



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Please Join Us!

**Advocacy in Action:
Promoting Justice, Creating Change**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Virtual Conference

CEC's available!
.75 CECs per session/
up to 1.5 CECs per day

Wednesdays in October

Noon - 1:30pm

Zoom

No cost to attend, but registration is required!

Each Wednesday we'll hear from two national experts on various topics impacting domestic violence survivors (*see next page for agenda*). Presentations will be 40 minutes each with a 10 minute break in between. You can register for any day in which you want to participate, but feel free to join the Zoom at the start of the second presentation if that's the only one you're interested in that day.

Registration Links:

Day 1 - Wednesday, October 7

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 14

Day 3 - Wednesday, October 21

Day 4 - Wednesday, October 28

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www.ctcadv.org for complete descriptions!*

Agenda

[Click here to read complete descriptions with key takeaways for each session.](#)

Day 1 - Wednesday, October 7

12:00 - Identifying and Implementing Tools to Develop Resiliency

12:40 Casey Keene, *National Resource Center on Domestic Violence*

Resilience is an innate human capacity that can be learned and developed in anyone. Participants will learn how to make organizational changes and implement tools to promote resiliency through internal, external, and existential supports.

12:50 - The Impact of Adultification on Child Survivors of Trauma with a Focus on Children of Color

1:30 Jacqueline Miller, *Survivor & Consultant*

This training will address the impact adultification has on children who experience trauma with an emphasis on black girls. Through storytelling, participants will learn about the presenter's story as it unfolds in three dimensions, revealing how to develop a framework for building resilience with youth and communities of color.

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 14

12:00 - Survivor-Centered Service Design and Delivery

12:40 Iain De Jong, *OrgCode*

OrgCode believes that smartly-designed policies are crucial to organizational and community success. They specialize in policy analysis and development that is grounded in best practice. When it comes to working successfully with survivors, it is critical that our advocacy work is based on their terms, not our own.

12:50 - Supporting Safe Engagement with Men Who Cause Harm

1:30 Fernando Mederos, *Consultant*

For a variety of reasons, motivated by choice or necessity, survivors often maintain contact or live with their abuser. Professionals working with survivors may miss the mark if all efforts are based on the idea that no contact should be the ultimate goal. A well-rounded advocate will have the skills to discuss options for safe engagement that continues to uphold batterer accountability.

Day 3 - Wednesday, October 21

12:00 - Enhancing Access to Services and Safety for Immigrant Survivors

12:40 Rosie Hidalgo, *Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families & Communities*

Immigrant survivors continue to face additional barriers and risks, which results in sharpening the tools of those who cause harm and undermining survivors' access to safety and well-being. It is critical for advocates to stay informed of changing policies and help support systems advocacy, so they are well-positioned to help survivors navigate available resources and improve safety.

12:50 - When Courts Went Virtual - Helping Clients During a Pandemic

1:30 Storm Ervin, *Urban Institute*

Change can be hard during the best of times, let alone during a global pandemic. Stay-at-home orders forced a quick shift to virtual service provision that was outside the norm and comfort zone for many organizations. To continue providing adequate access to support, researchers are looking into ways to advance innovative policies that would promote victim safety and address pros and cons associated with continued virtual advocacy efforts.

Day 4 - Wednesday, October 28

12:00 - Addressing Historical Trauma and its Impact on Our Work

12:40 Barbara Blackdeer-Mackenzie, *HIR Wellness Institute of Milwaukee, WI*

Known as historical trauma, experiences such as slavery and genocide that impact entire communities can result in cumulative emotional wounds and substantial trauma. As a result, many people in these same communities experience higher rates of mental and physical illness, substance abuse disorder, and erosion in families and community structures. Before we can begin to dismantle the structural racism impacting the lives of survivors, we must have an understanding of historical trauma.

12:50 - Confronting Privilege & Bias to Make Meaningful Change

1:30 Ruby White Starr, *Caminar Latino*

We are experiencing significant unrest in our country. Through all of this tragedy, we hope for much needed, lasting change as we seek to address the intersection of violence and oppression experienced by people of color. True advocacy requires us to confront our privilege and implicit biases so that we can better understand and effectively navigate the very real barriers they create for the most vulnerable survivors in our communities.