

The Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan Presents:



Domestic Violence Perpetration at the Core:
Simultaneously Advancing Accountability and Healing

2017 International Conference

Dates: November 1-3, 2017

Conference description: BISC-MI continues its tradition of providing innovative conferences! In 2017 Miles to Go will offer participants experiential opportunities to expand perceptions, take a look within ourselves, explore unique strategies and gain an increased understanding about healing and cultural humility. Presentations, activities and tools to use in batterer intervention programs will be provided, designed to generate an increased awareness of self and illuminate pathways. Regardless of the number of years you have worked, where you're from, how comfortable you are doing your work, or your professional focus, your journey is never over. There are endless pathways to travel and new discoveries to pursue. We encourage you to attend if you are interested in being challenged to take another step. Our best thinking has gotten us this far, but the best is yet to come and we will be stronger together.



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day One: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

8:15 pm - 9:30 pm Registration Check In

Time	Titles, Descriptions, Faculty	Minutes
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Registration Check In	
7:45 am - 8:15 am	Continental Breakfast	
8:15 pm - 8:30 am Grand Ballroom	Welcome Suggested Hashtags: #BISC_MI #MilesToGo	15 Min
8:30 am - 9:30 am Grand Ballroom	Humanizing “the Other;” Humanizing Ourselves - Juan Carlos Areán Building upon the ground-breaking 2017 roundtable on BIP’s current trends, alternative models, and promising practices, sponsored by the Office on Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women, Mr. Areán will speak of the need for BI practitioners to incorporate a trauma-informed lens, embrace cultural approaches, and engage in deep self-reflection. He will invite participants to ponder the meaning of healing in the context of responsibility, the overlap of victimization and perpetration, and the misuse of coercive systems in working with DV offenders. Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #DomesticViolence #TraumaInformed #Trauma #ViolenceAgainstWomen #HumanizingTheOther #Systematic #DVOffenders	60 Min
9:30 am - 10:30 am Grand Ballroom	La Cultura Cura, From Cycles to Circles; Moving Beyond Trauma Informed to Healing Centered - Jerry Tello The session will address the importance of rooting ourselves in a narrative that is beyond the immediate trauma to a place of acknowledging the generations of pain and multiple oppressions that many people carry. It reaches to the core of generational healing. It further lifts the importance of honoring indigenous based ideology, pedagogy and practice as teacher for healing westernized processes that often results in re-victimization. Suggested Hashtags: #Healing #IntergenerationalTrauma #Oppression #Pedagogy	60 Min
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break	15 Min
10:45 am - 11:45 am Grand Ballroom	Hearing Trauma & Healing our Stories - Terri Strodoft & Floyd Rowell Consider the mantra, any pain that is not transformed will be transferred. Our field has long known that little boys who grow-up witnessing or experiencing domestic violence or other childhood adversity, are significantly more likely to repeat this behavior themselves. Yet, when grown men come to the doors of our programs with the reality of repeating the cycle through their own perpetration of violence or abuse, we often consider their background experiences to be irrelevant, or little more than excuses to justify, blame or otherwise escape responsibility for their own choices and behavior. What difference would it make if we sincerely and authentically asked men the question of what happened to them? In this workshop we explore how a trauma-informed approach changes our program goals from fixing men’s problem, to holding space for men to heal. Suggested Hashtags: #BreakTheCycle #TraumaInformed #Men #MaleSurvivors	60 Min
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Grand Ballroom	Compass Award: Barbara Hart	30 Min
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch on Own - Vouchers Provided	
1:45 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshops (2 hour)	
Meeting in: MCC1	#1a: Honoring One's Sacred Circle - Jerry Tello (1a, 1b, 2a and 2b are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop) The workshop will be a deeper dive into the Overview session as to how we first of all not just give the teachings but live the teachings as we recognize the intersectionality of our work and the importance of consideration for its impact on all our relations. It will further explore the importance of social action on injustice as it relates to interconnected healing. Suggested Hashtags: #Intersectionality #Injustice #Healing	120 Min

Meeting in: MCC2	<p>#1b: Honoring One's Sacred Circle - Juan Carlos Areán (1a, 1b, 2a and 2b are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop)</p> <p>The workshop will be a deeper dive into the Overview session as to how we first of all not just give the teachings but live the teachings as we recognize the intersectionality of our work and the importance of consideration for its impact on all our relations. It will further explore the importance of social action on injustice as it relates to interconnected healing.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: ##Intersectionality #Injustice #Healing #BISC MI</p>	120 Min
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Meeting in: MCC4	<p>#1d: Story Telling - Terri Strodoff & Staff (1c, 1d, 2c and 2d are repeat sessions and have the same title and content)</p> <p>This workshop will build off the themes of the plenary session. Participants will have an opportunity to explore their own emotional wellness, safety and vulnerabilities in doing this work.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #Wellness #Safety #SelfCare #Healing #MilesToGo</p>	120 Min
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	15 Min
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Workshops (2 hour)	
Meeting in: MCC1	<p>#2a: Honoring One's Sacred Circle - Jerry Tello (1a, 1b, 2a and 2b are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop)</p> <p>The workshop will be a deeper dive into the Overview session as to how we first of all not just give the teachings but live the teachings as we recognize the intersectionality of our work and the importance of consideration for its impact on all our relations. It will further explore the importance of social action on injustice as it relates to interconnected healing.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #Intersectionality #Injustice #Healing #MilesToGo</p>	120 Min
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6:00 pm	Dinner on your own	

Day Two: Thursday, November 2, 2017

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7:45 am - 8:15 am	Continental Breakfast	
8:15 am - 8:30 am Grand Ballroom	Welcome and Housekeeping Suggested Hashtags: #MilesToGo #BISC_MI	15 Min
8:30 am - 9:00 am Grand Ballroom	A Survivor's Voice Merkeb Yohannes Merkeb is a Program Manager at the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic Violence and a volunteer for the Survivor's Speakers Bureau, and Capital Area Response Effort in Lansing, MI. Her commitment and approach to this work stem from being an Immigrant and Refugee survivor of domestic violence and child sexual abuse. Suggested Hashtags: #Survivor #Voice #SpeakOut #DomesticViolence	30 Min
9:00 am -10:30 am Grand Ballroom	Women's Use of Force: A Practice and Research Overview - Lisa Young Larence, LMSW Understanding and addressing women's use of force in intimate relationships is a controversial national issue that affects first responders, criminal legal system personnel, and social service providers at the local, county, and state-wide levels. The inaccurate perception that all women who have used force are "batterers" often (mis)informs arrest procedures, judicial actions, and chosen interventions in many states. In many jurisdictions, this means that female survivors of domestic violence are arrested, charged, and then referred to Batterers' Intervention Programs (BIPs) for using force against their intimate male partners. Women referred to BIPs receive inappropriate "batterers treatment" rather than contextualized support and intervention. This potentially places women and their family members at a higher risk for abuse. Through lack of attention to context, interventions fail to meet the needs of these women and may also fail to meet the goals of the referring agency – to prevent future violent incidents. Using examples from Ms. Larence's direct practice work, recent publications, and ongoing research, she will raise the awareness of those unfamiliar with the issue and contribute to a deeper understanding for those already addressing the issue. Information from this presentation can be used to directly contribute to the well-being of women and their families. Suggested Hashtags: #DomesticViolence #DVIntervention #WomenWhoHaveUsedForce #Perception #Awareness #MilesToGo #BISC_MI	90 Min
10:30 am - 10:45 am Grand Ballroom	Break	15 Min
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Grand Ballroom	Wica Agli -"Bringing Men Home" exploring culture as a road map to healing - Aldo Seoane During the session we will discuss indigenous perspective of healing and approaches to in the use of culture to create a path to help men find healing and safety in the selves. Suggested Hashtags: #CycleOfViolence #TraumaInformed #Men #HoldingSpace #BreakTheCycle #MilesToGo #BISC_MI	90 Min
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch – Vouchers Provided	
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Grand Ballroom	The Aquila Truth Squad - Jeffrie Cape LMSW ACSW CAA, Christopher Hall MSW, Chris Huffine Psy.D., Pamela Wiseman, Additional Faculty TBD The truth squad comes to the conference to introduce and demonstrate tools that programs, advocates and others can use in their communities to answer questions and challenges about research, effectiveness, community coordination and gender considerations. A link to all materials introduced will be provided. Suggested Hashtags: #TruthSquad #Community #BIPPractice #Awareness #DomesticViolence #MilesToGo #BISC_MI	30 Min
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break	15 Min

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshops (90 Minute)	
Meeting in: MCC1	<p>#3a: Tools and Techniques: Practical Application - Jeffrie Cape, LMSW ACSW CAADC <i>(3a and 4a are repeat sessions with the same title and content)</i></p> <p>An interactive session focused on simple practical therapeutic strategies that can be used by new or experienced facilitators to engage group participants and enhance understanding of individual accountability.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #DV #Intervention</p>	90 Min
Meeting in: MCC2	<p>#3b: The Allies in Change Model: An Integrative Curriculum – Chris Huffine Psy.D. <i>(3b and 4b are repeat sessions with the same title and content)</i></p> <p>This workshop will highlight some of the distinctive qualities of the Allies in Change model which has been “cooking” for over thirty years, been used with thousands of abusive individuals, and been reviewed and utilized by dozens of group facilitators. While this is a stand-alone curriculum, aspects of it can be used to enhance programming already in place with abusive partners. This workshop will primarily build upon and not repeat material that was shared at last year’s conference, except to provide some relevant background and foundational understanding. A brief overview of the model and underlying philosophy will be followed by heavier focus on how the groups are actually facilitated. Time will be spent highlighting effective facilitation utilizing key content themes, the use of a weekly check-in process and journal sharing, and concepts distinct to this curriculum.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #DV #Intervention</p>	90 Min
Meeting in: MCC3	<p>#3c: Cultural Inclusivity - Aldo Seoane <i>(3c and 4c are repeat sessions with the same title and content)</i></p> <p>This workshop will provide a forum to look at how to discuss culture while holding men accountable. Discussion will explore creating culturally inclusive groups using indigenous approaches and how to create standards that include a cultural perspective.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #DV #Inclusive</p>	90 Min
Meeting in: MCC4	<p>#3d: Inclusive Practices for Working with LGBTQ People Experiencing IPV: Trauma & Oppression Informed Approaches - Mary Case</p> <p>This workshop will provide participants with an overview of LGBTQ people’s experiences of oppression and how it intersects with their experience of Intimate Partner Violence. Participants will also be given practical tools that can be utilized to create safety and inclusivity for LGBTQ individuals who are accessing their services.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #LGBTQ #DV #Inclusive</p>	90 Min
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	15 Min
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Workshops (90 Minute)	
Meeting in: MCC1	<p>#4a: Tools and Techniques: Practical Application - Jeffrie Cape LMSW ACSW CAA <i>(3a and 4a are repeat sessions with the same title and content)</i></p> <p>An interactive session focused on simple practical therapeutic strategies that can be used by new or experienced facilitators to engage group participants and enhance understanding of individual accountability.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #DV #Intervention</p>	90 Min
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Meeting in: MCC4	<p>#4d: Identifying Primary Aggressor in LGBTQ IPV - Mary Case</p> <p>Differentiating Aggressors from Survivors is complex but necessary for providing safe and effective interventions that do not re-traumatize survivors that may have been wrongly convicted of domestic violence. This workshop will examine an assessment model that expands the concepts of victimization and aggression from the mainstream binary model into a continuum. We will also touch on trauma informed models for group and individual counseling services that organizations can develop to provide support for LGBTQ individuals, regardless of where they may fit within the assessment continuum.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #BIPPractice #LGBTQ #DV #Inclusive #NonBinary</p>	90 Min
5:30 pm		
Dinner On Your Own		
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Meeting in: MCC4	<p>Facilitated Activity: Presented by Chris Hall.</p> <p>“Dog Eat Dog” is a simulation created in 2012 to experience and create greater understanding for the dynamics of colonialism, and its impact on populations of people. The domestic violence industry has several branches of work, from providing counseling and advocacy to victims/survivors, to court systems providing judgement and sanctions, to batterer intervention programs providing educational services to perpetrators, and probation departments conducting supervision and monitoring of offender behavior. Each of these systems have impact on individuals and community, and this simulation explores those impacts through a 30-45-minute exercise where one individual will represent an entire system, and 4-5 others will represent people who are involved with this system. As with all systems, there are always rules to follow, and those who follow rules are rewarded, and there are consequences for those who disobey - but what are places where these interactions can impact entire communities and groups of individuals? This simulation will involve pre-and post-briefing, and discussion. Rules for the simulation are simple and involve choice and interaction between participants. Multiple groups will be involved depending on attendance.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #DomesticViolence #Colonialism #BIPPractice #Systemic #DV #Awareness #BattererIntervention</p>	90 Min
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Meeting in: MCC1	<p>Facilitated Yoga: Begin to understand yoga movement and the body with long held, basic poses. For anyone from beginner to athlete looking to try yoga and learn how to use it to increase self-care, self-awareness, and health. Led by a certified yoga instructor.</p>	

Day Three: Friday, November 3, 2017

Time	Titles, Descriptions, Faculty	Minutes
7:45 am - 8:15 am	Continental Breakfast	
8:15 am - 8:30 am Grand Ballroom	Welcome and Housekeeping Suggested Hashtags: #BISCOMI #MilesToGo	15 Min
8:30 am - 10:00 am Grand Ballroom	Cracking the Code; Understanding Different Motives of Those Who Batter and the Connection to Risk and Lethality - Steve and Dorothy Halley In this keynote, Dorothy and Steve “crack the code”: bringing to the practitioner an understanding of the differences among those who batter based on motive. Those with different motives display different behaviors, and present different dangers to their victim and community. The commonality among batterers—their desire to dominate and control—has been understood for a long time. Unfortunately, the different motives driving them to seek power and control have not been generally understood, making it difficult to predict behavior or provide effective response. This workshop provides information that unlocks the mystery of domestic violence, and provides practical information that will change/enhance your response. Suggested Hashtags: #DomesticViolence #Motivation #BIPPractice #Systemic #DV #BattererIntervention	90 Min
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break – 30 Minutes to Check out	
10:30 - 11:30 am Grand Ballroom	PLAYING TOGETHER: Experiential Drumming to Explore Identity, Affirm Diversity, and Strengthen Accountability - Rahul Sharma How can the experience of drumming together connect with themes of identity, diversity, and accountability? In what ways do the individual and collective processes of making music inter-relate to themes of power, control, and equality? Through experiential drumming and facilitated dialogue, this session is geared towards all working in the field of batterer intervention with an example of how innovative modalities may be able to address complex learning objectives. Special thanks to Lori Fithian of Drummunity for providing the percussion instruments: http://www.drummunity.com/ Suggested Hashtags: #Connection #Healing #BIPPractice #Dialogue #DV #BattererIntervention	60 Min
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Lunch On Your Own - Vouchers Provided	
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Workshops (90 Minute)	
Meeting in: MCC1	#5a: River of Cruelty - Steve Halley (5a, 5b, 6a and 6b are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop) Using the Family Peace Initiative (FPI) “River of Cruelty Map”, this workshop will illustrate the impact of trauma and adverse experiences from a unique perspective. Using an experiential approach, this presentation helps the participant to understand how cruel experiences can easily be transferred from person to person and generation to generation. Understanding this process can lead the practitioner to new and powerful intervention techniques that have been shown to significantly impact FPI effectiveness with those who batter. Suggested Hashtags: #Trauma #TraumaInformed #Intervention #IntergenerationalTrauma #BIPPractice #DV #DomesticViolence	90 Min
Meeting in: MCC2	#5b: River of Cruelty - Dorothy Halley & Tish Taylor (5a, 5b, 6a and 6b are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop) Using the Family Peace Initiative (FPI) “River of Cruelty Map”, this workshop will illustrate the impact of trauma and adverse experiences from a unique perspective. Using an experiential approach, this presentation helps the participant to understand how cruel experiences can easily be transferred from person to person and generation to generation. Understanding this process can lead the practitioner to new and powerful intervention techniques that have been shown to significantly impact FPI effectiveness with those who batter. Suggested Hashtags: #Trauma #TraumaInformed #Intervention #IntergenerationalTrauma #BIPPractice #DV #DomesticViolence	90 Min

Meeting in: MCC4	<p>#5c/d: Drumming Circle - Session to be combined with 5c Rahul Sharma (5c, 5d, 6c and 6d are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop)</p> <p>This session will provide individuals with an unique opportunity to participate in hands on drumming and experience the way individuals can come together as a part of a collective whole to increase a sense of connectedness.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #Connection #Collective #Healing #BIPPractice #Dialogue #DV #BattererIntervention</p>	90 Min
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break	
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshops (90 Minute)	
Meeting in: MCC1	<p>#6a: The River of Cruelty: An Experiential Approach to Understanding and Intervening with Cruelty - Steve Halley (5a, 5b, 6a and 6b are repeat sessions with the same title and content, regardless of which faculty are facilitating this workshop)</p> <p>Using the Family Peace Initiative (FPI) "River of Cruelty Map", this workshop will illustrate the impact of trauma and adverse experiences from a unique perspective. Using an experiential approach, this presentation helps the participant to understand how cruel experiences can easily be transferred from person to person and generation to generation. Understanding this process can lead the practitioner to new and powerful intervention techniques that have been shown to significantly impact FPI effectiveness with those who batter.</p> <p>Suggested Hashtags: #Trauma #TraumaInformed #Intervention #IntergenerationalTrauma #BIPPractice #DV #DomesticViolence</p>	90 Min
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3:45 pm Grand Ballroom	Wrap-up and Raffle	
4:30 pm Grand Ballroom	Conference Ends	

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Present on Wednesday and Thursday



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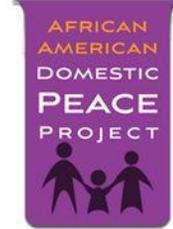
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