

**4TH ANNUAL STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
CHILD WELFARE ISSUES CONFERENCE**

**EVERY STEP OF THE WAY:
SAFETY FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**April 9-10, 2008
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
East Lansing, Michigan
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**



**State Court Administrative Office
Family Services Division - Child Welfare Services
Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice**

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

“Exposure to adult domestic violence” describes the multiple experiences of children living in homes where an adult uses a pattern of coercive and physically violent behavior to control an intimate partner. Several studies on children exposed to adult domestic violence indicate that children’s responses to violence vary. Many exposed children become more aggressive and antisocial, as well as fearful and inhibited. Others show emotional health similar to physically abused children, but still others display resiliency to the negative effects of exposure and have no greater social or emotional problems than children never exposed to domestic violence. The implication of these research findings highlights some key points:

- Children’s social environments and experiences vary greatly
- The impact of exposure to adult domestic violence also varies greatly, even within the same family
- Children have a variety of both protective and risk factors present in their lives
- This varied group of children deserves varied responses from the community

In the last decade, exposure to adult domestic violence has increasingly become a concern for both practitioners and researchers. New research in child welfare systems has revealed that large proportions of the children under Children’s Protective Services (CPS) supervision are exposed to adult domestic violence, but that screening and investigation of the violence is often inadequate. At local, county, and state levels, communities are engaged in a variety of policy and programmatic actions to respond to these children and their families. Agencies must continue to collaborate to create multiple and diverse responses to address these children’s needs and to help them grow into emotionally healthy adults.

The Governor’s Task Force on Children’s Justice has generously funded this conference with the following goals:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of the needs of children and families involved with the child welfare system who experience domestic violence
- Increase knowledge of assessment options and services in Michigan
- Improve advocacy for the families and children involved with the child welfare system
- Improve collaboration across systems

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Lawyer-guardians ad litem
- Prosecutors and assistant attorneys general
- Parents’ attorneys
- Family and district court judges, referees, friend of the court personnel, and other involved court staff
- Department of Human Services (DHS), tribal, and private agency child welfare workers who work with families and children involved in the child welfare system
- Domestic violence service providers
- Batterers’ intervention program staff
- Legislators and policy makers
- Law enforcement personnel
- Other related child welfare professionals

CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

Nancy J. Diehl, Chief of Trials, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office
Bev Henrichsen, Victim Advocate, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
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Honorable Amy Krause, Judge, 54A District Court, Domestic Violence Court
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Day One, April 9, 2008

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome**
Honorable Elizabeth A. Weaver, Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Chair, Governor’s Task Force on Children’s Justice, Lansing, MI
Introduced by:
Kathryne O’Grady, Deputy Director for Children and Adult Policy, Michigan Department of Human Services, Lansing, MI
- 9:15 – 10:30** **A Private Family Matter**
Victor Rivas Rivers, Spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00** **The Batterer as Parent**
Lundy Bancroft, Author, Batterer Intervention Specialist, Northampton, MA
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 – 2:30** **Supporting the Healing and Recovery of Children Exposed to Domestic Violence**
Lundy Bancroft, Author, Batterer Intervention Specialist, Northampton, MA
- 2:30 – 3:00** **Break and Book Signing Opportunity**
- 3:00 – 4:30** **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – SESSION A**
- A1** **Meeting the Post-Separation Needs of Abused Women and their Children**
Lundy Bancroft, Author, Batterer Intervention Specialist, Northampton, MA
- A2** **Finding and Helping Hidden Victims: Responding to Children at the Scene**
Mark Wynn, Domestic Violence Consultant and Trainer, Nashville, TN
- A3** **Listen to Me: Interviewing Battered Women and Children**
Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI
- A4** **Examining Safety and Threat Every Step of the Way**
Bev Henrichsen, Victim Advocate, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Lansing, MI
- A5** **Teens Educating Teens About Dating Violence and Sexual Assault**
Caitlin Garvin, Co-coordinator, SAFEHouse Center’s Teen Voice Program, Ann Arbor, MI
Leigh Baker, Co-coordinator, SAFEHouse Center’s Teen Voice Program, Ann Arbor, MI
- A6** **Understanding the Intersection of Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence (Perpetrator Perspective)**
David Garvin, L.M.S.W., Senior Director, Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County; Chair and Co-Founding member of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan; and Co-Chair of the Michigan Governor’s Task Force on Creating Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs in the State of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

- A7 Personal Protection Orders**
Tonya Avery, M.S., Legal Advocacy Coordinator, Personal Protection Order Office of EVE, Inc., Lansing, MI
- A8 Youth Development Through Empowerment: A Team Approach, Working with Homeless Youth and Domestic Violence Programs**
Melissa Slater, M.B.A./P.A., Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Counselor, Every Woman's Place & Webster House, Muskegon, MI
Heather Wiegand, M.S., Director of Operations for Youth Services, Every Woman's Place & Webster House, Muskegon, MI

Day Two, April 10, 2008

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:45 Opening Comments**
Honorable Amy Krause, Judge, 54-A District Court, Domestic Violence Court, Lansing, MI
- 8:45 – 10:15 Fatherhood And Domestic Violence: Considering a Response to Male Violence and Addressing the Safety and Support Issues of Battered Women and Children**
Oliver Williams, M.S.W., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, St. Paul, MN
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break**
- 10:30 – 12:00 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – SESSION B**
- B1 The Link Between Animal Cruelty and Human Violence**
Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of Public Policy, American Humane Association, Washington, DC
- B2 Effects of Trauma on the Non-Offending Parent**
Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI
- B3 Addressing Domestic Violence among African Americans**
Oliver Williams, M.S.W., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, St. Paul, MN
- B4 Emerging Research, Policy, and Practice with Children Exposed to Domestic Violence**
Jeffrey Edleson, Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse, St. Paul, MN

- B5 Enhancing Safety Through a Community Domestic Violence Court Response**
Honorable Amy Krause, Judge, 54-A District Court, Domestic Violence Court, Lansing, MI
Cherie Ballor, Sergeant, Lansing Police Department, Lansing, MI
Russel Church, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Lansing, MI
Shawn Farnum, Manager, 54-A District Court Criminal Division, Lansing, MI
Russell McKenzie, Probation Officer, 54-A District Court, Lansing, MI
Jamie Peterson, Scheduling Clerk, 54-A District Court, Lansing, MI
Kevin Peterson, Defense Attorney, Grand Rapids, MI
Gillian Miller, DART Victim Advocate, Lansing, MI
Bob Davis, Director, Prevention and Training Services, Lansing, MI
Mona Davis, Director, Prevention and Training Services, Lansing, MI
- B6 The “Failure to Protect” Controversy**
Mary McKendrick, Training Coordinator, Copper Country Mental Health Services, Houghton, MI
Ted Forrest, CPS Program Manager, Michigan Department of Human Services, Lansing, MI
- B7 Identifying and Addressing Domestic Violence in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community**
Maria Valayil, M.S.W., Coordinator, Domestic Violence Unit, Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office, Lansing, MI
Melissa Pope, JD, Director of Victim Services, Triangle Foundation, Detroit, MI
- B8 The Neurobiological Impact of Traumatic Stress and Prenatal Alcohol Exposure in Children and Adolescents, Part 1**
James Henry, M.S.W., Ph.D., Director, Southwest Michigan Children’s Trauma Assessment Center at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Mark A. Sloane, D.O., F.A.C.O.P, F.A.A.P., Medical Director, Center for Behavioral Pediatrics, Kalamazoo, MI

Please note: This is a 2-part workshop. The presenters have requested that only participants who have attended Part 1 attend Part 2.

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (provided)

1:00 – 2:30

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – SESSION C

- C1 Safety and Sobriety: Dual Needs for Survivors of Domestic Violence with Substance Abuse Issues**
Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI
- C2 Cultural Competency and Domestic Violence: How to Avoid Becoming a Barrier to Seeking Safety**
Misty Moon-Lartridge, M.A., L.L.P.C., Shelter Services Supervisor, YW-Domestic Assault Program, YWCA of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

- C3** **What Can You Expect From Your Local Batterer Intervention Program: Michigan Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs**
David Garvin, L.M.S.W., Senior Director, Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County; Chair and Co-Founding member of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan; and Co-Chair of the Michigan Governor’s Task Force on Creating Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs in the State of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- C4** **Allegan County Coordinated Community Response**
Myrene Koch, J.D., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Allegan County, MI
- C5** **Domestic Relations Law: The Effects of Domestic Violence on Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support**
Katy Conklin, J.D., Program Manager, Justice Initiatives, State Bar of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- C6** **Tribal Response to Domestic Violence**
Angie Noriega, Domestic Violence Coordinator, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Lori Jump, Program Manager, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Advocacy Resource Center, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- C7** **Through a Survivor’s Eyes: Understanding the Challenges Faced by Survivors**
Erica Schmittziel, L.L.M.S.W., Advocacy Coordinator, Michigan State University Safe Place/Capital Area Response Effort, East Lansing, MI
Megan Widman, L.M.S.W., Community Education Program Coordinator, HAVEN, Oakland County, MI
Montrell Baldwin, Human Resource Developer, Child Welfare Institute, Lansing, MI
Dawn Craft, Survivor of domestic violence
- C8** **The Neurobiological Impact of Traumatic Stress and Prenatal Alcohol Exposure in Children and Adolescents, Part 2**
James Henry, M.S.W., Ph.D., Director, Southwest Michigan Children’s Trauma Assessment Center at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Mark A. Sloane, D.O., F.A.C.O.P, F.A.A.P., Medical Director, Center for Behavioral Pediatrics, Kalamazoo, MI

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2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 4:00

Safety of Children: Implications for Future Practice

Jeffrey Edleson, Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse, St. Paul, MN

4:00

Evaluation and Adjournment

CONFERENCE WELCOME

Justice Elizabeth A. Weaver

A native of New Orleans, Justice Weaver graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Newcomb College. She served as a law review editor at Tulane University Law School and graduated with highest honors (Order of the Coif) in 1965. After practicing law in Louisiana, she moved to Michigan, where she practiced law and taught school.



Justice Weaver was elected as a Leelanau County probate and juvenile judge in 1974 and has been a judge since that time. In 1986 and 1992, she was elected to the Court of Appeals, and in 1994, to the Supreme Court. In 2002 she was re-elected to the Supreme Court for an additional 8 year term. From January 1999 to January 2001, she served as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with administrative oversight of all Michigan courts.

Four Governors and five Chief Justices have appointed Justice Weaver to serve on numerous state commissions and committees including, the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice, the Trial Court Assessment Commission, the Commission on Criminal Justice, and the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Justice Weaver is nationally recognized for her work in juvenile justice, and has appeared on *Good Morning America* and in *People Magazine*. She was voted "Jurist of the Year" in 1999 by the Police Officers Association of Michigan. In 2000, she received the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and has earned many other honors and awards. In 2005, she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and was named Alumnae of the Year for Newcomb College.

PLENARY SESSIONS

A PRIVATE FAMILY MATTER

PRESENTER:

Victor Rivas Rivers, Spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC



Victor's dramatic personal story also reflects an amazing portrait of a young man overcoming the odds. Born in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, he came with his family to this country at the age of two, enduring horrific child abuse and witnessing domestic violence on the level of torture at the hands of his father. At age fifteen, Victor took unprecedented legal action against his father, going on to live with a series of foster families.

Thanks to the intervention of his community, he turned his life around by dramatically going from a hard-core gang-member to senior class president and lettering in four sports. He attended Florida State University on a full four-year football scholarship, where he was a team captain and scholar athlete, and was mentored by Coach Bobby Bowden, before his 1978-79 seasons as a free agent draft pick with the Miami Dolphins. In 1979, he went to Hollywood where he went on to attain starring roles in television, film, and on stage.

In 1999 Victor became the national spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Today, having broken the cycle of violence, Victor Rivas Rivers is also a devoted husband and father—what he believes are his two most important roles. It is his indomitable spirit as an actor, athlete and as a human being that may have inspired director Taylor Hackford to call him, “A big man—in heart and soul.”
www.victorrivers.com; photo credit: APB

THE BATTERER AS PARENT

PRESENTER:

Lundy Bancroft, Author, Batterer Intervention Specialist, Northampton, MA



Men who batter are psychologically harmful to children in a wide array of ways. Witnessing acts of violence in the home has far-reaching implications for children's emotional health and development. Additionally, the batterer's actions in the home can weaken family functioning by undermining the mother's authority, sowing divisions between family members, and causing children to blame themselves and their mothers for the violence. Men who batter also have far higher rates than do non-battering men of abusing children physically or sexually. Children's Protective Services workers and all professionals who work with families need to understand the toxicity that results from domestic violence and the futility and destructiveness of blaming mothers for the problem.

SUPPORTING THE HEALING AND RECOVERY OF CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PRESENTER:

Lundy Bancroft, Author, Batterer Intervention Specialist, Northampton, MA

Professional interventions, and assistance from other concerned members of the community, can have a large impact on the ability of children to heal emotionally and behaviorally from experiences of living with a perpetrator of domestic violence. The top two goals are to help families achieve safety and to build strong mother-child relationships. Next, children need supportive relationships with other caring adults and need assistance to process their experiences of witnessing abuse. Children's healing is linked to their empowerment so it is also important to find ways to help them develop critical thinking skills and an ability to understand that perpetrators, not victims, are responsible for abuse.

FATHERHOOD AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: CONSIDERING A RESPONSE TO MALE VIOLENCE AND ADDRESSING THE SAFETY AND SUPPORT ISSUES OF BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

PRESENTER:

Oliver Williams, M.S.W., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, St. Paul, MN



When we think of the issue of domestic violence and the safety of women and children, we often believe that the remedy to the problem is merely to have the female partner leave the relationship with the children, grant her sole custody of the children, and order the male batterer to keep away. Yet, we know that one of the most dangerous times for battered women is when they leave the relationship. Also, battered women report, that the courts do not always grant sole custody to them, and although they may not want a continued romantic relationship with the batterer, they may want the batterer to maintain his role as contributor to the children and the children may want contact with him. Due to these real life challenges, it is important to consider how to keep battered women and children safe when domestic violence occurs and the marriage or romantic relationship ends. The purpose of this presentation is to explore these issues and discuss how these challenges may be addressed.

Oliver J. Williams, Ph.D., has worked in the field of domestic violence for more than 28 years and has provided individual, couples, and family counseling. He has been a substance abuse counselor, child welfare and delinquency worker, worked in battered women's shelters, co-facilitated recovery groups for sexual assault and battered women, developed curricula for batterers' intervention programs and facilitated counseling groups in these programs. He has provided training across the United States and abroad on research and service-delivery surrounding partner abuse. Dr. Williams' extensive research and publications in scholarly journals and books have centered on creating effective service delivery, prevention, and intervention strategies to address violent behavior and its consequences. He serves on several national advisory boards and received numerous awards for his work addressing issues of domestic violence. Dr. Williams received a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Michigan State University, a Masters in Social Work from Western Michigan University, and a Masters in Public Health and a PH.D in Social Work both from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN: IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE PRACTICE

PRESENTER:

Jeffrey Edleson, Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse, St. Paul, MN



Jeffrey L. Edleson is a Professor in the University of Minnesota School of Social Work and Director of the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (www.mincava.umn.edu). He is one of the world's leading authorities on children exposed to domestic violence and has published over 100 articles and eight books on domestic violence, groupwork, and program evaluation. Professor Edleson is the co-author with the late Susan Schechter of *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice* (1999, NCJFCJ). Better known as the “*Greenbok*,” this best-practices guide has been the subject of six federally-funded and numerous other demonstration sites across the country. Professor Edleson has also conducted intervention research and provided technical assistance to domestic violence programs and research projects across

North America as well as in several other countries including Germany, Israel, Cyprus, India, Australia, Korea, and Singapore.

He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Panel on Research on Violence Against Women. He is a consultant to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Professor Edleson is an Associate Editor of the journal *Violence Against Women* and has served on numerous editorial boards. He is author of several books and co-editor of the Oxford University Press book series on Interpersonal Violence and the Sage book series on Violence Against Women. He is completing work on the multi-volume *Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Violence* (co-edited with Claire Renzetti, Sage Reference).

Professor Edleson is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and received his Masters and Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Minnesota and has practiced in elementary and secondary schools and in several domestic violence agencies worldwide.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

A1

MEETING THE POST-SEPARATION NEEDS OF ABUSED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

Lundy Bancroft, Batterer Intervention Specialist, Northampton, MA

Contrary to popular myth, life does not necessarily become easier or safer for battered women and their children after leaving the batterer. Many post-separation dangers arise, including stalking, continued violence, or homicide by the batterer. Additionally, it is common for batterers to seek custody of children, and routine for them to seek unsupervised contact, which is usually granted by courts despite the domestic violence history. Battered mothers need a new kind of advocacy in the post-separation context, including legal advocacy, parenting guidance to assist children's recovery, and preventive education to help the mother avoid becoming involved with another batterer.

A2

FINDING AND HELPING HIDDEN VICTIMS: RESPONDING TO CHILDREN AT THE SCENE

Mark Wynn, Domestic Violence Consultant and Trainer, Nashville, TN

Children are often the most overlooked and forgotten victims of domestic violence. As "hidden victims," their needs may go unaddressed. This workshop will provide investigators and service providers with a deeper understanding of obstacles, behaviors, investigation tips, and safety plans needed for a successful interview and intervention with children. Additionally, the workshop will cover suggestions for understanding and interviewing both the domestic violence victim and perpetrator.

A3

LISTEN TO ME: INTERVIEWING BATTERED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI

The priority of interviewing battered women and children is to centralize their safety in the most comprehensive way possible. At its best, effective interviewing does more than gather information about domestic violence, it reveals the unique needs and problems each woman and child faces. The techniques covered in this workshop allow the practitioner to collaborate with the woman to address the complex realities of her experience and existence.

A4

SAFETY PLANNING AND THREAT ASSESSMENT

Bev Henrichsen, Victim Advocate, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Lansing, MI

This workshop will focus on the ways to examine safety plans and the threat to the victim, children, the community, and workplace.

A5

TEENS EDUCATING TEENS ABOUT DATING VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Caitlin Garvin, Co-coordinator, SAFEHouse Center's Teen Voice Program, Ann Arbor, MI
Leigh Baker, Co-coordinator, SAFEHouse Center's Teen Voice Program, Ann Arbor, MI

Teen Voice places emphasizes on teens educating teens about dating violence and sexual assault. Teen Voice is the SAFEHouse Center's primary outreach program and gives presentations at local public and private schools, churches, and other peer education groups. Through these interactive presentations, teens learn the facts about dating violence and sexual assault as well as how to help a friend, why a survivor might stay, and what resources are available to them in their community.

A6

**UNDERSTANDING THE INTERSECTION OF
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
(PERPETRATOR PERSPECTIVE)**

*David Garvin, L.M.S.W., Senior Director,
Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, Catholic
Social Services of Washtenaw County; Chair;
Co-Founding member of the Batterer Intervention
Services Coalition of Michigan; and Co-Chair of
the Michigan Governor’s Task Force on Creating
Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs in
the State of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI*

Using an interactive style of presentation, this workshop will educate attendees on these two issues and thoroughly dispel the myth of a causal relationship between substance use/abuse and domestic violence.

A7

PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS

*Tonya Avery, M.S., Legal Advocacy Coordinator,
Personal Protection Order Office of EVE, Inc.,
Lansing, MI*

This presentation will cover who should file, when one should file, and the ins and outs of how to obtain a personal protection order. The presentation will answer the following questions: What protections does a personal protection order provide and not provide? How are violations of personal protection orders handled and what options do victims have? Do personal protection orders stop the violence or can they escalate the violence? Should every victim of domestic violence get a protection order? How are protection orders served?

A8

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH
EMPOWERMENT: A TEAM APPROACH,
WORKING WITH HOMELESS YOUTH AND
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS**

*Melissa Slater, M.B.A., P.A., Domestic
Violence/Sexual Assault Counselor, Every
Woman’s Place and Webster House, Muskegon,
MI
Heather Wiegand, M.S., Director of Operations
for Youth Services, Every Woman’s Place and
Webster House, Muskegon, MI*

This workshop will focus on the “how to” and the importance of collaborating with your local homeless youth program when trying to reach those children who are living in homes where violence is present.

If the victim of violence is not yet ready to break the cycle, outreach work can still be done to reach the youth via homeless youth programs. The abuser will be more open to human service workers coming into the home from a homeless youth organization than from a domestic violence crisis center. Violence in the home has proved to be one of the top three reasons that youth runaway from home. It is important that domestic violence services providers connect with these organizations so that the proper intervention can be done.

Every Woman’s Place, Inc. and Webster House Youth Services have been providing this service for 25+ years, which has proven to be very effective in reaching the youth population. This workshop will provide practical information on how to connect with these programs and their importance in promoting safety for children and youth.

B1

**THE LINK BETWEEN ANIMAL CRUELTY AND
HUMAN VIOLENCE**

*Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of Public Policy,
American Humane Association, Washington, DC*

Companion animals provide comfort, security, and unconditional love to victims of abuse. They also can be the key to unlock a child or adult’s hidden fears and experiences with violence. This workshop will discuss research studies and criminal profiles regarding animal cruelty and its connection to child abuse and human violence; the importance of working as multi-disciplinary teams to investigate and cross-report all forms of abuse; how to recognize animal abuse/neglect and gather evidence; and how asking children about their pets during a forensic interview will assist with rapport and providing information regarding the abusive dynamics in the home. Utilizing the assistance of companion animals in child advocacy centers and in animal-assisted therapy for child and adult victims will be discussed, as well as procedures to safely house pets when adults and children are

fleeing an abusive home. Lastly, charging decisions, plea negotiations, sentencing options, update on laws, and pet protection orders will be discussed for offenders who abuse animals, children, and intimate partners.

B2

EFFECTS OF TRAUMA ON THE NON-OFFENDING PARENT

Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI

As with anyone who experiences trauma, survivors of domestic violence (DV) demonstrate a wide range of effects from DV. Perpetrators' abusive behavior can cause an array of physical, emotional, or health problems for survivors. This workshop will explore how perpetrators use coercive and physical tactics to hold survivors hostage and to undermine their relationship with their children.

B3

ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS

Oliver Williams, M.S.W., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, St. Paul, MN

In nine cities where the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community conducted focused group research with African American leaders, respondents reported that violence inside and outside the home were related. The consequences of violence have a detrimental impact on our community. The presenter will explore the challenges of addressing domestic violence in the African American community and recommend how we must become solution-oriented to reduce the problem.

B4

EMERGING RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE WITH CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Jeffrey Edleson, Ph.D., Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work; Director, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse St. Paul, MN

Professor Edleson will review some of the basic research on children's exposure to adult domestic violence, their involvement in these events and the level of known co-occurring child maltreatment and domestic violence in families. He will review some recent trends in legislation and programs responding to these children and their families and draw on his work with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' guidelines published in *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy & Practice* (commonly called the Greenbook) and the federally funded "Greenbook Initiative."

Topics to be covered include how children experience adult domestic violence and research on the impact of such violence on children, new laws regarding child exposure, efforts to criminalize such exposure, and interventions with and issues in providing service to children and their parents.

B5

ENHANCING SAFETY THROUGH A COMMUNITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT RESPONSE

Honorable Amy Krause, Judge, 54-A District Court, Domestic Violence Court, Lansing, MI

Cherie Ballor, Sergeant, Lansing Police Department, Lansing, MI

Russel Church, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Lansing, MI

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Bob Davis, Director, Prevention and Training Services, Lansing, MI

Mona Davis, Director, Prevention and Training Services, Lansing, MI

In January 2004, Judge Krause established a Domestic Violence (DV) Court at the 54-A District Court in Lansing. The DV court utilizes a team approach to addressing domestic violence. Team members include the judge, other court

staff, prosecutors, defense attorneys, police officers, providers of batterers' intervention programs, and providers of victims' support services. This workshop will instruct participants on how to begin and run a Domestic Violence Court in an efficient and effective manner.

B6

THE "FAILURE TO PROTECT" CONTROVERSY
Mary McKendrick, Training Coordinator, Copper Country Mental Health Services, Houghton, MI
Ted Forrest, CPS Program Manager, Michigan Department of Human Services, Lansing, MI

There are few topics in child protection which generate more controversy than "Failure to Protect" in cases involving domestic violence. One side will ask: "Didn't the parent fail to protect the children by remaining in a violent relationship?" The other side argues back: "Why should we punish the parent since he/she is as much a victim as the children?" This workshop will explore both sides of the question and look at CPS policy.

B7

IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) COMMUNITY
MARIA VALAYIL, Coordinator, Domestic Violence Unit, Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, Lansing, MI
Melissa Pope, J.D., Director of Victim Services, Triangle Foundation, Detroit, MI

This workshop is designed to educate participants on working definitions, cultural competency, and key issues for LGBT individuals and families. Topics covered will include effective assessment for domestic violence and factors to consider in investigation, intervention, case management, and placement involving LGBT families and youth. Participants will take foundation knowledge and work through several case studies with facilitators in order to explore how this knowledge can be applied. Resource and referrals will be provided to participants for further education and assistance.

B8

THE NEUROBIOLOGICAL IMPACT OF TRAUMATIC STRESS AND PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS, PART 1

James Henry, M.S.W., Ph.D., Director, Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Mark A. Sloane, D.O., F.A.C.O.P, F.A.A.P., Medical Director, Center for Behavioral Pediatrics, Kalamazoo, MI

The presenters will provide cutting-edge research, theoretical, and clinical information regarding the neurobiological impact of traumatic stress and prenatal alcohol exposure on the neurodevelopment of children and adolescents, with special emphasis on domestic violence.

Please note: This is a 2-part workshop. The presenters have requested that only participants who have attended Part 1 attend Part 2.

C1

SAFETY AND SOBRIETY: DUAL NEEDS FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES

Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI

For some survivors, re-victimization is predictive of relapse. Some may begin or increase their use of alcohol/other drugs in response to violence as a way to medicate the physical and emotional effects of victimization. In addition, abusive partners, as a mechanism of control, coerce many survivors' use of substances. Therefore, addressing the safety needs of chemically dependent survivors is an essential part of a successful recovery strategy. This workshop will provide practitioners with suggestions for working with survivors who are also substance users.

C2

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A BARRIER TO SEEKING SAFETY

Misty Moon-Lartridge, M.A., LLPC, Shelter Services Supervisor, YW-Domestic Assault Program, YWCA of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

Cultural competence is a point on a continuum that represents the policies and practices of an organization, or the values and behavior of an individual, which enable that organization or person to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment.

In this workshop, participants will learn the impact of domestic violence and the importance of cultural competency, the guiding principles of cultural competency, and its value as related to clients who are victims of domestic violence.

C3

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR LOCAL BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAM: MICHIGAN STANDARDS FOR BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

David J.H. Garvin, L.M.S.W., Senior Director, Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, Chair and Co-Founding member of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan. Co-Chair of the Michigan Governor's Task Force on Creating Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs in the State of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

This workshop will offer an overview of the Michigan Batterer Intervention Program Standards and a history of the process of establishing the standards. An important part of this presentation will be an update and focus on the work since the inception of the standards.

C4

ALLEGAN COUNTY COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Myrene Koch, J.D., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Allegan County, Allegan, MI

Across the state, communities are engaged in a variety of policy and programmatic actions to respond to children and families affected by domestic violence. This workshop will highlight the Allegan County coordinated community response to domestic violence and discuss implications for providing safety and well-being to children as a part of this coordinated community response.

C5

DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW: THE EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT

Katy Conklin, J.D., Program Manager, Justice Initiatives, State Bar of Michigan, Lansing, MI

This workshop will discuss the intersection of domestic violence as it relates to child protective proceedings, child custody, parenting time, and child support within the family and juvenile court system.

C6

TRIBAL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Angie Noriega, Domestic Violence Coordinator, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Lori Jump, Program Manager, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Advocacy Resource Center, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

From 1979-1992, homicide was the third leading cause of death for Indian women age 15 to 34. About 75% of these women were killed by a family member or someone that they knew. A U.S. Department of Justice study on violence against women concluded at 34.1% of American Indian and Alaskan Native Women – or more than 1 in 3 – will be raped during their lifetime. The comparable figure for the entire United States is less than 1 in 5. There are two native shelters in the state of Michigan. One is the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan Shelter located on the Isabella Reservation and the other is the Lodge of Bravery located on the Sault Ste. Marie

reservation. Join us for an open discussion regarding the efforts being made in “Indian Country” to change these statistics and what can be done to allow for cultural sensitivity in your programs.

C7

THROUGH A SURVIVOR’S EYES: UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES FACED BY SURVIVORS

*Erica Schmittiel, L.L.M.S.W., Advocacy
Coordinator, Michigan State University Safe
Place/Capital Area Response Effort, East Lansing,
MI*

*Megan Widman, L.M.S.W., Community Education
Program Coordinator, HAVEN, Oakland County,
MI*

*Montrell Baldwin, Human Resource Developer,
Child Welfare Institute, Department of Human
Services, Lansing, MI*

Dawn Craft, Survivor of domestic violence

This workshop will focus on collaboration between domestic violence service provider agencies and Children’s Protective Services. Shelter-based services to enhance the safety of both adult and child victims will be discussed. Audience members will have the chance to see what it is like to be a survivor of domestic violence by participating in the “immersion exercise” and hear a survivor of domestic violence share her experience.

C8

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REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. The cost of the conference is generously funded through the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice (GTF). All training materials and lunches are provided. The Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice has generously agreed to reimburse DHS workers' mileage and lodging as detailed in the L-Letter related to this conference announcement. For all others, mileage and lodging will not be reimbursed and are the responsibility of individual attendees.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. A confirmation notice will be sent to you approximately two (2) weeks before the conference. ***Due to space limitations, restrictions have been placed on the number of individuals per agency and discipline able to attend this conference. You will receive a notice that will indicate whether you have been confirmed to attend.*** If you have not received a confirmation to attend but you believe you are registered, or for further information, contact Deborah Jensen at 517.482.7533 or by email at deborahjensen@childcrt.org.

Please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire portion of the conference for which you register. Please do not register to attend this conference unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend. If it is necessary to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this conference, please contact Deborah Jensen at deborahjensen@childcrt.org or 517.482.7533 as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior notice to Deborah Jensen. Please note that onsite registration is not available.

Fill out and return the completed Conference Registration form no later than **March 26, 2008**. Please note that no registrations will be accepted after this date.

Special Note for DHS and Private Agency Foster Care Agency Staff

An L-letter or invitation letter has been sent to county DHS directors and agency directors outlining the number of staff per agency that will be allowed to attend this conference. Please make sure a signature from the supervisor designated to approve your attendance is included on your registration form. For DHS workers only, mileage and lodging will be reimbursed through a GTF grant as detailed in the L-letter related to this conference announcement.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Social Work Continuing Education Units

An application to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for L.M.S.W.'s and L.B.S.W.'s has been submitted and approval is pending. Upon approval, we will provide CEUs at no charge to qualified individuals who attend the conference. To obtain CEUs, forms will be available on site that you will need to complete in order to receive CEUs. In addition, those wishing to apply for CEUs must be seated in the training room at 9 a.m. and must attend the entire conference for which they have registered in order to receive full credit. **There are no exceptions to these requirements.**

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES)

This conference is MCOLES certified.

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of overnight rooms has been reserved at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing and at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, both at a rate of \$65 per night. This block of rooms will be released back to the hotels after March 9, 2008, so make your reservation early. We cannot guarantee these rates after the March 9th deadline. **Please note:** You are responsible for your lodging expenses.

Kellogg Hotel: To make your reservations at the Kellogg Hotel call 517.432.4000 and reference the “Domestic Violence Conference” to ensure you receive the reduced rate.

The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center is located on the Michigan State University campus at 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824-1022. Directions can be found by going to the following websites:

- Campus Map: <http://maps.msu.edu/>
- MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

Radisson Hotel: To make your reservation at the Radisson Hotel call 517.482.0188. Reservations at the Radisson Hotel may also be made on the web at www.radisson.com/lansingmi. Use Promotional Code: DMV08 to receive the discounted group rate at the Radisson. **Please Note:** There is a parking fee of \$10.00 at the Radisson Hotel.

The Radisson Hotel is located in downtown Lansing at 111 N. Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933. Directions can be found by going to the following website:

- www.radisson.com

If you have any questions, please call Deborah Jensen at 517.482.7533.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

(Please print or type legibly as this information will be used for your name tag.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ County: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Supervisor Signature (required for DHS staff and private agency foster care staff): _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Special Needs: _____

I will be attending: Day 1 (April 9) Day 2 (April 10) Both Days

I will be applying for Social Work CEUs License Number (required): _____

I will be applying for MCOLES credit MCOLES #: _____

Please circle the workshop in each session that would like to attend.

Workshop Session A (April 9, 2008, 3:00-4:30)

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Workshop Session B (April 10, 2008, 10:30-12:00)

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Workshop Session C (April 10, 2008, 1:00-2:30)

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Return completed registration form by March 26, 2008 to: Deborah Jensen, Children's Charter, 324 N. Pine St., #1, Lansing, MI 48933, Fax: 517.482.2626, deborahjensen@childcrt.org.

For further information or if you require handicap access to facilities or special assistance at the conference, please contact Deborah Jensen at 517.482.7533 or via email at deborahjensen@childcrt.org.