ICCR Newsletter

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Applications for the 2021-22 ICCR Training Cohort are now open!

Teams of three—**made up of a prosecutor, law enforcement officer, and advocate**—from rural, under-resourced counties in Texas are encouraged to apply for a FREE year of training and technical assistance.

Visit www.ConferenceCAW.org/ICCR-Application for eligibility requirements. Applications will close in November 2020.

APPLY HERE

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Fellows can expect to spend an average of one hour each week on ICCR assignments, and will benefit from:

- **CCAW registration**, travel, and lodging for two years
- Customized monthly **webinars** and quarterly **in-person trainings** focused on collaboration skills and domestic violence dynamics
- **System-wide case review** of community's current domestic violence response
- Ongoing **technical assistance** for creating a sustainable Coordinated Community Response
- Access to ICCR's expansive, ever-growing **Resource Library**
- **Networking** with like-minded rural communities across the state

TECHNOLOGY FOR SURVIVORS

DID YOU KNOW?

- **96% of victim service providers report that abusers harass victims via text messaging [1]**
- **79% of service providers report that abusers monitor survivors' social media accounts [2]**
- **Only 17% of sextortion victims contacted law enforcement [3]**
- **About 1 out of 4 stalking victims report some form of cyberstalking [4]**

[1] www.techsafety.org
[2] www.techsafety.org
[3] www.thorn.org
[4] www.bjs.gov

Resources

Click on the icons to learn more!

- DocuSAFE: Documentation & Evidence Collection App
- App Safety Considerations for Survivors of Abuse
- 12 Tips on Cell Phone Safety & Privacy

FELLOWS! Click here to access ICCR Link for more resources on the link between domestic violence & technology.

IN THE NEWS

Two Texas officers killed in the line of duty after responding to domestic violence call, police say

Two McAllen police officers were murdered by an abuser when responding to a family violence incident. After shooting and killing the two officers, more officers responded on-scene, and the 23-year-old suspect took his own life. Tragic incidents like this one are far too common; domestic violence calls are often the most dangerous incidents officers respond to.

Read more here

Can domestic abusers keep themselves accountable when no one is watching?

Rachel Louise Snyder discusses a spike in domestic violence incidents during the pandemic, as well as the implications for BIPP and offender accountability. In the U.S., about 1,500 batterer-intervention programs exist, but no one organization that oversees and codifies all of them. As a result, no two have the same standards, resulting in loopholes for offenders and danger for victims.

Read more here

She Said Her Husband Hit Her. She Lost Custody of Their Kids

The Marshall Project follows a contentious custody battle between a woman and her abusive ex-husband. Because the legal justice system is "set up on dealing with agreeableness", many women and mothers are at a disadvantage in custody hearings when domestic violence is present. Family courts often favor the parent who will cooperate to maintain their ex's relationship with their children, and abusive fathers are skilled at manipulating the courts in their favor, convincing judges that they have the children's interests in mind.

Read more here

SAVE THE DATE

Remote Training: Addressing Trauma in DV/SA Investigations & Prosecutions

REGISTER

And learn more about this event!

Presented by Justin Boardman & Julie Germann, **August 6, 1:00 PM-4:30 PM**

This training will address how victims' trauma affects the response, investigation, and prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault. After a review of how the brain and body react to trauma and the impact of trauma on memory, the presenters will provide guidance for developing trauma-informed interview strategies that capture the evidence necessary to enable a successful prosecution, as well as share prosecution strategies to overcome common challenges, such as recanting or unavailable victims.

Up to 3.5 hours of accreditation available for LPC, LMFT, Social Work, MCLE, & TCOLE!

Remote Training: The Most Dangerous Call: Responding to & Investigating Domestic Violence Incidents

REGISTER

And learn more about this event!

Presented by Mark Wynn, **August 7, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM OR 1:00 PM-4:30 PM**

The relationship between perpetrators of domestic violence and officers killed in the line of duty is indisputable, and victims are more likely to be killed by their abuser once they take steps to leave the relationship. It is imperative that officers have a clear understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and common abusive control tactics. Through the use of interactive participation and case studies, participants will learn the five objectives of an on-scene investigation, interviewing techniques, victim behavior, and offender motivation. The presenter will draw on his insights from 21 years in law enforcement and 30+ years of training and consulting to share practical skills and tools that can immediately be implemented in your next domestic violence call.

Up to 3 hours of accreditation available for Social Work, MCLE, & TCOLE!

Webinar: The Impact of Trauma on the Brain

REGISTER

And learn more about this event!

Presented by Jessica Brazeal, **August 20, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Why is it that, after a car accident, we may not remember exactly what happened, but we remember the smell of burnt rubber from squealing tires? Or after a violent assault, we may not remember the order of events, but we remember the pattern on the carpet as we were held down against our will? The brain is a complex and powerful tool that processes and stores information and memories. When memories are scary or violent, our brains begin to process that information in a different way to maximize our ability to survive and thrive. Understanding how a traumatized brain functions is vital when working with victims of violent crime. This webinar will discuss the brain's basic structures and functions, how trauma affects our natural memory processing mechanisms, and methods to effectively communicate with traumatized individuals.

Up to 1.5 hours of accreditation available for LPC, LMFT, Social Work, & MCLE!

Community Training, Groesbeck: Comprehensive Domestic Violence Response

REGISTER

And learn more about this event!

Presented by Justin Boardman, John Guard, Lana Gudgel, & Amanda Miller, **August 28, 8:45 AM-4:15 PM**

This day-long training will encompass four separate sessions, including: Trauma-Informed Victim Interview for the Justice System; Leveraging What's Known: The Art of the Suspect Interview in IPV Investigations; Domestic Violence Report Writing: Painting the Picture with Words; and Understanding Your Victim. Join four professionals in the field for a comprehensive training on the various aspects of successful investigation, interviewing, prosecution, and advocacy in domestic violence cases.

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LINK LEADERBOARD

Congratulations to **Justin Watts** for being the most active fellow on ICCR Link this month!

Your Amazon gift card will be emailed to you shortly!

Justin Watts 1

Ricky Thompson 2

Brian Wolfskill 3

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