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Burleson, Grimes, Hill, & Limestone Counties hosted survivor focus groups in August. ICCR consultant, Praxis International, facilitated the groups and produced a summary containing key themes identified by the 13 survivors.

Several common themes were found:

- Intervenor's lack of understanding about domestic violence dynamics
- Distrust of the criminal legal system's response
- Lack of knowledge about victims' options to access safety
- Importance of empathy, compassion, and consistent support by intervenors
- Need for meaningful collaboration within system and among community advocacy agencies
- Need for specialized law enforcement training

[To read the full summary, click here](#)

We hope that this summary will be the catalyst for meaningful conversation and growth in your community. There are several resources available through ICCR as you begin to expand and improve upon your systemic response to domestic violence:

- Connect with your county's ICCR team to learn more about the work they are doing and see how you or your organization can get involved
- Visit our [Community Trainings](#) page for upcoming webinars and in-person trainings on domestic violence topics
- Visit [Praxis International's website](#) for extensive resources for rural communities, advocates, and more
- Attend the [Conference on Crimes Against Women](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON OCTOBER TRAINING

Thank you to everyone who joined us for "Witness or Victim? Children & Intimate Partner Violence"

Ray Goins, Tamara Hudgins, and Ronnie Johnson from [Purple Badge Consulting](#) trained over 50 advocates, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and public health officials this month on the dynamics of domestic violence and how children are affected.



Attendees learned the specifics of generational trauma and the Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey (ACES). Additionally, the presenters conducted a simulation interview, in which attendees used their knowledge and skills to role play an on-scene interview with a child who had witnessed a domestic violence incident.



IN THE NEWS

When men murder women

This paper details the top 10 lethal states in the U.S. in 2017 for rates of intimate partner homicide. In 2017, there were 1,948 females murdered by males in single victim/single offender incidents. Most often, females were killed by males in the course of an argument—most frequently with a firearm.

[Read more here](#)

Honoring Texas Victims

TCFV documents intimate partner homicides in Texas each year and puts the information together in a report. Each confirmed fatality represents a woman or man killed by an intimate partner or a stalking perpetrator between January 2018 and December 2018. In 2018, 174 women were killed by a male intimate partner in 64 Texas counties. 59% of perpetrators used a firearm to kill their partner.

[Read more here](#)

San Antonio starts to confront its domestic violence crisis

At a DV awareness town hall meeting, domestic violence survivors and policy advocates in attendance demanded both answers and change in the wake of a report that called attention to an unsettlingly high rate of domestic violence in the city. From 2012 to 2017, the number of women killed by male intimate partners more than tripled in Bexar County, rising from five to eighteen.

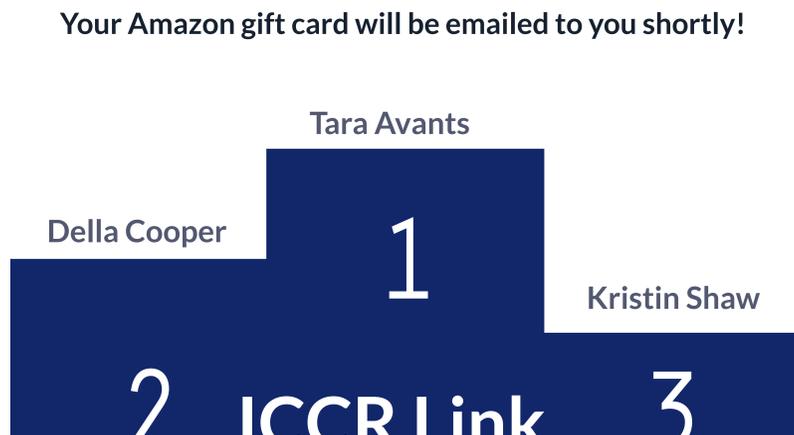
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