

New Orleans Best Practices Conference

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Day 1

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8:30-9:00 am	Register at table outside of Celestin Ballroom, Section E—3rd floor, all the way to the back of the hotel Check- In and Chat
9:00 – 9:30 am	Opening (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Comments –Bea Hanson, Principal Deputy Director Office on Violence Against Women, Casey Gwinn, Moderator, President, Family Justice Center Alliance • Participant Introductions • Survivor Stories – Understanding the Challenges
9:30 – 10:45 am 1.25 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's	The Neurobiology of Trauma: Concrete Applications (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) David Lisak, Phd. Fear is the cornerstone of what we have come to understand as psychological trauma. The very neural mechanisms that produce the fear that saves our lives in life-threatening situations are the same mechanisms that produce the neurophysiological and neuroanatomical changes that underlie Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. This presentation will review recent advances in our understanding of the neurobiology of trauma – how trauma alters the brain, and in so doing alters experience and memory. It will then focus on the application of this knowledge in forensic interviewing and the gathering of evidence.
10:45 –11:00 am	Break

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<p>11:00 –12:00 pm</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>The Challenges Ahead in Multi-Disciplinary Responses to Sexual Assault (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Nancy O'Malley, Esq. (Alameda County District Attorney)</p> <p>This course will identify some of the unique challenges in responding and providing services to survivors of sexual assault crimes. The Course will discuss emerging areas of focus, including sexual assaults on college campuses, which at times involve the use of drugs and alcohol to facilitate the sexual assault. The Course will also discuss the efforts to test all forensic evidence kits that are performed in the aftermath of a sexual assault, and re-connecting with survivors of sexual assault crimes when a "hit" occurs through a DNA database. The Course will address when the sexual assault is committed by someone known to the survivor and how we, as service providers and advocates, can help the survivor regain trust and heal from the experience.</p> <p>The Course will present "best practices" in terms of building collaborative teams and collaborative responses that will result in a community response. Supporting and empowering the survivor of sexual assault, supporting and creating a healing environment for the survivor and ultimately working together to stop sexual violence in our communities is our goal and the Course will present models to accomplish that goal.</p>
<p>12:00 –1:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch on Your Own</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:45 pm</p> <p>1.25 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>The Predatory Nature of Non-Stranger Rapists (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) David Lisak, Phd.</p> <p>False stereotypes and misconceptions about who rapists are and how rapists behave continue to hamper both the criminal justice system and institutional response to sexual violence. Historically, nonstranger rape has been one of the most difficult crimes to successfully prosecute because the nonstranger rapist presents unique challenges to those responsible for protecting the community from criminal behavior. Successful prosecution or adjudication of these cases requires different strategies and a different focus than stranger rape cases, and a very coordinated effort by all those involved in the investigation and prosecution effort.</p>

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<p>2:45 – 3:45 pm</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Making a Difference: The Importance of Victim Advocacy in Sexual Assault (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Grace Mattern, Amanda Tonkovich, Kati Bambrick- Rodriguez and Morgan Lamandre, Esq</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the role of advocacy in response to sexual assault, including evidence of the critical role of advocates and a Survivors' Bill of Rights. A short history of the New Orleans SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) and its current status will be provided, along with an update on pending public policy issues to improve responses to sexual assault statewide.</p> <p>Goal: Increase knowledge of the role and effectiveness of advocacy in responding to sexual violence, including advocacy with individual survivors and advocacy to improve systemic responses and affect public policy.</p> <p>Objective 1: Present an overview of the role of advocates in responding to sexual assault cases.</p> <p>Objective 2: Provide information on research examining the effectiveness of advocacy for sexual assault survivors and criminal justice system cases.</p> <p>Objective 3: Provide an overview of the Survivor's Bill of Rights.</p> <p>Objective 4: Provide an overview of the history and current status of the New Orleans SART.</p> <p>Objective 5: Provide information on public policy efforts to improve systemic responses to sexual assault statewide.</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>4:00 – 5:00 pm</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Understanding the Connection Between Self-Case, Quality Care, and the Care Provider's Ethical Obligation to the Patient (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Ecoee Rooney, MSN, RN-BC, Director, of Nursing: Nursing Professional Development, Magnet, Wound, Ostomy and Continence CareOchsner Medical Center – Jefferson Highway</p> <p>Compassion fatigue can affect and ultimately impair the healthcare practitioner and the systems we work to create. Signs and symptoms include irritability, maladaptive coping, apathy, poor performance, and distractibility. This is a predictable and expected phenomenon in people who provide care to people, and in particular, to those who serve the needs of patients who have been traumatized. By understanding this concept, we can plan for, anticipate, and mitigate its effects and ensure that the services we provide remain compassionate, comprehensive, and coordinated.</p>
<p>5:00 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn Day One</p>

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8:30-9:00	Register at table outside of Celestin Ballroom, Section E—3rd floor, all the way to the back of the hotel Check- In and Chat	
9:00 – 10:00 1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's	<p>Understanding Strangulation Violence in the Context of Sexual Assault (Celestin Ballroom- E) Dr. Bill Green, MD, FACEP (California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center)</p> <p>Many rapists use strangulation to subdue, intimidate and control their victims. Strangulation is always a potentially lethal event. Regrettably, the serious nature of strangulation is too frequently under-appreciated and under-managed in both the criminal justice system and in the medical sphere. This often results in poor documentation, both forensic and medical. The ultimate consequences may be compromised investigations, limited prosecution and inadequate patient care. All professionals who deal with a strangulation victim must understand the basic principles of assessment, documentation and medical evaluation.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the mechanisms, basic physiology and dangers of strangulation. 2. Describe the common symptoms and findings of strangulation. 3. Utilize a thorough and systematic approach for documentation. 4. Explain why every strangled patient needs a medical evaluation. 	<p>Measuring Success/Evaluation of SART Activities: Innovations, Challenges and Lessons Learned (Strand 12B- 2nd floor)</p> <p>Jane Stapleton, Co-director of Prevention Innovations: Research and Practices for Ending Violence Against Women</p> <p>This workshop will start with a brief overview of a framework and tools for evaluation of violence prevention and response. Specific case examples will be used to illustrate in more detail recent innovations as well as challenges in evaluation research. Case examples include evaluation of community-wide social marketing campaigns, in-person educational workshops and direct services for survivors. Discussion will focus on processes for engaging researcher-practitioner collaboration for evaluation, applying various evaluation methods to violence prevention and response specifically, as well as discussion of evaluation measures.</p> <p>Participants are encouraged to bring to the workshop an issue/challenge/dilemma/project that they would like assistance on.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants will be able to describe several methods for evaluation that they can apply to their current work. 2. Participants will be able to compare and contrast the strengths and limits of various evaluation approaches. 3. Participants will be able to describe and analyze at least two challenges of evaluation and how they might overcome these

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10:00 -10:15	Break	
10:30-11:30 1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's	<p>Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Caring for Sexual Assaulted Patients (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Michael Weaver, MD, FACEP</p> <p>Increasingly we are providing care and support to a diverse population of gender-based violence. Their probability to disclose, seek treatment, participate in the criminal justice system, and follow through with the long-term healing/support that is available is directly related to the respect and cultural competency of the various providers with which they interface. This presentation will be interactive and we will explore the definition of cultural and linguistic competence as it applies to various federal laws, Joint Commission standards and regulations.</p> <p>Objectives: At the conclusion of this educational offering, attendees will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define cultural and linguistic competence in healthcare. 2. Identify specific cultural and linguistic considerations in sexual assault care. 	
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch on Your Own	
11:30 – 1:00 1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's	<p>Lunch Workshop (Strand 12B- 2nd floor): Strategies for Effective Campus Sexual and Relationship Violence and Prevention, Response and Compliance - Jane Stapleton</p> <p>This workshop will highlight recent federal guidelines and best practices related to campus sexual and relationship violence response, prevention and compliance. This will include examining what we know works in the prevention of campus sexual and relationship violence, as well as strategies on how to implement evidence-based prevention with robust evaluation components. Specific attention will focus on bystander intervention and highlight ways to engage all members of the campus community in the response and prevention of sexual and relationship violence. Discussion will focus on ways to incorporate community-based crisis centers as resources for survivors and campus administrators, as well as how to choose curricula, consultants and “prevention products” to best meet campus needs.</p> <p>Learning objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants will be able to identify recent amendments to federal regulations related to the prevention of and response to dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking on campus. 2. Participants will be able to translate to their campus the best practices identified in the first report of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault on Campus. 	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will compare and contrast the strengths and limits of various prevention approaches and identify strategies to engage all members of their community in the response and prevention of dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking on campus. Participants will be able to identify ways for campuses and community based crisis centers to work together to support campus survivors, as well as serve as important partners to comply with recent federal legislation.
<p>1:00 –2:00</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Forensic Exams and Evidence Collection (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Bill Green, MD, FACEP (California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center)</p> <p>The forensic examination of the sexual assault victim/patient is complex and detailed. The best approach is to use (and compulsively follow) a comprehensive protocol for history, physical examination and evidence collection. Documentation must be thorough and complete. Evidence must be anticipated, identified, collected and meticulously managed. Strict attention to detail is necessary to insure evidence integrity, avoid contamination and insure admissibility. Special consideration regarding DNA evidence will be discussed.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Verbalize the basic forensic exam process including history, physical exam, evidence collection and management. Describe the procedures and techniques for forensic evidence collection, handling, labeling and packaging Summarize the significance and use of DNA evidence in the context of sexual assault examination and investigation. List and describe the potential problems with sexual assault evidence and the strategies for prevention of these problems.
<p>2:00 – 3:00</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Drug and Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Michael Weaver, MD, FACEP (St. Luke's Hospital, Medical Director, Forensic Care Program)</p> <p>Drug facilitated sexual assault patients presents a unique set of challenges for forensic examiners. This module will address the various types of drugs used to facilitate sexual assault, their medical management, and the medical/legal forensic implications.</p> <p>Objectives: At the conclusion of this session, participants should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify common drugs and their clinical presentations in sexual assault. Identify the critical clinical issues in the management of these patients while preserving the chain of evidence from the pre-hospital setting through to the transfer to law enforcement.

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	3. Identify the unique medical/legal considerations involving the consent for treatment and collection of forensic evidence.
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:30 – 4:30 1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's	<p>Recognizing the Boundaries of Medical Evidence: What the Science Tells Us (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Jenifer Markowitz, ND, RN, WHNP-BC, Past President, International Association of Forensic Nurses</p> <p>This session addresses the common myths that exist regarding medical evidence and the limits of medical expert testimony in sexual assault cases. The presentation will explore the current state of the science related to issues such as the presence and absence of genital injury following assaultive episodes and challenge the audience regarding widely held misconceptions that often are perpetuated in court.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants will be able to identify common misconceptions about medical findings in sexual assault cases. 2. Participants will be able to describe the limitations of medical evidence in sexual assault cases.
4:30 – 5:00	Panel – Question and Answer (Celestin Ballroom-Section E)
5:00	Adjourn Day Two

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<p>9:00 – 10:30 am</p> <p>1.5 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Response and Investigation (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Tom Tremblay, IACP</p> <p>Justice in sexual assault cases begins with an understanding of the devastating impact of sexual violence trauma on victims and survivors. The effects of trauma are often misinterpreted by the police, prosecutors, judges and juries. By understanding trauma, officers can contribute to the immediate and long term recovery of the victim and lay the foundation for mutual respect and trust on which a successful response and investigation is built.</p> <p>GOAL: Promote a multi-disciplinary approach to reports of sexual assault that is coordinated, compassionate, objective and thorough with investigative strategies that focus on offender behaviors.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine the personal and societal biases regarding sexual violence that often influence the pursuit of justice 2. Understand trauma and develop best practices for first response that will encourage reporting while promoting victim empowerment 3. Develop trauma informed victim interview approaches that will capture the victim's experience to include the impacts of trauma and the sensory and peripheral details from the victim's perspective 4. Identify investigative strategies that focus on the pre and post assault behaviors and conduct of the offende
<p>10:30 –12:00 pm</p> <p>1.5 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Overcoming the Consent Defense: Identifying, Investigating, and Prosecuting the Non-Stranger Rapist John Wilkinson, JD Aequitas (Celestin Ballroom-Section E)</p> <p>Research shows the vast majority of sex offenders are non-stranger rapists and serial offenders. Non-stranger rapists are adept at creating, identifying, and manipulating perceived vulnerabilities in their victims and ultimately rendering them</p>

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	<p>more vulnerable to attack through the use of premeditated tactics and non-traditional weapons. These offenders also benefit from common misconceptions and false expectations of offenders (e.g., appearance, behavior, use of weapons, etc.) that can result in failure to identify non-stranger rapists who do not meet these expectations. To more effectively identify, investigate, and prosecute non-stranger rapists, prosecutors must overcome their own myths and misconceptions about sexual violence, as well as those believed by judges and juries.</p> <p>This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of sex offenders with an emphasis on non-stranger rapists (e.g., motivations and characteristics, myths and misconceptions, serial and crossover offending, etc.) and focus on strategies for overcoming the unique challenges these offenders present.</p> <p>Learning Objectives: At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be better able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify predatory behavior and other characteristics of sex offenders. • Develop strategies to educate judges and juries as well as communities about offenders, and thereby overcome societal myths and misconceptions. • Focus on the offender and their predatory behavior from investigation through sentencing. • Collaborate with allied professionals to identify, investigate, and prosecute non-stranger sexual assaults. 	
<p>12:00-1:00 pm 1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Breakout Group Exercise: Demonstration Interviews Part 1 (Celestin Ballroom-Section E) Tom Tremblay, Aequitas Prosecutor and Jenifer Markowitz</p>	
<p>1:00 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch on Your Own</p>	
<p>2:30 –3:30 pm 1.25 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Breakout Group Exercise: Practice Interviews for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors- Part 2 Aequitas Prosecutor (Celestin Ballroom-Section E)</p>	<p>Breakout Group Exercise: Practice Interviews for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANES) Jenifer Markowitz (Strand 12B—2nd floor)</p>

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<p>3:30 – 4:30 pm</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's* (*facilitated discussion does not qualify for CEUs)</p>	<p>Lethality and Legal Issues in Strangulation and Suffocation Violence (Celestin Ballroom-Section E)</p> <p>Gael Strack, JD. and Casey Gwinn, JD (Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention)</p> <p>Strangulation and Sexual Assault: All Things Legal. In this multi-media presentation, Gael Strack and Casey will discuss strangulation laws, legal defenses, recent cases, the link to sexual assault, results of recent surveys, lethality, offenders and use of experts/evidence to build strong cases. They will also share promising practices from around the United States, national resources at the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention and leave time for questions and answers.</p>	<p>Challenges in Sexual Assault Response – A Facilitated Discussion (Strand 12B—2nd floor)*</p> <p>Grace Mattern, Amanda Tonkovich and Kati Bambrick-Rodriguez</p> <p>This session will offer an opportunity for conference participants to engage in a facilitated discussion of the challenges in sexual assault response work and new concepts introduced at the conference.</p> <p>Goal: Increase personal awareness of values and assumptions that may affect individual responses to sexual assault.</p> <p>Objective 1: Provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on and discuss challenges in sexual assault response work.</p> <p>Objective 2: Provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on and discuss new concepts that have been introduced by the conference presenters.</p> <p>Objective 3: Provide participants with an opportunity to discuss how their individual responses may change based on learning at the conference.</p>
<p>4:30 – 5:00 pm</p> <p>1.00 CEUs for Social Workers & LPC's</p>	<p>Integrating and Sustaining a SART in a Family Justice Center Multi-Disciplinary Model (Celestin Ballroom-Section E)</p> <p>Mary Claire Landry and Casey Gwinn</p> <p>This session will focus on developing strong collaboration and coordination between the New Orleans SART and the nationally recognized New Orleans Family Justice Center. It will include lessons learned from multi-disciplinary partnerships between existing sexual assault response teams and other Family Justice Centers and multi-agency models around the country. Findings from recent research from Dr. Rebecca Campbell will be included — with a focus on improving multi-disciplinary collaboration in the handling of sexual assault cases.</p>	
<p>5:00 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn Day Three</p>	

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