

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual BISC-MI Fall 2009 Conference

Coordinated Community Responses  
To Domestic Violence, Are They Effective?

The Reality, Research and Results Behind  
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Pre-Conference: Tuesday, November 3, 2009

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration
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CONFERENCE DAY 1: Wednesday, November 4, 2009

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental breakfast
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Welcome and Housekeeping
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Michigan Governor/Lt. Governor (Invited), Opening
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks: Catherine Pierce, OVW Director
9:15 am - 10:45 am	<b>Designing an Effective CCR: Thirty Years of the Duluth Model</b> Faculty: Michael Paymar & Rhonda Martinson <b>Plenary #1</b> Many communities claim some version of a CCR, but after examination shows little more than regular networking meetings and improved relationships between disciplines. The Duluth-model CCR goes much deeper. In this plenary session, we will explore the necessity of understanding how institutions are organized and how to analyze whether policies, practices and CCR actions enhance or diminish victim safety. As our understanding of and the response to domestic violence has become more complex and comprehensive, so have the ways to solve problems. Using case scenarios from Duluth and other communities we will demonstrate effective strategies on how to build and maintain relationships within the CCR team and how to keep agencies engaged. We will also examine practical ways to identify problematic practices by intervening agencies in a CCR and demonstrate concrete methods to resolve these problems. This will be a frank, inspirational and hands-on plenary on how to design and maintain an effective CCR by building a richer knowledge base and how to draw on lessons learned not only from research, but also from hard data, observation and practice.
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Conference Theme Song
11:15 am - 12:45 pm	<b>Unpacking The Research</b> Faculty: Larry Bennett <b>Plenary #2</b> The multi-site evaluation of the JODI project is a major research effort to address the effectiveness of enhanced coordinated intervention in domestic violence cases. It has rightfully drawn a great deal of attention but also, in its complexity, raised some confusion over its interpretations and application. Some reviews of the evaluation have used the results to question and even dismiss community coordinated response, and others have raised some tentative support. This session attempts to broaden and clarify the discussion of the JODI evaluation results by reviewing some of the limitations and qualifications of the study. It also will draw on other research experiences that help to assess the JODI evaluation. One issue that stands out in the field overall is the need for practitioners as well as researchers to participate in the interpretation and application of such studies.
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch provided
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>A Holistic Court Response to Domestic Violence: The Erie County Integrated Domestic Violence Court</b> Faculty: Liberty Aldrich, Hallie Brownstein, Colleen Gibbons, Kevin C. Gibbons, Hon. Deborah A. Haendiges, Karen Korkuc <b>Plenary #3</b> This session will provide an overview of Erie County's innovative one-family one-judge court which brings together civil and criminal domestic violence cases before a single judge. The judge, resource coordinator, prosecutor, defense attorney/attorney for the child and domestic violence advocate will each discuss how the model impacts their roles, their clients and the community. Additionally, they will present some of the challenges and successes of the integrated approach.
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Exploring The Innovations and Outcomes of Domestic Violence Courts</b> Faculty: Melissa Labriola, Liberty Aldrich, The Center for Court Innovation <b>Plenary #4</b> Led by two staff members from the Center for Court Innovation - the Director of the Domestic Violence and Family Court Programs and a Principal Research Associate - this session will reflect on the past two decades of domestic violence courts and what the research literature tells us concerning their impact. In addition, based on extensive research-practitioner experience, the panel will share lessons learned regarding building and maintaining collaborative relationships.

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*Dinner on your own*

**CONFERENCE DAY 2: Thursday, November 5, 2009**

7:30 am - 8:30 am	<i>Continental breakfast</i>
8:30 am - 8:45 am	<i>Housekeeping</i>
8:45 am - 9:00 am	<i>Welcome: Battle Creek Mayor, Mark Behnke (invited), Opening</i>
9:00 am - 10:30 am	<p><b>JODI Stories of Lessons Learned: Milwaukee Judicial Oversight Demonstration Team</b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Hon. Carl Ashley, Terese Dick, Jeffrey A. Kremers, Danielle Basil Long, Attiyya Nuruddin, Thomas Salter, Kara Schurman, Carmen Pitre, Gilbert F. Urfer  <b>Plenary #5</b>                      This plenary will provide attendees with an overview of the development, key activities, and outcomes of the JODI project created in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Presenters include a representative from each of the key stakeholders in the process: Court, prosecutor, probation, governmental victim advocate, non-governmental victim advocacy/services, batterer intervention program, defense attorneys, and law enforcement. These partners in the JODI project will engage in a frank facilitated discussion of what worked, what did not, and why, and will reflect on the most significant challenges to enhancing victim/survivor safety and promoting offender accountability.</p>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<i>Break</i>
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<p><b>JODI Stories of Lessons Learned: Boston Judicial Oversight Demonstration Team</b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Hon. Sydney Hanlon, Julie S. Higgins, Lois Kanter, Deirdre Kennedy, Mary-Ann Riva, Mitch Rothenberg, David Weingarten  <b>Plenary #6</b>                      This plenary will provide attendees with an overview of the development, key activities, and outcomes of the JOD project created in The Dorchester District, Boston Massachusetts. (Same description as above.)</p>
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	<i>Lunch Provided</i>
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b>JODI County Stories of Lessons Learned: Washtenaw Judicial Oversight Demonstration Team</b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Brant Funkhouser, David J. H. Garvin, James E. Henderson Jr., Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines, Stacy M. Kearney, Brian Mackie, Elizabeth Mcguire, David M. Oblak, Lore A. Rogers  <b>Plenary #7</b>                      This plenary will provide attendees with an overview of the development, key activities, and outcomes of the JODI project created in Washtenaw County, Michigan. (Same description as above.)</p>
2:45 pm - 2:55 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:55 pm - 3:45 pm	<p><b>Batterer Intervention Programs &amp; Survivor Service Organizations: The Odd Couple</b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Barbara Hart &amp; David J. H. Garvin, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #1</b>                      This workshop will focus on the optimum relationship between the batterer intervention program and the local domestic survivor services organization. Concepts such as monitoring and victim/survivor contact will be explored.</p>
2:55 pm - 3:45 pm	<p><b>Survivor Advocacy Innovations</b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Lore Rogers, Kara Schurman, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #2</b>                      This workshop will focus on innovations that even the most seasoned anti-domestic violence advocate will benefit from.</p>

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2:55 pm - 3:45 pm	<p><b><i>JODI Discussion Tables: An informal gathering of the faculty for an informal Q &amp; A Session</i></b>  <b>Workshop #3</b>                      Faculty: Judge Carl Ashley, Judge Elizabeth Hines, Dierdre Kennedy, Liberty Aldrich, Terese Dick, Lois Kantner, Stacey Kearney, Danielle Long, Attiyya Nuruddin, Lore Rogers, Thomas Salter, Kara Schurman, Gilbert Urfer, Colleen Gibbons, Carl Ashley, David Weingarten                      This workshop will offer a unique informal and comfortable gathering of JODI team members who will discuss their experiences during this question and answer period.</p>
2:55 pm - 3:45 pm	<p><b><i>Prosecutors &amp; Defense Attorneys: Another Odd Couple</i></b>                      Faculty: Terese Dick, Brian Mackie, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #4</b>                      This workshop will elucidate the importance of collaboration between these two seemingly disparate members of the criminal justice coordinated community response.</p>
3:45 pm - 3:55 pm	<b><i>Break</i></b>
3:55 pm - 4:45 pm	<p><b><i>Low Cost and No Cost CCR Innovations</i></b>                      Faculty: Judge Libby Hines, Danielle Long, Lois Kantner, Danielle Long, Lisa McGuire, Carmen Pitre, Gilbert Urfer, Judge Carl Ashley, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #5</b>                      This workshop will deliver concrete and specific examples of low and no cost innovations that you can implement in your community  <b>CCR'S</b> don't have to be expensive.</p>
3:55 pm - 4:45 pm	<p><b><i>Substance Abuse and Other Valuable Community Partners Missing From the Table</i></b>                      Faculty: Jeffrie Cape, Terese Dick, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #6</b>                      This workshop will describe the important efforts to broaden the coordinated community response beyond the criminal justice system.</p>
3:55 pm - 4:45 pm	<p><b><i>Law Enforcement &amp; Survivor Advocates; We're On the Same Team</i></b>                      Faculty: Lore Rogers, Lois Kanter, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #7</b>                      This workshop will focus on the rich histories and important experiences of developing the collaboration between these two community partners.</p>
3:55 pm - 4:45 pm	<p><b><i>Probation Secrets of Success in Collaborating with Batterer Intervention Programs</i></b>                      Faculty: Dee Kennedy, Dave Oblak, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #8</b>                      This workshop will provide experiential knowledge, skills and resources on best practices as they relate to developing a successful collaboration between batterer intervention programs and probation.</p>
2:55 pm - 4:45 pm	<p><b><i>JODI Judges Round Table Discussion (Judges only)</i></b>                      Faculty: Judge Carl Ashley, Judge Elizabeth Hines, Judge Sydney Hanlon  <b>Workshop #9</b>                      A confidential, interactive, and frank discussion for <b>judges only</b> about the JODI, past, present and future: The challenges and benefits of adjudicating partner violence cases in the context of a "coordinated community response."                      Among the discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is ethically appropriate for judges?</li> <li>▪ What can you accomplish with limited resources?</li> <li>▪ How can judicial reviews promote victim safety and help hold offenders accountable?</li> </ul>
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	<b><i>Dinner provided</i></b>



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**CONFERENCE DAY 3: Friday November 6, 2009**

7:30 am - 8:30 am	<i>Continental breakfast</i>
8:30 am - 8:45 am	<i>Housekeeping</i>
8:45 am - 9:15 am	<p><b>Battered Hearts Story</b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Jenny Fopma, Safe Place Director and Judge John Hallacy            Battered Hearts tells the story of family violence through the eyes and voices of women and children who have lived through its terror in their daily lives. It brings us face-to-face with one of society’s gravest problems and enduring impact on its most innocent victim – the child. Out of this tragedy came new laws that have since saved thousands of lives. The video will be followed by a brief discussion of the participants current status and the current laws impacting victims of domestic violence.</p>
9:15 am - 10:45 am	<p><b><i>Are We Helping? The need to (re)consider “what works” in evaluation if we are to truly understand “what works” in communities</i></b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Katya Fels Smyth  <b>Plenary #8</b>            Are we helping? The need to (re)consider "what works" in evaluation if we are to truly understand "what works" in communities. How often do we hear “accountability” and “doing what works” as phrases to describe others’ work and perhaps our own? Many policy makers, funders and practitioners are eager to move beyond the quagmire of good intentions and choice anecdotes to a place of rigorous evaluation and analysis. We want to make sure that what we does works, and, if it works, to spread it far.</p> <p>But even as “accountability” and “doing what works” have gained currency, the limitations on what can become “proven” have become greater. In government and increasingly in philanthropy, a focus reigns on scientific methodology to sort out which interventions work and which don’t. There has been a false promise made to us, that these experimental design evaluations will illuminate whether interventions work with a high level of certainty and precision. In fact, they don’t, and over-reliance on these tools threatens to bury some of interventions that hold the greatest promise for our communities, <i>simply because they are a poor fit for the evaluation methodology.</i></p> <p>In this plenary session, Katya Fels Smyth will discuss the implications of over-reliance on scientific method evaluations, possible alternatives, and the need for communities and practitioners to be assertive in naming outcomes that matter.</p>
10:45 am - 10:55 am	<i>Break</i>
10:55 am - 11:45 am	<p><b><i>Critical Thinking and Analysis about Expanding the Context of The CCR</i></b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Barbara Hart  <b>Plenary #9</b>            This workshop will explore how communities can come together in creative and accountable ways to engage men who indicate a willingness to engage in a process of non-violence and accountability. It will further explore how critical thinking can expand this context to create services that survivors of domestic violence need in order to feel safe and heard.</p>
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	<b><i>Survivor Story of Contact With the Coordinated Community Response</i></b>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<i>Lunch Provided</i>

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1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b><i>Probation/Parole Group Reporting</i></b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Jim Henderson  <b>Workshop #10</b>                  With more focus on victim safety and community partnerships, probation is feeling the pressures of an over burden system. Traditional one-on-one supervision can be costly in regards to time and resources and less productive then group work. Probation group reporting has taken off in specialty courts as a way to engage defendants in the process of change. Participants will learn how one can set up and conduct an effective group reporting format. Clear examples of how probation group reporting can break down barriers to compliance for the defendant, how they can reduce violations for new probationers, will be discussed. Lastly examples will be given on how this time saving practice allows for enhanced community partnerships and a better community message.</p>
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b><i>Judicial Reviews: An effective tool for increasing compliance with the conditions of probation</i></b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Judge Carl Ashley, Judge Elizabeth Hines, Judge Sydney Hanlon  <b>Workshop #11</b>                  A judicial review is an invaluable process to better insure a defendant’s compliance with probation conditions and support for victims. It confirms and supports that probation/parole officers are consistently following through with their responsibilities. The defendants have swift consequences for violations and recognition for appropriate behavior and the following outcomes are more easily met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Helping judges, probation officers, and batterer intervention providers hold offenders accountable;</li> <li>▪ Promoting victim safety;</li> <li>▪ Helping domestic violence offenders improve their lives and the lives of their families.</li> </ul>
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b><i>How To Move Cases Forward Without Victim Participation</i></b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Brian Mackie, Julie Higgins, will be joined by additional conference faculty  <b>Workshop #12</b>                  For too many years prosecutors have depended on the participation of victims to determine whether or not to pursue domestic violence prosecution. In recent years more courts are treating domestic violence cases as one would a homicide, relying on evidence other than what can be provided by the victim. This workshop will discuss Crawford and hearsay issues, use of expert witnesses, and evidence based prosecution, utilizing evidence such as 911 tapes, photos, witnesses, police testimony, and medical testimony.</p>
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b><i>Offender Personality Issues in Intimate Partner Homicide</i></b>  <b>Faculty:</b> Craig N. Ackley  <b>Workshop #13</b>                  When assessing risk for intimate partner homicide, emphasis has historically been placed on such risk factors as prior physical or psychological abuse, threatening behavior, substance use, and access to weapons. While these and other traditional risk factors are critical in any assessment, traits and characteristics of the specific offender can be equally important. This workshop is designed to provide a basic understanding of the various personality issues involved in intimate partner violence, particularly as they relate to lethality.</p>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<p><b><i>Wrap-up/Door Prizes and Certificates</i></b></p>