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Two Days in May 2014 Workshops
Media Invited to Attend – RSVP Required:
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Monday, May 12, 2014
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Mobile Empowerment for Homeless Young Adults

John R. Keuffer III, director, Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth
Ray Compagna, volunteer street outreach and job skills coach, Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth

Young people are experiencing homelessness at a rapid rate across the country. Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth in Cincinnati has been leading a strategic and efficient effort to encounter and engage homeless young adults on the streets and take them from homelessness to home and joblessness to job in rapid fashion. This workshop details how a team of four is doing case management on the streets with exceptional outcomes.

The Write to Heal Project

Debbie Rae Triplett, founder, The Raye Foundation

The Write to Heal project teaches journaling techniques and methods for use as a therapeutic modality. Journaling gives survivors a voice that ultimately inspires empowerment. This interactive workshop shows participants how to make it inviting and simple. Each participant is given a booklet outlining how to facilitate and design a workshop, lead writing exercises, and cultivate introspection through journaling.

Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Dating Violence: Legal and Legislative Update

Michael R. Smallz, senior attorney, Ohio Poverty Law Center
Alexandria M. Ruden, senior attorney, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

This workshop offers an overview of state and federal legislative, statutory, rule, and policy changes that affect domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence laws and services. Participants will also learn about significant case law developments and relevant changes to Ohio court and administrative rules.

Opening the Doors: Sensitive Interview and Advocacy Skills with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Cindy Kuhr, victim specialist and co-founder of the Ohio Victim Witness Association

This workshop provides an understanding about gathering information and advocating for individuals with disabilities. Participants will discuss sensitive interview techniques, ways to make the environment conducive to disclosure, and identifying obstacles and how to overcome them.

[From Predatory to Positive: Furthering the Discourse About Male Sexual Behavior](#)

Aaron Bryant, violence prevention educator, Helpline of Delaware and Morrow County
Amy Hawthorne, violence prevention educator, Helpline of Delaware and Morrow County

As a society, we place many stereotypes on sexual behavior and male sexuality. This workshop helps participants understand cognitive distortions in sex offenders in order to differentiate between sexual violence and positive sexual behavior.

[Implicit Bias: Unconscious Mental Processing and Implications for Criminal Justice](#)

Cheryl Staats, research associate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

All of us possess unconscious biases and make associations involuntarily and without our awareness or intentional control. While these associations do not necessarily align with our declared beliefs, they influence our thoughts, decisions, and actions. Participants in this workshop will explore unconscious mental processing and then consider some of the ways implicit biases can influence outcomes in the criminal justice field.

[Roberta's Law: Where Are We Now?](#)

Cynthia Mausser, chair, Ohio Parole Board
Chrystal Alexander, administrator, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Office of Victim Services
Debra Hearn, chief hearing officer, Ohio Parole Board
Jane McKenzie, director, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Victim Witness Assistance Unit

Roberta's Law (Senate Bill 160 of the 129th General Assembly) went into effect a year ago, giving victims of violent crime the right to be notified of their perpetrator's release or transfer. This workshop covers the changes and improvements required of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the additional duties of prosecutors' offices, including how release notices are handled.

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[My Kid is Sexier than Your Kid: The Damaging Effects of Sexualizing Children](#)

Jared S. Rose, counselor, Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition
Tasha Perdue, co-chair, Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition

Today's culture teaches young girls to use their sexuality for someone else's pleasure. Before they even know what sex is, girls are encouraged to perform sexually through activities they engage in and merchandise they play with and wear. This workshop explores toddler beauty pageants, sexualized toys for minors, and other pop culture examples of the obsession to sexualize girls.

[Rebuilding Shattered Lives Through Supportive Partnerships](#)

Lori King, victim advocate, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Office of Victim Services

Sherry Nolan, national volunteer coordinator, Parents of Murdered Children

Theresa Ford Barton, member, Parents of Murdered Children

This workshop highlights effective ways to work with and advocate for survivors of homicide victims. It gives an overview of the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children Inc.; the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Office of Victim Services; and the services available for families and friends of those who have died by violence. One presenter shares a personal story demonstrating how survivors can rebuild their lives in spite of challenges associated with the media and court system.

[When They Stay: Advocacy with Domestic Violence Victims in Contact with Abusive Partners](#)

Rachel Ramirez, training coordinator, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Most domestic violence programs' advocacy strategies have focused on helping victims leave abusive relationships. Yet survivors are in contact with abusive partners for a wide variety of reasons. This workshop helps advocates understand why victims maintain contact and learn to help all survivors reduce their safety risks.

[Where Were You in 1993? Victim Notification, Investigation, and Prosecution of 4,500 Cases Involving Untested Sexual Assault Kits in Cuyahoga County \(Part 1\)](#)

Teresa Stafford, senior director, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Rick Bell, assistant county prosecutor, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

Jill Caster, social worker, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Jim McPike, lieutenant, Cleveland Police Department

Across the state and nation, law enforcement agencies have identified tens of thousands of previously untested sexual assault kits, including approximately 4,500 in Cuyahoga County alone. In this workshop, members of the Cuyahoga County DNA Task Force walk participants through the process of task force formation, decision-making protocol (such as what to count, how to sort, which to submit, when to notify, who to prosecute), and efforts to minimize victims' traumatization.

[Coaching Boys into Men \(Part 1\)](#)

Alexander Leslie, director of prevention and outreach programs, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Coaching Boys into Men, created by the Futures Without Violence organization, is a nationally recognized sexual and intimate partner violence prevention curriculum targeting young men. This training provides coaches, prevention staff, and others who work with young men with basic principles of the curriculum and the opportunity to practice core facilitation skills.

[In Pursuit of Justice for Limited English Proficient Victims](#)

Julia Arbini-Carbonell, president and CEO, Ohio Hispanic Coalition

Marisa Gonzalez, Promotora de Salud (Lay Health Advisors), Ohio Hispanic Coalition

This workshop helps raise advocates' awareness of the many barriers Hispanic and other victims of crime face within the criminal justice system if they have limited English proficiency. Relevant laws and tools are shared, enabling advocates to help victims better navigate the justice system.

[Interfacing Caregiving, Stress, Elder Abuse, and the Service Network](#)

Sylvia Pla-Raith, chief supervisor, Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services

Branka Primetica, senior research analyst, Margaret Blenker Research Institute

Ashley M. Bukack, research assistant, Margaret Blenker Research Institute

Elder abuse prevention specialists and professionals serving the caregivers of elderly individuals have much to offer one another. A local interdisciplinary team can educate service providers about caregiver stress, caregiver neglect and abuse, and the importance of timely interventions. This presentation covers the findings of a Margaret Blenker Research Institute study that focused on improving operations within an interdisciplinary team model.

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[New Tools to Assist Mental Health Professionals and Advocates in Providing Trauma-Informed Services](#)

Katie Hanna, executive director, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Rachel Ramirez, training coordinator, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Elizabeth Ranade Janis, anti-trafficking coordinator, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services

Beth Malchus, rape prevention coordinator, Ohio Department of Health

Advocates at rape crisis centers, domestic violence programs, and human trafficking agencies provide vital crisis intervention and support services for trauma survivors. It is crucial to provide services through a trauma-informed lens and make therapeutic care referrals to mental health providers trained to respond to human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault survivors. This workshop covers Ohio's two new assessment tools for providing trauma-informed response as well as competencies for mental health professionals, advocates, and victim service providers.

Crossroads to Communications

Lucretia Grogan, program director, Bellefontaine City Prosecutor's Office
Joe Freyhof, chief, Russells Point Police Department

Ineffective communication between law enforcement officers and victim advocates can lead to distrust, animosity, failed investigations and prosecutions, and harm to victims. Participants in this session explore the partnerships between law enforcement officers and victim advocates in a goal-oriented discussion that identifies solutions to common barriers and the mutual benefits possible through collaboration.

How to Establish a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Without Funding

Dean Jenkins, deputy chief probation officer, Cleveland Municipal Court Probation Department

Dr. Krista Timm, deputy medical examiner, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office

Tim Boehnlein, director of visitation and court services, Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center

Rosemary Creeden, associate director, Front Line Services

Domestic violence fatality review teams identify cases of intimate partner homicide and promote cooperation, communication, and coordination among agencies responding to domestic violence fatalities. In this session, the Cuyahoga County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team shares its approach and recent recommendations.

Where Were You in 1993? Victim Notification, Investigation, and Prosecution of 4,500 Cases Involving Untested Sexual Assault Kits in Cuyahoga County (Part 2)

This session is a continuation of part one.

Coaching Boys into Men (Part 2)

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Engaging African-American Sexual Abuse Survivors

CeCe Norwood, founder, Nirvana NOW

Individual counseling is commonly used to help child sexual abuse or rape survivors manage the aftereffects of sexual assault. Yet time, money, or cultural acceptance can make it prohibitive for African-American survivors. This session's attendees will learn why many African-Americans don't seek out traditional resources and how to make participation in healing strategies more appealing and sustaining. The workshop covers how sexual abuse and violence impacts African-American survivors, ways to engage survivors, and alternative assistive approaches.

Responding to K-12 Schools in Crisis: What You Need to Know

Roger Roberts, director, Emergency Management, Madison County

Mary Dietz, retired educator, Ohio and Madison County Teams

Peg Johnson, retired school administrator, Ohio and Madison County Teams

Schools face crises every day. Responders have the opportunity before, during, and after a crisis to provide support and resources. This workshop provides participants with a template of tested protocols for managing school crises. It covers supportive and appropriate classroom interventions as well as tools for helping educators address emotional and traumatic responses to crisis situations.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Treatment and Assessment of Children Who Have Witnessed or Engaged in Animal Abuse (Part 1)

Maya Gupta, Ph.D., executive director, Animals and Society Institute

Lisa Lunghofer, Ph.D., program director, AniCare and Rapid Response, Animals and Society Institute

Barbara Walling Boat, Ph.D., licensed clinical psychologist, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Program on Childhood Trauma and Maltreatment

This panel discussion introduces the AniCare child assessment and treatment approach for children who have perpetrated or witnessed animal abuse. The first published treatment approach to focus exclusively on juvenile cruelty to animals, it has been integrated into treatment plans since 2002. This session offers practical and clinically useful information for mental health professionals and those with domestic violence organizations, hospitals, schools, and other groups.

Mind the Gap: The SafeZone Project (Part 1)

Aaron Eckhardt, training and technical assistance director, Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization

Michael Sheline, deputy chief, Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section

Sherry Tripepi, executive director, Equality Toledo CeCe Norwood, founder, Nirvana Now!

Tonia Moultry, training and technical assistance director, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

This workshop provides an overview of the creation of the Ohio Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex Task Force and the formation and implementation of the SafeZone Project, including how it was funded through the Office on Violence Against Women. SafeZone was created to develop, enhance, and maintain environments in workplaces, schools, and other settings for people who value diversity, equality, and inclusion.

Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Services

Kelley Beckett, program manager, The Buckeye Ranch

Supervised visitation is often misconstrued as a privilege to a batterer rather than a safety provision for victims of domestic violence and their children. This workshop presents a more accurate picture of the services that supervised visitation and safe exchange providers offer for the protection of victims. It also covers the role of service providers and the benefits of supervised visitation in domestic violence cases, high-conflict divorces, and cases in which other abuses are alleged.

[Ethics in Crime Victim Services \(Part 1\)](#)

Jeannette Adkins, executive director, Michael's House Children's Advocacy Center
Rachel Ramirez, training coordinator, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Advocates face many challenges, including victim issues, community response, justice system matters, and gaps in service. With these challenges also come personal and professional dilemmas that can be confusing as advocates strive to provide comprehensive services to clients. This two-part workshop examines the foundation of ethics, ethical issues for advocates, and the application of ethics through professional codes and advocates' daily work.

[From Bullying to Befriending, Changing the Culture of Bullying \(Part 1\)](#)

Anthony President, facilitator, Presidential Consulting

This workshop explores the culture of bullying, the various types of bullying, and useful strategies that parents and victim advocates can use to help victims as well as those who bully others.

[Crime Victims with Disabilities: Seeking Equal Justice \(Part 1\)](#)

Nora J. Baladerian, Ph.D., clinical psychologist

This workshop presents an overview of the issues surrounding the victimization of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and describes where various professionals fit into the solution. Findings of the 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with Disabilities are covered along with the need for improved collaboration. Law enforcement and other first responders, legal professionals, forensic interviewers, victim advocates, disability advocates, and allied professionals are encouraged to attend.

[Understanding Capacity to Minimize Risk of Financial Exploitation and Other Abuse](#)

Adriann McGee, Reminger law firm

This workshop helps bridge the gap between the legal, medical, and clinical definitions of "capacity" in older adults. Understanding and appreciating the differences in capacity assessments can give caregivers, attorneys, social workers, and law enforcement a broader perspective on whether a person is susceptible to financial exploitation and/or other abuse. This is particularly helpful in identifying risk in the selection of an agent with powers of attorney, estate planning, and/or gifting by an older adult.

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[Prosecution of Impaired Driving Crime and Advocacy](#)

Christina Haselberger, attorney, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Department of Legal Services

This workshop will help crime victim advocates gain knowledge about detecting, testing for, and prosecuting impaired driving crimes. The more advocates increase their technical knowledge and understanding about these processes, the more effectively they can advocate for victims/survivors of these types of crime. The Drug Recognition Expert Program, which began in Ohio in October 2010, will be discussed.

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[Crisis Situation: Who You Gonna Call?](#)

Kelli Grace, outreach coordinator, Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section
John Martin, investigator supervisor, Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section
Deborah Miller, investigator supervisor, Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section

Learn about Ohio's Crime Victim Compensation Program as well as how to work with communities in the event of a tragedy involving multiple victims. The Attorney General's Crime Victim Services team developed best practices for helping communities pick up the pieces following several incidents that made national headlines, including the Chardon school shooting, the Steubenville rape case, and atrocities by Ariel Castro and Anthony Sowell in Cleveland. This workshop shows advocates how to be prepared in advance with their own outreach plan.