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Professional Experience

2000 – Present

Victim Witness Coordinator, Municipal Prosecutor's Office

Interview victims, witnesses and defendants involved in criminal cases and assess severity and lethality potential in domestic violence cases. Assist the prosecuting attorney in the preparation of cases relating to domestic violence. Assist crime victims with the criminal process, including; preparation of victim impact statements, trial process, restitution and Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) applications, registration with Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE), referrals for appropriate resources and support from crime victims and when needed accompany them to hearings. Responsible for compliance with the Victims Rights Act and coordination with the Office of Victims' Rights. Training of staff and attorney's regarding domestic violence and victims rights.

1997 – 2000

Adjunct Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage,

Department of Social Work, Family Services Training Academy - Dynamics of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse.

Advocating for Victims (HUMS A121 641) Facilitated a 45 hour course on: crisis intervention, domestic violence, sexual assault, and laws relating to domestic violence in conjunction to providing court based legal advocacy.

1996 – 2000

Supervising Counselor, Domestic Violence Program, Alaska Women's Resource Center

Supervised program, which provided services to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Responsible for administration of program as well as supervision of direct service interns and volunteer staff. Conducted counseling groups and individual screening interviews, case management and crisis intervention services to clients. Coordinate and monitor the Legal Advocacy Program, including training and supervision of advocates.

1992 – 1996

Client Services Coordinator, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence

Supervised a 6-bed shelter facility and 24-hour crisis line servicing the Aleutian/Pribilof Region. Responsible for coordination of direct client services, intake, screening and safety planning. Provided hospital and court accompaniment. Supervised and trained shelter and crisis line volunteers. Prepared and implement curriculum for Personal Safety Program and outreach programs.

Education

1990 Lewis University, Joliet Illinois

Bachelors of Art in Journalism & Broadcasting

Additional University Courses

University of Alaska, Fairbanks:

Crisis Intervention (HST 150 RA1)

Introduction to Social Work (SWK 102 RA1)

Legal & Legislative Advocates (HST 250 RA1)

DV and Substance Abuse (HST 250 RA2)

Crisis and Grief Counseling (HMSV)

Certifications

National Association of Forensic Counselors

Certified Domestic Violence Counselor II Certified 1999 (A22090)

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, US Dept. Homeland Security

STAR Instructor Certified 2004 (I-6768)

SART – Sexual Assault Response Team, Advocate

Community Involvement:

Anchorage Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Board, Member

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Planning Committee, Member

National Crime Victims Rights Week Planning Committee, Member

Glenwood Center CRC Advisory Board, Member

(Appointment by the Governor 1999 - present)

Anchorage Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Caucus

Chair: June 2006 – August 2007

January 2004 – June 2004

January 2003 – June 2003

Qualified as Domestic Violence Expert Witness

District Court State of Alaska

MOA v Lockhart	3AN M 00-6353	MOA v Sibole	3AN M 04-1892
MOA v Unger	3AN M 00-11012	MOA v King	3AN M 04-8690
MOA v Rodak	3AN M 01-1741	MOA v Seldon	3AN M 99-2540
MOA v Martin	3AN M 01-2221	MOA v Fyffe	3AN M 07-1379
MOA v Weiss	3AN M 04-2277	MOA v Esaw	3AN M 09-4893
MOA v Hoover	3AN M 04-3443		

Superior Court State of Alaska

SOA v Active 3DI 03-436

Professional Training

Tri-Discipline Conference, UA, Anchorage

National Coalition against Sexual Assault, Annual Conference

Sexual Assault Response Team Training, South Peninsula College

Ending Domestic Violence, Tundra Women's Coalition, Bethel

Train the Trainers, Alaska Domestic Violence Training Project, SOA, DHSS, MCH

Ethics & the Law: Legal Aspects of Counseling, AWRC

Clinical Supervision, Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor Training (RADACT)

Supervision, Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor Training

"10 State" National Health Initiative Training, Alaska Domestic Violence Training Project, SOA, DHSS, MCH, Family Violence Prevention Project

Legal Advocacy Conference, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement, Anchorage Police Department

Department of Corrections: Victim Impact Conference

Advanced Group Counseling, Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor Training Program

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & Fetal Alcohol Effect Training, AWRC

Developing Cross-cultural Competencies, Munirah Muwasi

Collaborative Strategies for Improving Safety and Sobriety, Medina Health Systems

Next Millennium Conference: Ending Domestic Violence, U.S. DHSS

Legal Advocacy, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Ethics, Organizational Change & Leadership, Western Community Policing Center

Developing Problem Solving Teams, Western Community Policing Center

District Attorneys & Paralegal Assistants Conference, SOA, Dept. of Law

The Reid Technique of Interviewing, John Reid & Associates

Domestic Violence & Substance Abuse, AWRC, MOA Safe City Program, ANDVSA

Joining Forces: A coordinated Community Approach to Domestic Violence

National Association of Forensic Counselor – Understanding & Treating Criminal Offenders
Statewide Fatality Review Teams

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Domestic Violence "Train the Trainer" US Dept. of
Homeland Security

AWRC "Why Does He Do That?" 2004 Conference on Batterers

SOA, DPS "Using Officers as Experts in Domestic Violence Cases"

Professional Training

MOA, DHHS, Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Intervention Conference

11th Annual Domestic Violence Conference, National College of District Attorneys
Interpersonal Violence Conference, Alaska Regional Hospital

U.S. DOJ, OVW “Building Collaborations to Address Trafficking in Alaska”

Jewish Women’s International “Lethality Assessments and Domestic Violence Death Review Teams”

Danger Assessments, Dr. Jackie Campbell

First Strike: The Connection Between Animal Cruelty & Domestic Violence, Friends of Pets & National Human Society

Jewish Women’s International: Coercive Control Model: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life

Professional Training Facilitated

Crisis Intervention Training, Co-Facilitator, USAFV

Responding to Violence, U.S. Navy – Naval Air Station Adak, AK
Shelter Advocacy, USAFV

Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Anchorage Police Department

Volunteer Victim Witness Coordinators Training, SOA, Dept. of Law

Identifying Domestic Violence: Staff Training, SOA Dept. of Public Assistance

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Conference, Co-Facilitator,
SOA, DHSS, MCH

Domestic Violence Panel, Emergency Medical Services

Effects of Domestic Violence on Children, Alaska Bar Association

Victim Advocacy & Protection Orders, Alaska Bar Association

Community Resources for Victims of Crime, Alaska Bar Association

Court Interpreters Training, SOA, Alaska Court System, Third Judicial District, and Alaska

Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Alaska Court System, Family Law Self-Help Center, staff training - Annually

6th Annual Legal Advocacy Project Conference, ANDVSA

Alaska Women’s Resource Center Legal Advocates Training

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System, staff training

SOA, DPS "Using officers as Experts in Domestic Violence Cases"

EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY

Why Victims Recant or Are Resistant to Prosecution in Domestic Violence Cases

It is not uncommon for the victim of a domestic violence assault (or related offenses) to be resistant to the prosecution of her assailant. It is also not uncommon for a victim to subsequently alter her account of the incident, sometimes very significantly or even to the point of denying that it ever happened. In my experience with the Prosecutor's Office, victims interviewed initially request that the case against their assailant be dismissed. There are numerous reasons for this resistance which vary in their significance to each victim.

1. Fear of Retribution (may include)
 - a. physical violence from assailant
 - b. threat to withhold financial support or eviction from residence
 - c. threats to take custody of children
 - d. other harassment: job, telephone, DFYS reports, police, reports
 - e. threats or harassment by family or friends

Note: This may be reinforced by previous experience of victim. Help-seeking behaviors, such as calling police or testifying, have resulted in further violence or abuse.

2. Fear of Jeopardizing the Relationship
 - a. victim doesn't want to see assailant punished (or believes that police involvement was enough)
 - b. victim feels responsible for abuse (see below) and for getting assailant in "trouble"
 - c. fear of being left alone or of raising family by self
 - d. victim may hope that resisting prosecution will be seen as "loyalty" to assailant and thus reduce future violence/strengthen relationship
 - e. viewed as "family issue" and therefore not business of outsiders
 - f. separation may increase the risk of violence
3. Fear of Financial Burden/Loss
 - a. jail or conviction would lead to loss of job or income
 - b. court/attorney costs
 - c. victim lacks resources, education, skills to support self and/or children alone
4. Victim Feels Responsible for Abuse or Incident
 - a. accepts blame
 - b. does not distinguish between conflict and violence

- c. feels ashamed of own behavior--alcohol, drugs, infidelity, insensitivity, nagging
 - d. receives blame from assailant, family, friends, "systems"
 - e. takes responsibility for getting assailant in trouble (called police or sought help)
- 5. Honeymoon Phase of Abuse Cycle
 - a. victim believes abuse was an aberration
 - b. victim believes abuse will not reoccur or that assailant is going to change
 - c. assailant makes promises to enter counseling, offers apologies, attempts to atone for abuse, acts more attentively, etc...
- 5. Cont. Honeymoon Phase of Abuse Cycle
 - d. initial trauma fades
 - e. often combined with dynamics in #4
 - f. victim fears prosecution process or dwelling on past will undermine assailant's commitment to change
- 6. Pressure from Others
 - a. children (e.g. miss their daddy or are angry because mommy put him in jail)
 - b. family
 - c. friends
 - d. church
- 7. Fear of Court
 - a. fear of being disbelieved
 - b. stress/fear about testifying
 - c. fear of appearing "disloyal"
 - d. fear of "losing" case and allowing assailant further justification for violence--increases sense of helplessness

Common Traits of Abused Women

- 1. Tend to believe the abusive behavior will change
- 2. Tend to believe they are responsible or to blame for abuse
- 3. Tend to believe they could stop abuse if they (victims) changed (e.g. behavior, appearance, attitude, personality, etc...)
- 4. Tend to be isolated
 - a. batterer often attempts to alienate family, friends, outside support systems
 - b. victim feels shame about abuse
- 5. Frequently believe male should be dominant within the family
 - a. therefore dutybound to accommodate man's needs
- 6. Because display of emotion is threatening, many display flattened affect

7. Honeymoon phase often encourages hope that abuse will stop
8. Efforts to resist often lead to increased violence
9. Fear that separation may increase risk of violence
10. Develop a perception that have no control over abuse
 - a. because of #3, this is seen as personal weakness/failure
11. Self esteem decreases
12. May show "learned helplessness"
 - a. appear to respond helplessly or passively to situations even when it appears they could help themselves
 - b. perception of having no control cripples ability to respond in situations where they do have control
 - c. often based on reality in which it is not safe to engage in help-seeking behaviors