

30th San Diego International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan

40 Years of Inspiring Change: Unifying for Safety and Peace

Affiliated Training Day | August 17th, 2025
Summit | August 18th - August 21st, 2025



Town and Country Resort
500 Hotel Circle N.
San Diego, CA 92108

Summit Tracks

1. Adult Survivors of Abuse and Trauma
2. Adolescent and Emerging Adult Trauma, Campus Assault, and Youth Violence
3. Child Maltreatment/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
4. Historical Trauma, Systemic Trauma, and Marginalized Populations
5. Intimate Partner Violence: Offenders
6. Intimate Partner Violence: Victims/Survivors
7. Labor and Sex Trafficking
8. Legal, Forensic, and Criminal Justice Issues
9. Primary Prevention/Early Intervention
10. Sexual Victimization
11. Trauma in General

Attendee Benefits

- Diverse topics with an interdisciplinary approach
- Up to 21.5 Continuing Education Credits (CEs)
- Network with professionals from around the world
- IVAT Specialty Certifications
- Self-care and wellness

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#TraumaInformedCare
#MentalHealthProfessionals
#ViolencePrevention



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About the 30th San Diego International Summit

DESCRIPTION AND GOALS

This Summit is a unique forum for professionals across all disciplines and philosophies to gather for an in-depth exchange of current information on all facets of violence, abuse, and trauma prevention, intervention, and research, as well as recovery, wellness and healing-centered practices. We are one of the very few events that includes researchers, practitioners, advocates, survivors, and front-line workers from all disciplines to share information, discuss controversial issues, and engage in difficult dialogues. We strive to infuse our theme of **40 Years of Inspiring Change: Unifying for Safety and Peace** into the presentations as well as reflecting the same thoughtfulness and professionalism throughout the Summit. Our Summits focus on linking research, practice, policy, and advocacy to bring about systemic change. The vision of the Summit organizers, co-sponsors, collaborating organizations, exhibitors, and participants is to make a significant, positive impact on eliminating all forms of violence, abuse, and trauma in our homes, communities, and society at large. We are expecting over 1,000 attendees from around the globe to come together, drawing from multi-ethnic and multicultural perspectives. Networking opportunities are scheduled in the program to enhance informal discussions of cutting-edge research, prevention and intervention strategies, policy changes, innovative methods, healthcare approaches, advanced clinical concepts, and skill-building essentials. This year we are excited to celebrate not only the 30th anniversary of the Summit, but the 40th anniversary of IVAT!

ABOUT IVAT

The Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) condemns violence and oppression in all its forms. We stand with all who work for equity, equality, and peace. IVAT is a nonprofit international resource and training center, founded in 1984 as the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI), and headquartered in San Diego, CA, with satellite offices in Los Angeles, Hawai'i and Maryland. We host 2 international summits annually, house 3 academic journals, offer direct professional clinical and forensic services, conduct research and program evaluation, and provide a wide array of training addressing violence, abuse, trauma and healing, including an online training library (<https://www.ivatcenters.org/new-on-demand-trainingce21>). Our vision is a world free from violence, abuse, and trauma, and each Summit brings us one step closer to this goal.

SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

Our Summit happens with the support of our generous partners. Partnership levels are flexible to fit every goal and budget. Showcase your products, logos, mission, and services at our San Diego Summit. For more information, go to <https://www.ivatcenters.org/san-diego-sponsor-exhibitor>. Please contact **Becca Levinsohn** at beccal@ivatcenters.org for information on exhibiting or **Chelsea Hill** at chelseah@ivatcenters.org for information on sponsorships.

POSTERFLASH TALKS: TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH 2025, 3:30PM - 4:45PM PST

The Poster Flash Talks provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss new research, programs, and other current issues with presenters who have created visual poster displays. Poster presenters will be divided into small groups by topic. Each presenter will provide a short 5–7-minute presentation followed by a Q&A. Physical posters will be located in the exhibit hall for the Poster and Exhibitor Reception immediately following the Flash Talks. Posters will also be displayed via our Summit mobile event app.

SELF-CARE AND WELLNESS

Self-care is providing yourself with the support you need to enhance your holistic well-being. Self-care involves monitoring your own experience and taking steps to maintain balance even with ever-shifting demands. To support this balance, the IVAT Summit offers a wealth of self-care sessions to help prepare for hours of sitting. Refresh and recenter after triggering presentations on trauma, release physical/mental/emotional tension, or simply enjoy. Self-care sessions are included at no extra cost in your registration but are not eligible for CEs.

Registration Rates

Registration payment must be included with your registration. Discounts are available for STUDENTS (50%), MILITARY (10%), GROUPS (10%), INTERNATIONAL attendees (10%), and attendees traveling from Hawai'i (KAMA'AINA 10%). Must reside outside of the United States to qualify for the international discount. Must be a resident of Hawai'i to qualify for the Kama'aina discount. Proof of student or military status may be requested. Groups must have 5 or more attendees. After AUGUST 15, 2025, only on-site registration will be available. Check payment/Purchase Orders are accepted (a \$40.00 processing fee will be applied for Billing to a Purchase Order). **Registrations not paid within ten business days will automatically be unregistered for non-payment. Discounts are not stackable.**

In-Person Registration Rates	Early Bird Until June 30th	Advanced Until August 15th	On-Site Aug 16th on
Full Summit (Aug 18 – Aug 21)	\$620	\$670	\$720
3 Day Combination (Mon/Tues/Wed, Tues/Wed/Thurs)	\$510	\$560	\$610
2 Day Combination (Mon/Tues, Tues/Wed, Wed/Thurs, Mon/Wed, Mon/Thurs, Tues/Wed, Tue/Thurs, Wed/Thurs)	\$390	\$440	\$490
Single Day – Mon, Tues, Wed	\$210	\$260	\$310
Single Day - Thurs	\$175	\$200	\$225
Affiliated Training Fees			
<u>MEGA² Specialized Risk Assessment Training</u> Sunday, August 17 – (VIRTUAL) All Day – 8:30am - 4:30pm PST (Fee includes Specialty Certification & manual)	\$450	\$475	n/a Pre- Registration Required
<u>SARA v3 (Spousal Assault Risk Assessment)</u> Sunday, August 17 – 8:30am - 4:30pm PST (Fee includes Specialty Certification & manual) training manual)	\$450	\$475	\$500
<u>Contextual Change Model Training</u> Sunday, August 17 – 8:30am - 4:30pm PST	\$400	\$425	\$450
<u>Resilience in Action: Overcome What Seems Impossible</u> Sunday, August 17 – 8:30am - 4:30pm PST	\$400	\$425	\$450
<u>Adjudicating Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse When Custody is In Dispute</u> Sunday, August 17 – 8:30am - 4:30pm PST	\$400	\$425	\$450
Optional Items			
Printed Program	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Continuing Education Credits (CEs)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Purchase Order Processing Fee	\$40.00	\$40.00	NA
Check Processing Fee <i>*Applies to anyone paying with a check on-site</i>			\$30.00

Refund Policies:

All cancellations must be made in writing via email to Chelsea Hill, Training and CE Manager at chelseah@ivatcenters.org. Registrations cancelled by July 15th will be eligible for a full refund, less transaction fees. Registrations cancelled between July 16th- August 1st, will be eligible for a 50% refund of the registration fee paid, less transaction fees. Cancellations after August 1st are non-refundable. In lieu of a refund, you may transfer your registration. Please include the new attendee's name in your cancellation request. Please note, Continuing Education Credits (CE's) are non-refundable but are transferable. IVAT is not responsible and cannot guarantee a refund for problems beyond our control, such as COVID-19 related cancellations, health issues, weather conditions, travel difficulties, or bans, etc.

Schedule at a Glance

Affiliated Training - SUNDAY, August 17 th , 2025	
MEGA [®] Specialized Risk Assessment Training (VIRTUAL) (includes Specialty Certification & manual)	8:30 am – 4:30 pm PST
Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA v3) Training (includes Specialty Certification & manual)	8:30 am – 4:30 pm PST
Collaborative Change Model Training	8:30 am – 4:30 pm PST
Resilience In Action: Overcome What Seems Impossible	8:30 am – 4:30 pm PST
Adjudicating Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse When Custody is In Dispute	8:30 am – 4:30 pm PST
MONDAY, August 18 th , 2025	
Summit Registration Open	7:00 am – 5:00 pm PST
IVAT Bookstore/Exhibits Open	7:30 am – 5:00 pm PST
Summit Morning Workshops (Session A)	8:30 am – 10:00 am PST
AM Refreshment Break	10:00 am – 10:30 am PST
Opening Plenary & Ceremonies	10:30 am – 12:15 pm PST
Lunch (On Your Own)	12:15 pm – 1:30 pm PST
Keynote Panels (Session B)	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm PST
PM Refreshment Break	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm PST
Summit Afternoon Workshops (Session C)	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm PST
TUESDAY, August 19 th , 2025	
Summit Registration	7:30 am – 5:00 pm PST
IVAT Bookstore/Exhibit Open	7:30 am – 6:30 pm PST
Summit Morning Workshops (Session D)	8:30 am – 10:00 am PST
AM Refreshment Break	10:00 am – 10:30 am PST
Roundtable Plenary (Session E)	10:30 am – 12:15 pm PST
Lunch (On Your Own)	12:15 pm – 1:30 pm PST
Summit Afternoon Workshops (Session F)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm PST
PM Refreshment Break	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm PST
Poster Flash Talks	3:30 pm – 4:45 pm PST
Poster and Exhibitor Reception	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm PST
WEDNESDAY, August 20 th , 2025	
Summit Registration	7:30 am – 5:00 pm PST
IVAT Bookstore/Exhibits Open	7:30 am – 5:00 pm PST
Summit Morning Workshops (Session G)	8:30 am – 10:00 am PST
Refreshment Break	10:00 am – 10:30 am PST
Parallel Plenaries (Session H)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm PST
Lunch (On Your Own)	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm PST
Summit Afternoon Workshops (Session I) (3-Hour Session) 15-Minute Break 2:45-3:00 PM	1:15 pm – 4:30 pm PST
Anniversary Reception	4:45 pm – 6:30 pm PST
THURSDAY, August 21 st , 2025	
Summit Registration	7:30 am – 8:30 am PST
IVAT Bookstore/Exhibits Open	7:30 am – 10:30 am PST
Summit Morning Workshop (Session J) (2-Hour Session)	8:30 am – 10:30 am PST
Refreshment Break	10:30 am – 11:00 am PST
Closing Plenary & Ceremonies	11:00 am – 1:00 pm PST
Summit Adjourns	1:00 pm PST

2025 Collaborators

'Ai Pono Hawai'i
Adolescent Initiative Children's Hospital of
Philadelphia
American Humane Society
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
(APSAC)
Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists (ATSS)
Aurrera Health Group/ Pathways to Resilience
Battered Women's Justice Project
Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan
(BISC-MI)
Beautiful Dying
Beau Biden Foundation
Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (BSCC)
California Consortium of Addictions Programs and
Professionals
Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Center for Justice and Reconciliation, Point Loma
Nazarene University
Center For Story and Witness
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Child & Family Service (CFS)
Child's Voice Project
Consuelo Foundation
Damon's Center for Grief, Loss & Trauma
DBT Center of San Diego
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney,
County of Maui
Domestic Violence Action Center
End Rape on Campus
Enliven
Family Hui Hawai'i
Family Promise of Hawai'i



HandsOn San Diego
Hawai'i American Nurses Association (Hawai'i – ANA)
Hawai'i Behavioral Health Connection
Hawai'i Children's Action Network (HCAN), the HI
Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America
Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund
Hawai'i Counselors Association
Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging
Hawai'i HIDTA
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hawai'i Psychological Association
Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Hawai'i Youth Services Network
Healing with Aloha
He Ho'omaka Hou Ana O' Puna
Ho'oikaika Partnership
Ho'ōla Nā Pua
HT-RADAR
Institute of Forensic Psychology
Institute for Counseling of Escondido
Institute for Human Services
Interactive Advocacy
International Society for the Study of Trauma and
Dissociation (ISSTD)

International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
(ISTSS)

Kākoʻo Hawaiʻi Mental Health Collective

Lili ʻuokalani Trust

LIVE WELL San Diego – North Region

MaleSurvivor

Mental Health America of Hawaiʻi

Men Healing

Mindful Veteran Project

Moms Fight Back

National Association of Social Workers
– California (NASW)

National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC)

National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)

National Children’s Alliance

National Conflict Resolution Center

National Initiative to End Corporal Punishment

National Link Coalition

National Association for Victim Assistance (NOVA)

National Organization of Forensic Social Workers
(NOFSW)

National Plan to End Interpersonal Violence Across
the Lifespan (NPEIV)

National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
(NPSC)

National No Hit Zone Committee

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

ND Enterprises LLC (The Relationship Literacy Program)

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Pacific Disabilities Center, John A. Burns School of
Medicine, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa

Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment (PAVE)

Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE)
San Diego, East County Domestic Violence Council
(SDDVC)

Sex Abuse Treatment Center Hawaiʻi (SATC)

Shared Hope International

Singleton Schreiber

Tariq Khamisa Foundation

Taylor and Francis

The Kapiʻolani Child Protection Center

The UP Institute/ UP For Champions

The MEND Project

Trauma Institute & Child Trauma Institute

University of Hawaiʻi-West Oʻahu

University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo Master of Arts in
Counseling Psychology

University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa's Confidential
Advocates, Campus Awareness, Resources, Education,
and Solutions Team

We Are Oceania

Whistleblowers of America

YMCA Youth and Family Services

Zero Abuse Project (ZAP)



Continuing Education

EARN UP TO 21.5 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Summit is approved to offer up to 21.5 hours of continuing education for Psychologists, Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, Attorneys, Certified Prevention Specialists, Victim Advocates, Substance Abuse Counselors, and many more. There is an opportunity to earn up to an additional 7 hours of continuing education credit by attending one of our Affiliated Trainings on August 17th, 2025. Additional CE accreditation may be available – due to accreditation procedures, we are prohibited from advertising prior to approval. CE credits approved by California agencies are accepted in most states. Different sessions meet many licensure requirements for continuing education credits for child custody, domestic violence offender treatment, and child sexual abuse.

IVAT is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. IVAT maintains responsibility for this continuing education program and its content. The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) now accepts APA continuing education credit for license renewal for LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCCs, and LEPs. The Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma is approved by the California Board of Registered Nurses to offer continuing education for nurses (CEP #13737). IVAT is approved by the State Bar of California to offer Minimum Continuing Legal Education for attorneys (#11600). IVAT is approved by the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP) to sponsor continuing education for certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors (Provider #IS-03-499-0223). Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, #1857, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 7/18/2025-7/18/2026. Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma has been approved by NBCC, credits are clearly identified. Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

IVAT SPECIALTY CERTIFICATIONS

Summit sessions meet many of the training requirements for IVAT Specialty Certification Programs. Specialty certification assures the consumer that specialists have successfully completed the educational, training, and experience requirements of the specialty area, and that their expertise has been objectively reviewed and documented.

Specialty Certification in Domestic Violence Offender Treatment

Includes training and experience in working with both male and female intimate partner violence offenders to understand the dynamics and safety issues involved in intimate partner violence and typologies of domestic violence offenders.

Specialty Certification in Child Custody Evaluations

Includes an understanding of the issues of child development, parenting abilities and issues, best interests of children, assessment techniques in general, and specifically regarding child custody cases. The dynamics of legal, forensic, and mental health issues included.

Specialty Certification in Trauma Care

Includes an understanding of the various forms of trauma, short- and long-term effects of trauma, and assessing and treating adults and/or children who have experienced both simple and complex trauma. The dynamics of post-traumatic stress disorder are included.

Child and Adult Maltreatment (CAM) (Formerly known as CAST/CAAST)

Focuses on experiential, interdisciplinary, ethical, and culturally sensitive content that provides professionals with a common knowledge base for responding to child and adult maltreatment. This certification focuses on the development and understanding of the numerous factors that lead to child and adult maltreatment and the existing responses to child and adult maltreatment.

Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates (MEGA¹) Specialized Risk Assessment Training (Assessing the risk level for coarse sexual improprieties and/or youth who are sexually abusive, ages 4-19 years).

For information on MEGA¹ contact Chelsea Hill at chelseah@ivatcenters.org

Post-Graduate Certification in Child Protection

Stop the Silence® - A department of IVAT, in partnership with The University of Applied Research and Development (UARD), accredited in the United Kingdom (UK), offers a Post Graduate Certificate in Child Protection as a stand-alone program, or the credits can be used toward achieving a Master's in the field. The Program is a unique opportunity to get important, fundamental information at one's own pace provided by experts in the field of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), for a fraction of the cost of other programs, and in as little as three months for the certificate and 12-24 months for the Master's. The focus includes prevention, treatment, mitigation, and policy considerations regarding child sexual abuse, physical abuse, psychological abuse, and other traumatic events.

To express interest, visit: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/3XAKPxx>

Litigation and Evaluation Involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court (LEFCC)

Introducing an innovative specialized training for family lawyers and mental health professionals on increasing expertise and skills in the intersection of child abuse and domestic violence in child custody cases. This grant-subsidized training will provide professionals with the necessary tools to ensure family safety, reduce risk, and prevent further traumatization. Learn how to analyze and respond to cases involving child abuse, domestic violence, and their intersection. Improve your understanding of challenges that arise in these cases and gain experience in developing effective legal strategies, expert testimony, and custody evaluations. This is an advanced training that requires some previous training and experience in the areas of domestic violence, child maltreatment, and family law. Registrants must attest to 6 hours of education on domestic violence and/or child maltreatment in the last five years.. CLEs and CE credits are available. The certification program includes 20 hours of in-person training, 10 hours of online training, and acceptance of one pro bono case (which includes consultation and technical assistance by the faculty). The in-person training includes 2 ½ days of instruction. Days 1 & 2 are foundational and offer 15 hours of continuing education and are available for attendees who are not seeking certification. Day 3 offers an additional 5 hours of continuing education focusing on skill-building and techniques.

Interested professionals will need to apply to the chosen specialty certifications here:

<https://www.ivatcenters.org/certifications>

Summit Program

AFFILIATED TRAINING

Sunday, August 17th, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM PST | 7 CE Credits

- AT1. MEGA³ Specialized Risk Assessment Training (VIRTUAL)** – *L.C. Miccio-Fonseca, PhD, Clinic for the Sexualities*
- AT2. Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA v3) Training** – *Elizabeth Gilchrist, PhD, University of Edinburgh*
- AT3. Collaborative Change Model Training** – *Mary Jo Barrett, MSW, Collaborative Change Consultation*
- AT4. Resilience in Action: Overcome What Seems Impossible** – *Azim Khamisa, Tariq Khamisa Foundation; Melaina Spitzer, Inner Peacebuilding*
- AT5. Adjudicating Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse When Custody is in Dispute** – *Seth Goldstein, JD, Private Practice; Shannon McHugh, PsyD, Learn & Burn, IVAT*

A SESSIONS

Monday, August 18th, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

- A01. Research as Advocacy: How Trauma Initiates Change** – *Bianca Smith, Baylor University; Geneece Goertzen, LMSW/MDiv, Baylor University, Family Abuse Center; and Lucy Huh, Baylor University*
- A02. Best Practices and Tools for Child Welfare Professionals to Support Immigrant Child Victims** – *Leslye Orloff, JD, National Women's Advocacy Project - American University Washington College of Law*
- A03. Keeping Faith: Twelve Potential Roles for a CAC Chaplain** – *Victor Vieth, JD, Zero Abuse Project*
- A04. Responding to Historical and Systemic Trauma: A Survivor-Centered Design for Reforming Systems on Behalf of Marginalized Communities** – *Amalfi Parker-Elder, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project*
- A05. A Call for Change: An Intersectional and Compassionate Accountability Approach to Engaging Men in Intimate Partner Violence Prevention** – *Jac Patrissi, Growing a new Heart, Call for a Change; Tanisha Arena, Arise for Social Justice, MA, Commission on the Status of Women, Unapologetic, A Call for Change*
- A06. Pure Praxis Presents: "But We Love Each Other": An Interactive Violence Identification and Empathy Training** – *William Leonard- Fortes, Pure Praxis; Kelly Pfleider, Pure Praxis*
- A07. Entrepreneurship as a Pathway to Prevention, Resilience, and Reintegration for Survivors of Trafficking and Exploitation** – *Amanda Rodriguez, Lived Experience Expert; Arduizur Carli Richi-Zavaleta, DrPH, MAIPS, MASP; Cynthia Luvlee-Austin, Just in Time for Foster Youth, Healing Waves Aquatic Center, Shyne*
- A08. The Battered Woman in Divorce: A Double Trauma** – *Seth Goldstein, JD, Private Practice*
- A09. The Down and Forward Approach: Preventative Efforts with Refugee Families in Violence** – *Navid Zamani, PhD, LMFT, San Diego State University, License to Freedom*
- A10. Elevating our Trauma-Responsive and Healing-Centered Work with Sexual Violence Survivors** – *Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA, IVAT*
- A11. #PleaseStay: Dialectical Behavior Therapy Strategies for Suicide Prevention** – *Diana Partington, LPC, MEd, Private Practice*

OPENING PLENARY & CEREMONIES

Monday, August 18th, 2025 | 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

PLENARY SPEAKER:

Kris Pedretti, *Lived Experience Expert*

Telling My Story: The Unexpected Gift of Post- Traumatic Growth

Kris Pedretti shares her journey from surviving an attack by the Golden State Killer to discovering the unexpected strength of post-traumatic growth. Her story is one of resilience, courage, and transformation!!

Kris is the 10th known survivor of the Golden State Killer, Joseph James DeAngelo. After remaining silent for 42 years, she now courageously shares her journey of post-traumatic growth. Kris is a powerful voice for survivors, participating in national podcasts, documentaries, and public speaking engagements to raise awareness and promote healing.

She speaks across the country at conferences focused on trauma-informed care, law enforcement training, and survivor advocacy. As the founder and CEO of Phyllis's Garden (<https://www.phyllisgarden.com/>), a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting sexual assault survivors, Kris leads transformative initiatives—including the creation of soft interview rooms in police stations and the facilitation of survivor support groups.

Through her work, Kris empowers others to break their silence, reclaim their voice, and find strength in healing.



PIONEER PLENARY PANEL:

What Have We Learned about Interpersonal Violence an Abuse in 40 Years: Pioneers Chat About Where to Go from Here?



Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, MJ, LCSW, Norfolk State University, The UP Institute, NPEIV

Jacquelyn W. White, PhD, (Retired), University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, John Hopkins University School of Nursing

Oliver Williams, PhD, MPH, MSW, (Retired), School of Social Work at University of Minnesota

Sherry Hamby, PhD, University of the South, Life Path Research Center, ResilienceCon

Moderator: **Bob Geffner**, PhD, ABN, ABPP, IVAT

KEYNOTE PANELS (B SESSIONS)

Monday, August 18th, 2025 | 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM PST | 2 CE Credits

Keynote panels consist of 3 speakers and 1 moderator. Each speaker will present for 30 minutes on their focus area related to the overall topic. The last 30 minutes of the session will be dedicated to Q&A with attendees. More speaker details coming soon- check the registration site for more details.

B01. Responding to Complex Trauma in Adult Survivors: What have we learned? – Panelists: Kevin Connors, LMFT, Private Practice; Carole Warshaw, MD, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health; Moderator: Arvis Jones, PhD, Damon's Center 4 Grief, Loss and Trauma

B02. Preventing Youth Violence and Victimization: How Do We Move Forward? – Panelists: Azim Khamisa, Tariq Khamisa Foundation; Nicole Hockley, Sandy Hook Promise; and Heather Littleton, PhD, Lydia Hill Institute for Human Resilience at the University of Colorado; Moderator: Shannon McHugh, PsyD, Learn & Burn, IVAT

B03. 50 Years of Knowledge about Child Sexual Abuse: How the Backlash has Prevented Progress – Panelists: Kathleen Faller, PhD, ACSW, School of Social Work University of Michigan; David Corwin, MD, University of Utah; & Bob Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP, IVAT; Moderator: Gail Goodman, PhD, Center for Public Policy Research, Department of Psychology, University of California

B04. Political Actions and Silent Victims of Trauma, Violence and Abuse – Panelists: Sujata Warriar, PhD, Battered Women's Justice Project; Leslye Orloff, JD, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University Washington College of Law; and Lynn Rosenthal, MPA, MOSAIC at Battered Women's Justice Project; Moderator: Jason Frey, LMFT, Immigration Diagnostic Evaluations Academy Inc.

B05. 40 Years of Knowledge About Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Offenders: Where Do We Go from Here? – Panelists: Alan Rosenbaum, PhD, Northern Illinois University; Kevin Hamberger; Oliver Williams, PhD, MPH, MSW, (Retired) School of Social Work at University of Minnesota; and Elizabeth Gilchrist, PhD, University of Edinburgh; Moderator: Nada Yorke, LCSW, Yorke Consulting

B06. 40 Years Working with Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Victims/Survivors: Where Do We Go from Here? – Panelists: Gabriela Zapata-Alma, LCSW, CADC, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health; Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, John Hopkins University School of Nursing; and Amalfi Elder-Parker, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project; Moderator: Glenna Tinney, MSW, ACSW, DCSW Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

B07. Gaps in Services for Survivors of Trafficking – Panelists: Ami Carpenter, PhD, UC San Diego; Carissa Phelps, JD, MBA, Esq., Runaway Girl, FPC; and Tammy Bitanga, Ho'ōla Nā Pua, ; Moderator: Yusef Miller, North County Equity and Justice Coalition and Mosques Against Trafficking

B08. Legal Responses to Oppression and Gender-Based Violence – Panelists: Richard Ducote, LLM, Richard Ducote, Attorney at Law; Wendy Murphy, JD; New England Law|Boston and Ana Martinez-Mullen, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project; Moderator: Jessica Muller-Coyne, PsyD, IVAT, SDSU

B09. What Does Prevention and Early Intervention Look Like in the Current Political Landscape? – Panelists: Jennifer Gomez, PhD, Boston University; Sherry Hamby, PhD, University of the South, Life Paths Research Center, ResilienceCon; and Darrell Armstrong, EdS-MFT, MDiv, DDiv, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC); Moderator: Dawn Franks, Strategic Solutions, IVAT Board member

B10. Responding When Authority Figures Commit Gender-Based Violence and Abuse – Panelists: Jacquelyn W. White, PhD, (Retired) University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Lauren Book, MS, Ed, Lauren's Kids, Florida State, Senate Minority Leader; and Camille Cooper, Tim Tebow Foundation; Moderator: Jorge Duran, MA, San Diego District Attorney's Office, IVAT Board member

B11. Approaches for Promoting Post-Traumatic Growth – *Panelists: Mary Jo Barrett, MSW, Collaborative Change Consultation; and Leslie Ross, National Child Trauma Workforce Institute; Moderator: Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, MJ, LCSW, Norfolk State University, The UP Institute, APSAC, NPEIV*

C SESSIONS

Monday, August 18th, 2025 | 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

C01. Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences, Trauma-Informed and Healing-Centered Care – *Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA, IVAT*

C02. Violence Prevention and Support for Youth/LGBTQ+ Communities

Part I - 30 Minutes

Healthy Families Bright Futures – Preventing Teen Dating Violence and Alcohol Use Among LGBTQ+ Youth – *Heather Littleton, PhD, Lydia Hill Institute for Human Resilience at the University of Colorado*

Part II – 60 Minutes

Cultivating Safer and Healthier School Communities – *Nicole Hockley, Sandy Hook Promise*

C03. 3 Steps to Interrupting Victim Blaming in Professional Conversations – *Leah Vejzovic, Safe & Together North America*

C04. Intergenerational Trauma and Pathways to Healing

Part 1 – 45 Minutes

Addressing the Rippling Effects on Intergenerational Trauma Among American Indian Populations – *Nicole Butt, PhD, Oneida Nation WI, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board; Colton Shaver, Choctaw Nation OK, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board; Jessica Neuzil, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board*

Part II – 45 Minutes

Touching The Earth: A Mindful Healing Practice for Intergenerational Trauma – *Marina Dorian, PhD, Naropa University*

C05. Addressing Domestic Violence Through Awareness and Advocacy

Part I – 45 Minutes

The Use of Domestic Violence in Family Courts: How Domestic Violence Can Contribute to Divorce and Custody Issues – *Kimberly Castle, PhD, Pikeville University, Appalachian Peace Center*

Part II – 45 Minutes

When Domestic Abuse Comes to Work – *Mollie Campbell, Lived Experience Expert*

C06. With Her - For Her: New Ways of Using the Danger Assessment for Safety Planning – *Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, John Hopkins University School of Nursing*

C07. Trauma from Human Trafficking and the T Visa: Understanding, Supporting, and Advocating for Survivors – *Lorena Frey, MS, LMFT, MSCP; Jason Frey, LMFT, Immigration Diagnostic Evaluations Academy Inc.*

C08. From Trauma to Testimony: Marsy's Law – *Robin Sax, JD; and Heather Brown, JD, Greenberg Gross*

C09. The Resilience Equation: How High Dosages of Positives Can Counter Even High Burdens of Trauma – *Sherry Hamby, PhD, University of the South, Life Paths Research Center, ResilienceCon*

C10. What's Still Wrong with Rape Law, and What You Can Do About It – *Wendy Murphy, JD*

C11. TrIGR: A Brief Transdiagnostic Therapy for Guilt and Shame from Trauma and Moral Injury – *Caroyln Allard, PhD, APP, Alliant International University, APA*

D SESSIONS

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

D01. Learn How to Not Just Survive Adversity, Trauma and Tragedy: Learn How to THRIVE in Spite of It! – *Kendra Petty, Lived Experience Expert*

D02. Trauma Healing Through Self-Empowerment and Connection to One's Body

Part I – 45 Minutes

Self-Defense as An Empowerment Tool: How I Became My Own Hero – *Mandi Pratt, Lived Experience Expert*

Part II – 45 Minutes

Trauma Adapted Yoga with Adolescents: An Introduction and Practice – *Kathryn Hagen, PhD, SUNY Upstate Medical Hospital*

D03. Children's Experiences and Use of Violence in the Home: Experiences, Impacts and Support Needs – *Silke Meyer, Griffith University*

D04. Examining the Role of Religious Leaders and Institutions in Responding to Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

Part I – 60 Minutes

Institutional Betrayal or Courage? How Faith Communities Respond to Domestic Violence – *Genece Goertzen, LMSW/MDiv, Baylor University*

Part II – 30 Minutes

Evaluating the Impact of the Keeping Faith Workshop on the Spanking-Related Attitudes and Professional Practices of Religious Leaders – *Robin D. Perrin, PhD, Pepperdine University; Cindy Miller Perrin, PhD, Pepperdine University*

D05. Intervention Programs with Fathers Who Have Used Violence and Mothers Who Are Behind Bars

Part I – 45 Minutes

Intervening with Fathers Who Have Used Violence: The Fathers for Change Therapy Approach – *Carla Stover, PhD, Yale University, IPV Center for Implementation Research and Evaluation VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Fathers for Change*

Part II – 45 Minutes

Mental Health and Mothering Behind Bars: Clinical Implications of Maternal Incarceration – *Jessica Mueller-Coyne, PsyD, IVAT, SDSU*

D06. Introducing the Mental Health and Substance Use Coercion Clinical Integration Model: An Evidence-Supported Innovation to Improve Safety and Well-being – *Carole Warshaw, MD, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health; Gabriela Zapata-Alma, LCSW, CADC, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health, University of Chicago*

D07. Ending Human Trafficking Through Action-Based Solutions, Policy, and Advocacy

Part I – 45 Minutes

Joining Forces: Policy, Advocacy, and Survivor Leadership in Ending Human Trafficking – *Ashlie Bryant, MPA, Cornell University, 3Strands Global Foundation; Kristi Merrill, 3Strands Global Foundation, Lived Experience Expert*

Part II – 45 Minutes

TBD – *Carissa Phelps, JD, MBA, Runaway Girl, FPC*

D08. The Minimization of Intimate Partner Violence and Child Maltreatment in Family Court Cases: Legal, Mental Health, and Advocacy Strategies – *Richard Ducote, LLM, Richard Ducote, Attorney at Law; Seth Goldstein, JD, Private Practice; Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, MJ, LCSW, Norfolk State University, The UP Institute, ASPAC, NPEIV; Maralee McLean, Moms Fight Back*

D09. The Political Economy of Caring in the US: Band-Aids Not Cures – *Jeoffry Gordon, MD, MPH, California Citizens Review Panel for Critical Incidents*

D10. Exploring Tools and Resources for Preventing Sexual Assault

Part I – 45 Minutes

Callisto: Technology that Safely Connects Campus Survivors of Serial Perpetrators – Tracey De Tomasi, LCSW, Callisto

Part II – 45 Minutes

TBD

D11. Hope and Optimism – Anthony Maez, Albuquerque Police Department; Michelle Sippel, LMFT, Innocent Justice Foundation, ICAC, Albuquerque Street Connect

ROUNDTABLE PLENARY (E SESSION)

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 | 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

The Roundtable Plenary will consist of 5-6 speakers and 2 moderators. Each speaker will be given time to respond to pre-determined opening and closing questions. The middle portion of the session will be dedicated to Q&A facilitated by the 2 moderators. More details coming soon! Please check the registration site for more details.

What is Institutional Courage and Why is it Important Today? - Panelists: Jennifer Gomez, PhD, Boston University; Darrell Armstrong, MDiv, EdS, MFT, DDiv, APSAC; Rita Smith, International Expert, Violence Against Women; Mary Jo Barrett, MSW, Collaborative Change Consultation; Moderators: Bob Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP, IVAT and Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA, IVAT

F SESSIONS

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 | 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

F01. Understanding Attachment Through the Dynamic Maturation Model: Foundations for Clinical Practice – Allison Brownlee, PsyD, LMFT, Stronger Together Community Services

F02. Complex Strategies for Addressing Chemically Dependent, Trauma-Reactive Youth – John Seasock, PsyD, LPC Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

F03. How to Use Storytelling to Create Meaningful Connections and Invite Transformation – Elayna Fernandez, PhD, Positive MOM[®], S.T.O.R.Y.

F04. Exploring the Effects of Trauma on Asylum-Seekers

Part I – 45 Minutes

Between Violence and Resilience: Depression and Anxiety in Pregnant and Postpartum Asylum-Seekers at the U.S.-Mexico Border – Samantha Sidline, MSW

Part II – 45 Minutes

Identifying the Full History of Trauma and its Effects on Asylum-Seekers and Immigrant Survivors – Leslye Orloff, JD, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project

F05. Achieving Violence-Free and Substance Abuse Sobriety in Abusive Men – Oliver Williams, PhD, MPH, MSW, (Retired) School of Social Work at University of Minnesota; Dominique Waltower, Inspire Perspective

F06. Big Changes are Here: Violence Against Women Act- Update on Federal Housing Protections – Deme Hill, DPA, MA, California Baptist University, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

F07. Giving Survivors a Voice: An Overview of Civil Remedies Available to Victims of Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking – Daniel Varon, JD, The Zalkin Law Firm, L.L.P.; Tallis Radwick, JD, The Zalkin Law Firm, L.L.P.

F08. The Children in the Pictures: The Intersection of Intra-Familial Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse Material – *Camille Cooper, Tim Tebow Foundation; Ted Cross, PhD, Cross & Associates, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

F09. Emotional Intelligence as a Tool for Teens and Youths to Prevent Violence: The Unified U.S.-Russian Experience
Part I – 30 Minutes
Emotional Intelligence as a Tool for Teens and Youths to Prevent Violence: The Unified U.S.- Russian Experience
– *Anastasia Babicheva, Lived Experienced Expert*
Part II – 60 Minutes
Building Co-Regulation Capacity in Caregivers and Young Children to Reduce ACES, Optimize Brain Development, and Prevent Mental Illness – *Barbara Landon, LCP, CCCN, St. George’s University, WINDREF; Roberta Evans, Saving Brains Grenada*

F10. Restorative Justice for Families Affected by Sibling Sexual Abuse – *Becky Russell, LCP-MHSP, CCPT-II, Reach the Valley; Crystal Keller, AMFT, CAEBS-AAPT, Reach the Valley*

F11. Beyond Secondary Traumatic Stress: The Impact of Climate Trauma and Disaster Work on Provider Wellness – *Leslie Ross, PhD, National Child Trauma Workforce Institute*

POSTER FLASH TALKS

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 | 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM PST | 1 CE Credit

The Poster Flash Talks provide attendees an opportunity to discuss new research, programs, and other current issues with presenters who have created visual poster displays. Each presenter will provide a short 5–7-minute presentation followed by Q&A. Physical posters will be displayed in the Poster and Exhibitors Reception that follows.

POSTER AND EXHIBITOR RECEPTION

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 | 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM PST | Not CE Eligible

G SESSIONS

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM PST | 1.5 CE Credit

G01. The Ethical Imperative of Understanding Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma – *Mary Jo Barrett, MSW, Collaborative Change Consultation*

G02. Supporting Teen Mental Health, Safety, and Intuition for Peaceful Living – *Mandi Pratt, Lived Experience Expert*

G03. Emotional and Betrayal Trauma in Children in Divorce Cases – *Roy Lubit, MD, PhD*

G04. Creating Healthy Home Environments for Promoting Early Childhood Development

Part I – 45 Minutes

Promoting Childhood Development After Child Abuse – *Joyanna Silberg, PhD, Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence*

Part II – 45 Minutes

Scaling an Evidence-based Early Childhood Development Parenting Program with Community-Based Volunteers Offers Lessons on Preventing Violence Against Women/Violence Against Children in Vulnerable Rwandan Families – *Candace Black, PhD, Boston College of Social Work, Queen Mary University of London; Gabriel Phend, MA, Boston College of Social Work*

G05. Deception, Trait Anger, and Revenge: Insights from the Resolving Our Anger Responsibly Multi-Site Trial – *Nada Yorke, LCSW, Yorke Consulting; Tom DiBlasi, PhD, St. Joseph’s College*

G06. Body as Ally: Somatic Practices for Healing of Intimate Partner Violence Survivors - Exploring the Body's Wisdom in Trauma Recovery for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence – Jagbir Kang, AMFT, MA, MS, ihealandgrow, LLC

G07. Introduction to the SAFeR Approach: A Tool for Identifying, Assessing, and Responding to Domestic Violence in Child Custody Cases - Ana Martinez-Mullen, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project

G08. Lessons from Other Disciplines to Increase Safety in Fearful Moments - Glenn Lipson, PhD, ABPP, IVAT, Wes Albers, Retired Detective Sergeant, Community Liaison for Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) and Wendy Patrick, JD, MDiv, PhD, San Diego District Attorney's Office

G09. Creative and Supportive Approaches Towards Healing from Trauma

Part I – 45 Minutes

The Neurobiology of Culture: How Cultural Engagement Modifies the Effects of Trauma – Lauren Liefeland, PhD

Part II – 45 Minutes

Invisible Wounds: Assessments and Interventions for Patients Exposed to Medical Trauma – Kathryn Hagen, PhD, SUNY Upstate Medical University Hospital

G10. Tech-Facilitated Sexual Violence – Lauren Book, MS, Ed, Lauren's Kids, Florida State, Senate Minority Leader

G11. Submitting Your Research, Program Evaluation, Intervention, and Prevention Work to Journals; Practical Tips and Strategies for Success – Bob Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP, IVAT; Alan Rosenbaum, PhD; Jessica Mueller-Coyne, PsyD, IVAT, SDSU; Heather Littleton, PhD; Lydia Hill, Institute for Human Resilience at the University of Colorado; Kevin Hamberger, PhD

PARALLEL PLENARIES (H SESSIONS)

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

The Parallel Plenaries will consist of approximately 5 speakers and 1 moderator. Each speaker will be given time to respond to pre-determined opening and closing questions. The middle portion of the session will be dedicated to Q&A facilitated by the moderator. Speaker details coming soon! Please check the registration site for more details.

H01. Beyond the Border: Misconceptions About Immigration Issues – Panelists: Navid Zamani, PhD, LMFT, San Diego State University, License to Freedom (Invited); Leslye Orloff, JD, National Women's Advocacy Project - American University Washington College of Law; Jane Bussey; Maria Jose-Fletcher, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project; Moderator: Chelsea Hill, MSW, IVAT

H02. Misuse and Misperceptions of Parental Alienation in Family Court – Panelists: Roy Lubit, MD, PhD; Maralee McLean, Moms Fight Back; Lonny Webb, MSW, LCSW, NW Forensic and Clinical Services; Richard Ducote, LLM, Richard Ducote, Attorney at Law; Moderator: Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, MJ, LCSW, Norfolk State University, The UP Institute, APSAC, NPEIV

H03. Improving Coordinated Community Responses in Intimate Partner Violence – Panelists: Glenna Tinney, MSW, ACSW, DCSW Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.); Rita Smith, International Expert, Violence Against Women; Amalfi Elder-Parker, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project; Rosie Hidalgo, JD, MOSAIC at Battered Women's Justice Project; Moderator: Carole Warshaw, MD, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health

H04. Building Common Ground: Finding Unity in a Polarized Global World – Panelists: Pamela Pine, PhD, MPH, Stop the Silence®, IVAT; Joy Johnson-Green, PhD, Sonshine Community Services; Elizabeth Gilchrist, PhD, University of Edinburgh; Mary Jo Barrett, MSW, Collaborative Change Consultation; Sujata Warriar, PhD, Battered Women's Justice Project; Lynn Rosenthal, MPA, MOSAIC at Battered Women's Justice Project; Moderator: Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA, IVAT

H05. Research and Misperceptions about Suggestibility and Coaching in Cases with Sexual Abuse Allegations – Panelists: *Gail Goodman, PhD, University of California, Davis; Kathleen Faller, PhD, ACSW, School of Social Work University of Michigan; David Corwin, MD, University of Utah; Moderator: Bob Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP, IVAT*

H06. Working with Interpersonal Violence Offenders - Panelists: *Nada Yorke, LCSW, Yorke Consulting; Jessica Mueller-Coyne, PsyD, IVAT, SDSU; L.C. Miccio-Fonseca, PhD, Clinic for the Sexualities; Moderator: Lucinda Rasmussen, PhD, LCSW, San Diego State University*

I SESSIONS

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 | 1:15 PM – 4:30 PM PST (Break 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM) | 3 CE Credits

I01. Building Resilience Among Trauma Survivors: The Importance of Self-Empowerment and Autonomy

Part I – 90 Minutes

From Surviving to Thriving: Empowering Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence through Healing and Resilience
– *Liletta Harlem, DMV Business Crossing Network, My Natural Me, Dementia Caregivers Support Program*

Part II – 90 Minutes

TBD

I02: Empowerment through Understanding: The Impact of Language, Biases and Labels on Vulnerable Youth – *Anette Birgersson, PsyD, Christin Santiago, CTRS, MPA Suffolk University, Skills Clinic*

I03. Understanding the Impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Inspiring Change Through a Trauma-Informed Lens

Part I – 90 Minutes

Trauma-Informed and Beyond: Improving Personal and Professional Wellness and Communication – *Don Caballero, ACE Overcomers*

Part II – 90 Minutes

Breaking Barriers: Understanding ACEs, Autoimmune Deficiency Disorders, and Alopecia Areata to Foster Healing and Empowerment – *Stephanie Anderson, DPC, MPC, The Alopecia Advocate; Lorena Frey, LMFT, MCP*

I04. Advocacy: From the Past to the Future – *Sujata Warrior, PhD, Battered Women’s Justice Project; Amy Sanchez, Battered Women’s Justice Project; Lynn Rosenthal, MPA, MOSAIC at Battered Women’s Justice Project ; Rosie Hildago, JD, MOSAIC at Battered Women’s Justice Project*

I05. Effective Strategies to Foster Self-Directed Accountability in Offender Intervention Groups for Long-Term Cessation of Abuse – *Nada Yorke, LCSW, Yorke Consulting; Sarah Holmes, MA, Solano County – Probation, Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration*

I06. Unmasking Narcissism: What You Need to Know for Early Identification and Accelerated Healing – *Anette Oltmans, the MEND Project, Lived Experience Expert*

I07. Evolving Responses to Human Trafficking: Supporting Adult Survivors and Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Survivors

Part I – 90 Minutes

The Crime in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking– *Maraya Lasinsky, MA, Dublin City University, Blue Campaign, Center for Countering Human Trafficking*

Part II – 90 Minutes

Responding to the Evolution of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking – *Mikayla Simeral, MSW, MA, Shared Hope International*

I08. Ethics Principles and Processes: An Interactive Case-Based Workshop – *Bruce Liese, PhD, University of Kansas, ABPP, APA*

I09. Decoding Coercive Control: The Quicksand Model® - A Framework for Professionals to Eliminate Coercive Control and Safeguard Survivors Systemically – *Kate Amber, MSc, End Coercive Control USA*

I10: Expanding Clinicians' Knowledge of Gender-Affirming Care and Support for the LGBTQ+ Community

Part I – 90 Minutes

Gender-Affirming Care: Navigating Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders working with Transgender, Genderfluid, Gender Nonconforming Folks – *Kristina Padilla, MA, LAADC, California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals*

Part II – 90 Minutes

Clinical Consideration for Working with the LGBTQIA2+ Population – *Kristina Padilla, MA, LAADC, California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals*

I11: Uncovering the Healing Powers of Music: How Music Can Provide Therapeutic Benefits

Part I – 90 Minutes

Music Therapy: A Resource for Healing Grief, Loss, and Trauma – *Arvis Jones, PhD, MT, MA, Damon's Center 4 Grief, Loss, and Trauma*

Part II – 90 Minutes

Expressing Through Music in Groups: Fostering Connection and Triumphant Over Trauma – *Gail Soffer, Mindful Veteran Project*

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 | 4:45 PM – 6:30 PM PST | Not CE Eligible

Join us for live music and appetizers as we celebrate IVAT's 40th anniversary and the 30th anniversary of the Summit!

J SESSIONS

Thursday, August 21st, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM PST | 2 CE Credits

J01. Healing in the Web of Trauma – *Carolyn West, PhD, University of Washington*

J02. All in a Day's Work: Understanding the Impact of Working Child Abuse and Exploitation Cases – *Amy Russell, MEd, JD, NCC, Russell Consulting*

J03. Sandplay Therapy with Children Who Are Survivors of Trauma – *Rocio Evans, LMFT, REAT, San Francisco Sheriff's*

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J04. Reimagining Power and Societal Transformation through Institutional Courage and Dreamstorming – Jennifer Gómez, PhD, Boston University

J05. Expanding My Universe, Working with Harm Doers with Intimate Partners; Implications for Intimate Partner Violence – David Mathews, PsyD, LICSW, One T

J06. Developing Trauma-Informed Care Approaches for Building a Path to Recovery

Part I – 60 Minutes

Understanding the Intersectionality of Trauma and Stigma in Recovery – Herman Taylor, LMSW, MPA, CASAC

Part II – 60 Minutes

Creating Trauma-Informed Care Service Environments – Angeliqye McKoy, LPC, NCC, House of Ruth Maryland; Lisa Nitsch, House of Ruth Maryland

J07. TBD

J08. Mitigating Factors in Criminal Cases: Trauma and Neuropsychological Issues – Bob Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP, IVAT, and Jessica Mueller-Coyne, PsyD, IVAT, SDSU

J09. Promoting Positive Mental Health Outcomes for Immigrants Through Culturally Informed Programs

Part I – 60 Minutes

A Culturally Tailored Approach to Address Immigration Grief, Trauma and Mental Health Access in Latine Communities – Monica Zuniga Fajuri, MS, City University of New York, Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Latine Communities, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center; Jessica Apfel, Ps.D, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc.

Part II – 60 Minutes

A Feasibility and Acceptability Trial of an Adapted Evidenced-Based Mental Health Promotion Program for Resettled Afghan Families – Haitisha Mehta, Boston College

J10. Understanding and Addressing Sexual Trauma: Systemic Intervention Strategies and Personal Healing

Part I – 60 Minutes

Yin Yoga for Victims of Sexual Trauma – Andrea Marr, PhD, Lived Experience Expert

Part II – 60 Minutes

Facilitators, Risk Factors, and Antecedents of Military Sexual Trauma: Systematic and Integrative Review with the Ecological Model – Ana Stalzer, MA, Idaho State University

J11. Leadership Consciousness as Primary Prevention: Bridging Emotional Intelligence, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Violence Prevention – Aang Lakey, Increasing Consciousness and Anti-Violence Advocate

CLOSING PLENARY & CEREMONIES

Thursday, August 21st, 2025 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM PST | 1.5 CE Credits

PLENARY SPEAKER: Lauren Book, MS, Ed

How Parkland Students Turned Trauma into Change



Former Florida State Senator Lauren Book is an internationally respected and renowned child advocate, former classroom teacher, best-selling author, and one of 42 million survivors of child sexual abuse living in the US today. She founded Lauren's Kids (<https://laurenskids.org/>), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation, more than 15 years ago. Under Senator Book's leadership, the organization works to create a world where the exploitation of children is not tolerated. Over her years of service to victims of abuse, Lauren has successfully advocated for the passage of more than 2 dozen state and national laws to protect victims and keep predators at bay - including the nation's toughest mandatory reporting laws, child safety zones, and

ending the Statute of Limitations for prosecution of sexual crimes committed against children. She has walked more than 10,000 miles across the state of FL, trekking 1,500 miles from Key West to Tallahassee annually from 2000 to 2018, to raise awareness about sexual abuse and to allow survivors an outlet to speak out about their experiences. In addition to her advocacy work, Book is committed to empowering children to protect themselves against abuse. A former classroom teacher, Book developed the first of its kind Pre-K through Grade 12 abuse prevention and personal safety curriculum program, *Safer, Smarter Schools*, to provide children with the necessary tools to recognize safe and unsafe situations, avoid traps set by predators, and speak up if they feel unsafe or are being victimized. The curriculum program is currently being used across the state of FL, the country, and the world to arm 5 million children with safety education each year.

PLENARY SPEAKER: Carolyn West, PhD

Reflecting on our Past, Present, and Future: Bold Strategies for Anti-Violence Professionals

Dr. Carolyn West is a Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Washington, an award-winning author, internationally recognized speaker, documentary filmmaker, and expert witness. For more than three decades, she has been investigating gender-based violence, with a special focus on domestic violence and sexual assault in the lives of Black women. Dr. West has authored more than 100 academic publications, including *Violence in the Lives of Black Women: Battered, Black and Blue* (2002) and the 4-part *Technical Assistance Guidance Series: Serving Black Women Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence* (2024).

Dr. West is a fierce advocate for survivors. As a 23-year old graduate student, she successfully filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against her university and started a social media campaign to raise awareness. She continues to amplify the voices of survivors as a featured expert on *Red Table Talk* with Jada Pinkett Smith and documentaries, including *Chris Brown: A History of Violence* and *Diddy: The Making of a Bad Boy*. Dr. West has given hundreds of keynote addresses, workshops, and presentations around the country and has been interviewed by national media outlets including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, NPR, and CBS News. Her vision is to educate, empower, and inspire a multicultural alliance of survivors and professionals to prevent all forms of violence. In her spare time, she is an aspiring cowgirl and occasionally she jumps out of a perfectly good airplane. She can be reached at www.DrCarolynWest.com.



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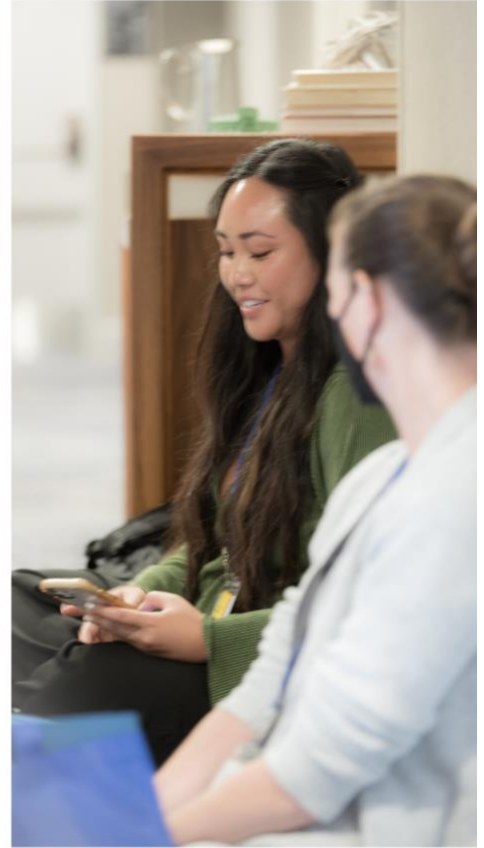


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