Violence?

Amy Dilworth, Knoxville Family Justice Center and Anton Tripolskii, Battered Women's Justice Project

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When systems respond to a single case of a domestic or sexual assault, many documents are produced. Those documents provide a glimpse into this offense and may also provide insight into the response itself. Examining this documentation through text analysis will inevitably show where that system's response can be improved. The presenters will share the process and results of one community's effort and offer participants an opportunity to evaluate 911 and law enforcement reports and discuss the challenges that a CCR might take on to enhance their existing response.

B. Mapping the System's Response: Gaps that Victims Fall Through and Offenders Crawl Through

Rhonda Martinson, Rhonda Martinson Consulting, LLC

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How long did it take you to map out the ins and outs of your own job? Did you feel overwhelmed or confused by the number of people to keep track of, or the acronyms used fluently by others, or where to go when you needed something? Imagine how a victim of domestic violence may experience an entry into multiple systems, criminal and civil, that may be unfamiliar and overwhelming. Mapping your systems' response will aid a CCR team in understanding how victims experience a process that should be designed to enhance safety and accountability. This interactive session will provide CCR team members with a means to create a visual representation of their part of the system response. Participating in such a process provides response teams with concrete areas to focus resources, time and energy. Participants will leave this session with tools to begin a conversation in their own communities.

C. Facilitating an Effective Focus Group: How Advocates Can Inform a Coordinated Community Response

Tina Olson, Mending the Sacred Hoop

Room Assignment TBD

Advocates, through their ongoing contact and work with victims of domestic and sexual violence as well as the systems they interact with, are perfectly positioned to inform the CCR and to lead the community's response to these crimes. This session will introduce participants to the skills required to conduct focus groups with victims of violence. Focus groups can be one of the most impactful ways to understand how the response to crimes impacts survivors, where the response has been successful, where the response may fall short, and for whom. In particular, the presenter will discuss how the voices of survivors who are the most marginalized should be centered in a focus group and how advocates can create a process to intentionally seek out those experiencing intersecting forms of oppression and create remedies to benefit those survivors.

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3:00-3:15 **Break**

3:15-4:30 **Now What? What to Do With all This Data?**

*Debi Cain, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and
Johnanna Ganz, Sexual Violence Justice Institute*

Room Assignment TBD

In this session, two experienced coordinators (one SART leader, one CCR leader) will help participants evaluate their community's readiness to take on activities designed to enhance their current responses to domestic and sexual violence. Even long-existing coordinated responses experience life cycles which impact their ability and effectiveness as resources and the will to act ebb and flow naturally over time. This interactive session will allow participants to more fully understand the components which must be present that allow CCRs to identify and close gaps in their response. Participants will leave the session with resources to facilitate a conversation with their own response teams.

End of Day Two

Day Three: Wednesday, July 25, 2018

8:30-10:00 Workshop Sessions: Focus on a Comprehensive Response

1. Sexual Assault Response Teams Assessing Systems Change

Johanna Ganz, Sexual Violence Justice Institute

Room Assignment TBD

This session will focus on a resource developed by the Sexual Violence Justice Institute to help Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) evaluate their response to sexual violence, also applicable to the work of CCRs. This process serves to get reliable information about ways to improve service provision to survivors of sexual assault; understand whether a team is moving in the direction of achieving the results they are after; generate useful information for team planning; strengthen team member engagement and motivation; cultivate buy-in from key stakeholders, responder agencies, and funders to generate new support; hear directly from survivors about their experience with your team's response, and generate data that helps the team to communicate with victims about why they should seek help from the system.

2. Thinking Through Forensic Evidence Collection

Jude Foster, Sexual Violence Justice Institute

Room Assignment TBD

Medical responses to gender-based violence are quickly shifting to a new model; sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) are broadening their expertise as forensic nurses to include medical and forensic responses to intimate partner violence and stalking. Forensic kits are therefore taking on an increasing importance in intimate partner violence cases. The presenter will review issues raised by the increased recent emphasis on forensics, and supply issues for consideration by CCRs and SARTs to ensure that all victims of intimate partner and sexual violence are taken into account by professional teams.

3. Parts of the Same Whole: An Integrated Response to Gender-Based Violence

Dr. Valyncia C. Raphael, JD, Cerritos College System (CA) and Anton Tripolskii, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project

Room Assignment TBD

What can traditional CCRs learn from the way intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking is responded to at colleges? The job of a Title IX coordinator involves preventing gender-based violence through a comprehensive college-wide program, investigating reported cases of stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual violence, as well as chairing a community's response with the involvement of professionals in many disciplines. The presenters will explain the latest developments on campus, with an emphasis on medium-term prevention work, in order to find new paths for CCRs to follow in their own communities.

10:00-10:20 Break to Check Out

10:20-11:50 Plenary: The Complexities of the Response to Sexual Assault

Johnanna Ganz, Sexual Violence Justice Institute

Room Assignment TBD

This plenary is designed to expose a multi-disciplinary audience to the ways in which responses to domestic violence and sexual assault may align or not. The responses to these two crimes, though they evolved alongside each other must account for the very different realities that survivors of these crimes face, and thus, the goals of each response are varied. The needs of survivors of intimate partner rape will also be examined. The presenter will also discuss ways that the sexual and domestic response teams may more closely support each other's work.

End of Conference