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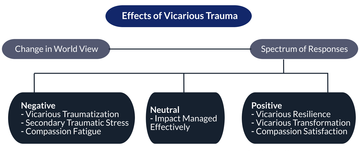
SPOTLIGHT ON VICARIOUS TRAUMA TOOLKIT

Vicarious trauma is an unavoidable occupational hazard for first responders, victim service providers, and other allied professionals who are continuously exposed to victims of trauma and violence. Workplaces that do not proactively address this work-related exposure to trauma often see lost productivity, staff turnover, and poor organizational health.



Graphic adapted from https://vtt.ovc.ojp.gov/

The new, comprehensive **Vicarious Trauma Toolkit** (VTT) includes about 500 resources to help guide organizational leaders as they seek to create vicarious trauma-informed organizations.

The Toolkit provides relevant resources to the following disciplines:

- Victim Services
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire Services
- Law Enforcement

Each field will find profession-specific guidance related to:
- Leadership and mission
- Management and supervision
- Employee empowerment and work environment
- Training and professional development
- Staff health and wellness

Click HERE to access the Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

JUNE IS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

DID YOU KNOW?

- About 1 in 10 Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of abuse in later life [1]
- Only 1 out of 24 cases of abuse in later life are reported to authorities [2]
- About 2/3 of victims of abuse in later life are female [3]
- About 50% of individuals with dementia are abused or neglected by caregivers [4]

[1] www.ncoa.org
[2] www.nursinghomeabusecenter.com
[3] www.ovc.ncjrs.gov
[4] www.ovc.ncjrs.gov

Resources

Click on the icons to learn more!

- Power & Control Wheel for Elder Abuse
- Elder Abuse Statistics
- National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

FELLOWS! Click here to access ICCR Link for more resources on the link between domestic violence & abuse in later life.

IN THE NEWS

Pulse 4 Years Later: LGBTQ, Gun Safety Groups Release Report

On June 12, 2020, the fourth commemoration of the Pulse Nightclub shooting, the Human Rights Campaign, Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, Giffords Law Center and Equality Florida released a new report highlighting the impact of gun violence on the LGBTQ community. Gun violence disproportionately impacts minority communities, and especially Black transgender women, and this report highlights the impact of firearms on homicide, suicide, and intimate partner violence in the LGBTQ communities of color

Read more here

'I Had To Make A Decision': How Domestic Violence Survivors Are Navigating Covid-19

Nationwide, law enforcement and victim service agencies have raised alarms about family violence from the beginning of the crisis, pointing early on to both a spike in deaths and drop in police reports as people retreated from public to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. DV agencies are encouraging individuals to check in on their friends who may be in an abusive relationship because some may be unable to reach out while businesses are still closed.

Read more here

Groups step up outreach amid increase of domestic violence during coronavirus pandemic

OneLove Foundation is partnering with Baltimore hospitals and organizations to help reach victims of domestic violence during the pandemic. Although victims are locked in the house with their abusers, OneLove believes they can still get these victims the help they need.

Read more here

SAVE THE DATE

Community Training, Hillsboro: 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!

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.

Accreditation will be available for CEU, MCLE, & TCOLE!

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