



Courageous Conversations, Pt. 2: From Trauma to Healing: Finding Common Ground

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This facilitated conversation, building on the discussion begun in “Courageous Conversations, Pt. 1 - Improving Our Response to the Black Community,” will explore the parallels between how trauma shows up in the culture of policing and Black lived experiences. The presenters will discuss the nuances of compound, complex trauma and create common ground on how trauma impacts help seeking, service provision, and resiliency/pathways to healing for both law enforcement and Black survivors. Attendees will be encouraged to actively participate in the discussion and brainstorm with each other to answer the question, “How can we use this information to better our response to survivors in the Black community?”



Gretta Gordy Gardner is the Deputy Director for Ujima, Inc.: a project of the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence at The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community. An attorney, Ms. Gardner’s career as a legal advisor for survivors was inspired by her early work as a prosecutor in the Domestic Violence Unit of the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office. She has worked for over two decades to help shape guidelines, policies, and procedures that jurisdictions can use to end IPV and develop best practices for prevention and intervention in legal systems and community-based programs.



Tom Tremblay is the owner of Thomas Tremblay Consulting & Training. Throughout his 30 year policing career as an officer, detective, supervisor, police chief, and state public safety commissioner, Mr. Tremblay has been a passionate leader for the prevention of DV/SA. He is a retired chief of police from Burlington, VT, and a former Commissioner of the Vermont Dept. of Public Safety. Mr. Tremblay is now a national and international advisor and trainer for police, prosecutors, advocates, higher education, the military, and the private sector. He is a contracted subject matter expert on domestic violence and sexual assault for numerous organizations.



Carolyn West is professor of clinical psychology at the Univ. of Washington. Dr. West has authored over 70 publications and is editor/contributor of "Violence in the Lives of Black Women: Battered, Black, & Blue." She has also written extensively on racism in sexualized media, and produced the documentary “Let me tell ya’ll ‘bout Black chicks: Images of Black women in pornography” in 2018. Dr. West has worked as an expert witness in DV/SA cases, delivered keynote addresses, conducted workshops, and created innovative training materials to educate and equip professionals with the skills to provide culturally-sensitive services to survivors of color.

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