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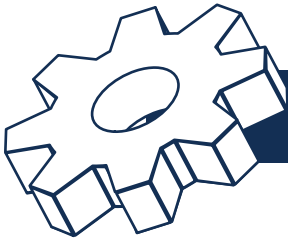
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In 2005, Genesis Women's Shelter & Support in Dallas, Texas launched the Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW), a national forum to disseminate the highest level of training, information, and strategies to professionals who are responders and advocates to victims of gender-based violence, including but not limited to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

We soon recognized that some of the most vulnerable victims of these crimes live in rural communities, where limited resources must stretch further and barriers such as geographic isolation and lack of anonymity make it harder for victims to seek help. To address these critical needs, CCAW launched the Institute for Coordinated Community Response (ICCR) in 2018 to assist rural law enforcement, prosecutors, and advocates in creating and sustaining Coordinated Community Responses (CCRs) to increase safety for victims and accountability for offenders. (You can learn more about ICCR on pg. 14.)

We are now thrilled to introduce ICCR's inaugural conference, *Collaborative Responses to Domestic Violence in Rural Communities*. This nationwide, virtual conference pairs ICCR's expertise with CCAW's nationwide reach to bring you ideas and tools to foster the collaborative relationships needed for effective CCRs, including showcasing creative solutions being implemented in small towns across the United States. Understanding the financial and geographic barriers of our rural colleagues, this conference will remain virtual each year, and we will always prioritize affordability and accessibility.

We invite you to join us in creating collaborative responses to domestic violence in your own communities. We are excited to share what we've learned, and learn from all of you, as we grow together and work towards a future where every community in the United States, large and small, is equally equipped to respond to the epidemic of domestic violence.

**MISSION** The mission of the Institute for Coordinated Community Response is to empower rural communities to create and sustain their own unique Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence.

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*NOTE: This conference is conducted for the sole purpose of providing training to only those people employed by governmental or non-profit agencies in the fields of law enforcement, prosecution, civil attorneys who work with female victims of crime, corporate safety professionals, judges, emergency telecommunications, tribal groups, military, social services, victim's advocacy, therapy, medicine, and to other professionals who work directly with victims of crime. The management of the conference reserves the right to refuse admission to any individual who does not meet these criteria.*

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

### KEYNOTE: HOW ONE CASE CHANGED A TOWN



Staley Heatly has served as District Attorney for the 46th District of Texas – population 18,000, spanning three counties – since 2006. On July 4, 2009, when five-year-old Kati Ernest was beaten to death in her home on the edge of town, Staley's approach to domestic violence cases was forever changed. Kati's mother, Kristina, initially confessed to the crime; but something didn't add up. Two years later, after following a hunch and digging deeper into the violent past of Kristina's boyfriend, Tommy Castro, Staley instead brought Castro to trial, where he was sentenced to life in prison for Kati's death.

Learn how one rural Texas community drastically changed its systemic approach to domestic violence following Kati's horrific and preventable murder, from starting a body-worn camera program, to putting together a Battering Intervention & Prevention Program, to establishing a family violence coalition that later became the region's first nonprofit domestic violence agency.

10:15 - 11:45 A.M.

### CREATING & OPERATING A FAMILY VIOLENCE PROGRAM IN A RURAL COMMUNITY

Staley Heatly, Rachel Lira

This session will discuss the creation of Texoma Alliance to Stop Abuse (TASA), a non-residential family violence program operating in three rural Texas counties. TASA was founded in 2013 as a reaction to a family violence homicide that occurred in Wilbarger County. Over the last several years, TASA has grown from a battering intervention program operated by volunteers to a fully staffed agency offering a wide range of services to survivors of domestic violence. Attendees will learn from TASA's experience of forming and sustaining a non-profit in a rural community, including performing successful outreach activities in a sparsely populated area; overcoming challenges in working with community partners, including law enforcement; creating client demand through community awareness; and the operation of a Domestic Violence High Risk Team.

### LESSONS FROM THE FIELD: SETTING UP A RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT & CCR TEAM

Deborah Baer

In rural Northern Minnesota, the Courts work together with law enforcement, prosecutors, probation, human services, schools, health care providers, civil legal services, victim advocates, and intervention program facilitators toward the common goal of enhancing victim safety, holding offenders accountable, and increasing hope and trust in the justice system. In an area laden with historical trauma, drug and alcohol addiction, out of home child-placement, and generational poverty, along with the special challenges found in many rural communities, there is a light of hope. This session will provide an outline of developing and implementing a Domestic Violence Court and Coordinated Community Response Team, creating a victim-centered approach, holding systems and offenders accountable, and helping create a more positive, hopeful community.

11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### ROUNDTABLE LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

Bring your lunch and join us in virtual breakout rooms to discuss a variety of hot topics and network with like-minded professionals. Attendees will be able to submit topics for discussion. *Breakout rooms will be capped at 8 people each.*

**1:00 - 2:30 P.M.**

### **BRIDGING THE GAP: HOW TO BUILD & SUSTAIN COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS**

Julie Germann, Erica Olson

When professionals, teams, and communities collaborate well, they effectively bridge the “justice gap,” resulting in better outcomes for victims, efficient use of resources, and healthier communities with less violence. In fact, the majority of Coordinated Community Response (CCR) success is based on skillfully building and maintaining collaborative relationships. However, the process of multiple fields and organizations joining together to bridge the justice gap is, understandably, complex and rarely without conflict. This session will explore the supports necessary to successfully bridge disciplines when forming a collaborative response to family violence and discuss ways to increase professional skills to build and maintain healthy, victim-centered, effective professional relationships.

**2:45 - 4:15 P.M.**

### **INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AGAINST RURAL WOMEN: OVERCOMING SOCIOCULTURAL BARRIERS IN ADVOCACY & COUNSELING**

Brandi Sawyer

While intimate partner violence affects women across a broad sociocultural spectrum, rural women, in particular, experience factors that greatly enhance and prolong their abuse. This session will explore the impact of rural-specific factors such as resource limitations, diversity issues that impact coping strategies and help-seeking behavior, community connectedness that makes anonymity virtually impossible, and lack of housing options when seeking to leave a relationship. Through discussion and case scenarios, attendees will learn practical and creative strategies for counseling and advocacy to overcome these common barriers in service delivery to rural women.

### **NOT THIS HOUSE AGAIN: HOW TO APPROACH REPEAT CALLS & STOP FALLING FOR THE MAGICIAN'S TRICKS**

Dave Thomas

Repeat domestic violence calls are some of the most frustrating situations officers encounter; it often feels like no matter how we respond, nothing changes. This session will present strategies to more effectively respond to these complicated and difficult scenes, which often involve a perpetrator who is a master magician of manipulation and a victim who presents with other co-occurring issues, such as mental illness or substance abuse. Attendees will learn how to see past the perpetrator's tricks and identify their power and control tactics towards the victim and law enforcement; keep the investigation focused on the criminal behavior of domestic violence, rather than peripheral issues; and find ways to proactively engage advocates to assist beyond what law enforcement is able to accomplish. By implementing these skills on every call, officers will be more likely to gain trust and “get somewhere” with the victim, leading to better case outcomes.



#### **REMINDER**

Live sessions will be recorded and  
available for on-demand viewing through  
**November 30, 2021.**

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8:30 - 10:00 A.M.**WHY SHELTERS WON'T SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS**

Jordyn Lawson

What began as the “Battered Women’s Movement” in the 1970s was initially rooted in a “get her out and hide her” approach. Considering the laws of the time, lack of resources, and other limitations, those grassroots efforts and the establishment of confidential shelters were vital in saving many victims of domestic violence. But, 50 years later, does this approach really lead to healing, safety, and self-sufficiency? This session will discuss the modern-day barriers that victims seeking safety face, and question whether emergency shelter services should still be our go-to recommendation for victims. Attendees will explore alternative options – such as community-based and systems advocacy, individualized safety planning, long-term exit planning, and transitional living programs – that are also often more practical for rural communities.

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10:15 - 11:45 A.M.**FROM CHARGING TO CLOSING: ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC BIAS IN GENDER-BASED PROSECUTION**

Carvana Cloud, Staley Heatly

The conversation surrounding criminal justice reform that is in our country necessitates an intentional focus on culturally inclusive and trauma-informed litigation, especially in cases involving intimate partner violence. This session will describe how systemic racism and gender bias in our criminal justice system impacts every facet of cases involving victims from communities of color that are often over-policed and underserved. The presenters will provide practical strategies to support prosecutors from the charging stage to the closing argument, including how to provide culturally relevant legal advocacy, educate and select juries, and form opening and closing arguments, with special attention paid to the unique challenges faced by rural communities. Effective use of strategic collaborations to address the lack of key social services needed to maintain survivor safety and reduce recidivism in communities of color will also be discussed.

**BUILDING A TRIBAL COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

Bonnie Clairmont, Kelly Stoner

With the staggering national statistics on domestic violence committed against Native Americans, a coordinated community response (CCR) can be a strong tool for promoting victim safety and offender accountability. This session will provide a general overview of CCR development, address some of the common challenges that a tribal CCR may face, and discuss the many benefits of a CCR approach. Practical tips will be provided for development of a CCR team, from obtaining buy-in across jurisdictions through sustaining a CCR. Since the confidentiality of victim information can be compromised in a CCR, the presenters will facilitate a discussion of protecting privacy and confidentiality when sharing across disciplines.

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### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAMS IN RURAL SETTINGS

Kelly Dunne, Heather Davies

The Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) Model, created by the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center in 2005, is an innovative strategy to prevent domestic violence homicides. The Model incorporates evidence-based risk assessment into a community's domestic violence response system to identify and intervene in the most dangerous cases. These cases are monitored by a multidisciplinary team that shares case information and implements coordinated intervention plans to mitigate the danger, increasing both survivor safety and offender accountability. Studies have shown that survivors in rural areas report higher levels of intimate partner violence and higher severity of physical abuse when compared with their urban counterparts. Rural survivors face distinct barriers to accessing help and services, amongst other factors, which increases their risk of intimate partner violence. This session will provide an overview of the DVHRT Model, explore the applicability of the Model in rural settings and offer approaches to adapting the Model to best fit rural communities.

2:45 - 4:15 P.M.

### ASSESSING SYSTEMS & INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM RESPONSE TO IPV

Amalfi Parker Elder, Maren Woods

A systemic assessment begins with a core question: How are we, as a community, institution, or agency, organized and coordinated to think about and act on cases, and what pieces of our current structure help or hinder safety for victims and accountability for offenders? Systemic assessment is not about calling out individuals, but rather, taking a hard look at how safety and accountability are incorporated into the daily work routines of practitioners. This session will discuss why systemic assessment is a vital piece of any coordinated community response effort and explore how rural practitioners can make the most of this process, including gaining necessary buy-in from key stakeholders. The presenters will review various assessment models offered by Praxis International and provide examples of how practitioners around the country have used these tools to reduce systemic inequity and promote equity for survivors and their families.

### ANIMAL ABUSE + FAMILY VIOLENCE: RURAL STRATEGIES TO KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

Allie Phillips

Research has well-documented the link between animal abuse and family violence. With 68% of American homes having animals, family violence first responders and prosecutors must understand how pets are targeted to gain silence and compliance of victims, which can impact successful investigations and prosecutions and continue the cycle of violence. Animal abuse is a particularly significant barrier to safety for rural victims of domestic violence. When pets, livestock and farm animals are targeted as an abuse tactic, victims are more likely to remain in the environment due to lack of resources. This session will explore the research on the importance of addressing animal abuse in family violence dynamics, research specific to rural communities, how agencies can work together to help domestic violence survivors with pets in rural communities, and investigation and prosecution trial strategies. No abusive photos will be shown.



## S P E A K E R   B I O S



**DEBORAH BAER** *Minnesota Ninth Judicial District*

Deborah Baer has been the Domestic Violence Court Coordinator and Community Response Program Coordinator for the Minnesota Ninth Judicial District since 2013. She has successfully led the development and implementation of Domestic Violence Courts in two counties within the district, and is working toward development of additional Coordinated Community Response teams in the remaining rural frontier communities of Northern Minnesota. Ms. Baer is a survivor and an advocate for others who have been harmed and is deeply committed to ending violence everywhere.



**BONNIE CLAIRMONT** *Tribal Law & Policy Institute*

Bonnie Clairmont is a victim advocacy specialist for the Minnesota Office of the Tribal Law & Policy Institute (TLPI). Prior to her employment with TLPI, Ms. Clairmont was the outreach/client services coordinator for the sexual offense services of a rape crisis center of Ramsey County. While employed there, she provided leadership in the development of Sexual Assault Response Teams and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs and offered guidance with multidisciplinary sexual assault protocol development. Ms. Clairmont has worked more than twenty-five years advocating for victims providing and improving services for victim/survivors of sexual assault, battering, and child sexual abuse, particularly those from American Indian communities. Ms. Clairmont has also provided technical assistance to research conducted by Amnesty International USA that led to the report, "Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous Women from sexual violence in the USA."



**CARVANA CLOUD** *Community Empowerment Solutions*

Carvana Cloud is an attorney, former prosecutor, and founder of Community Empowerment Solutions (CES), a social justice collaborative designed to empower underserved communities by creating conditions that reduce violence and promote positive outcomes. Ms. Cloud began her legal career as a prosecutor with the Harris County District Attorney's Office and completed her most recent stint as the Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau, dedicated to enhancing victim safety and offender accountability in regards to domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking crimes. Ms. Cloud's litigation and coalition-building expertise informed the creation of homicide prevention initiatives such as Houston's Domestic Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.) and other systems-based advocacy programs designed to provide crisis intervention, victim stabilization, and safety planning to survivors in a trauma-informed manner. Ms. Cloud frequently trains on strangulation, the role of expert witness testimony, and the importance of culturally-specific advocacy in criminal investigations and prosecutions.



**HEATHER DAVIES** *Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center*

Heather Davies is the project specialist for National Training and Technical Assistance at the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center in Amesbury, MA. Ms. Davies works with communities around the country to implement the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model and the Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement. Before joining the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Ms. Davies worked for five years at Casa Myrna as the coordinator of SafeLink, the Massachusetts statewide domestic violence crisis hotline. Ms. Davies began her career as an attorney and she practiced law as a civil litigator for 11 years prior to joining Casa Myrna.

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**KELLY DUNNE** *Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center*

Kelly Dunne is the chief of Operations and director of Training and Technical Assistance for the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center in Massachusetts. Ms. Dunne has focused her work on analyzing the response systems created to protect victims and hold offenders accountable. In 2003, she created the nationally-acclaimed Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model (DVHRT). Based on Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell's Danger Assessment, the Model seeks to reduce domestic violence homicides and re-assaults by employing risk assessment practices to identify potentially lethal offenders, establishes case-specific multidisciplinary responses, and coordinates monitoring of high-risk domestic violence cases. The Model has been replicated in 25 communities across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and over 200 communities nationally. Under a grant from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Ms. Dunne provides national technical assistance and training to communities to replicate the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model and Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement.



**JULIE GERMANN** *Finding the Right, LLC*

Julie Germann is the founder of Finding the Right, LLC, where she provides training and technical assistance to improve responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse. Ms. Germann is a former prosecutor with over a decade of experience prosecuting cases of violence against women and children. Ms. Germann has worked with sexual assault and child abuse multidisciplinary teams and trains nationally. She provides best practice reviews, and contributes to legislative advancements and policy manuals, such as the SART Toolkit published by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.



**STALEY HEATLY** *Texas 46th District Attorney's Office*

Staley Heatly has served as the District Attorney for Texas' 46th Judicial District since 2006. In 2013, he founded Texoma Alliance to Stop Abuse, a non-profit that provides direct services to victims of domestic violence as well as operates a battering intervention and prevention program. In 2018, he created a Domestic Violence High Risk Team that serves his three-county district. Mr. Heatly is also a member of the board of directors of the Texas Council on Family Violence, where he serves as co-chair of the Public Policy Committee. In 2016, Mr. Heatly was a member of the Timothy Cole Exoneration Review Commission which examined cases of wrongful conviction in Texas. In 2017, he was honored as Prosecutor of the Year in recognition for his work on the commission and for his efforts combating family violence across Texas. In 2020, he authored Family Violence: Investigation and Prosecution, a comprehensive manual for prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates, and other allied professionals.



**JORDYN LAWSON** *Genesis Women's Shelter & Support*

Jordyn Lawson is the director of Residential Services at Genesis Women's Shelter and Support, and has a passion for ending domestic violence and helping those who have experienced the pain of trauma heal and grow. Ms. Lawson supervises both the emergency shelter and Annie's House transitional living program. Previously, Ms. Lawson was the assistant clinical director at Genesis, and has worked in the field of domestic violence and trauma recovery for over 12 years. During that time, Ms. Lawson has provided individual and group counseling services to women, adolescents, and children victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and childhood trauma.

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**RACHEL LIRA** *Texoma Alliance to Stop Abuse*

Rachel Lira is the Executive Director of the Texoma Alliance to Stop Abuse (TASA). Ms. Lira volunteered with and served on the board of TASA for three years prior to her appointment as the organization's first full-time employee in 2020. She also serves as the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Coordinator for the 46th Judicial District, which spans three rural counties in north Texas, and was part of the pilot year of the Institute for Coordinated Community Response.



**ERICA OLSON** *Anassa Consulting*

Erica Olson, owner of Anassa Consulting, is a professional consultant, trainer, and subject matter expert specializing in interpersonal violence, trauma, and trauma-informed leadership. Ms. Olson draws on her 20 years of experience in direct services, advocacy, policy, and applied research to aid nonprofits, government agencies, and the private sector in advancing their knowledge and practices around domestic and sexual violence, gender inequality, and trauma. Ms. Olson has been appointed to multiple state and national efforts to address and prevent violence, including the CDC's Rape Prevention & Education Program and National Violent Death Reporting System. Ms. Olson has co-authored curricula, policy, protocols, and legislation, and has been published in the peer-reviewed *Victims & Violence*. She has trained professionals at all levels, from local to international.



**AMALFI PARKER ELDER** *Praxis International*

Amalfi Parker Elder, senior program and training specialist for Praxis International, develops and delivers programming, consultation and training for community-based advocates and criminal legal system practitioners, working to enhance their systemic responses to intimate partner violence through Praxis' Institutional Analysis, Blueprint for Safety and Advocacy Learning Center programs. Based in New Orleans, Ms. Parker Elder supports communities around the country in understanding, identifying, and addressing institutional inequities. Prior to joining Praxis, Ms. Parker Elder coordinated the adaptation, launch and implementation of the New Orleans Blueprint for Safety, as well as the New Orleans Blueprint's equity assessment of the local disproportionately high arrest rate of Black women for domestic violence crimes. She first joined the gender-based violence movement as an attorney representing survivors in obtaining protective orders, divorce, and child custody.



**ALLIE PHILLIPS** *Sheltering Animals & Families Together*

Allie Phillips is an author, attorney, advocate, and founder and CEO of the Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T) Program™, the first and only global initiative helping domestic violence shelters to create on-site pet housing. Ms. Phillips is a former prosecuting attorney who has worked for the National District Attorney's Association as the founder/director of the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse and deputy director of the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse. Ms. Phillips was the vice president of Public Policy and vice president of Human-Animal Strategic Initiatives for American Humane Association. She is an award-winning book author, and is on the steering committee of the National Link Coalition, chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Animal Law Section, member of the Coalition on Violence Against Animals, and National Alliance of Victims' Rights Attorneys.

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**BRANDI SAWYER** *Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor*

Brandi Sawyer is currently in private practice and has over ten years of experience working with survivors of interpersonal maltreatment, including adults and children exposed to family and sexual violence. She has worked in crisis center, community mental health, children's advocacy center, and foster care agency settings throughout East Texas, where she has served in direct service and administrative roles. These roles have included a prominent presence on multiple trauma-informed agency committees with the goal of implementing organizational change. She is completing a PhD at Texas A&M University-Commerce in Counselor Education and Supervision and research interests include treatment effectiveness with complex trauma, rural mental health, and attachment theory.



**KELLY STONER** *Tribal Law & Policy Institute*

Kelly Stoner serves as a victim advocacy legal specialist for the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. For the past twenty years, Ms. Stoner has taught at the North Dakota School of Law and Oklahoma City University (OCU) School of Law on American Indian/ Tribal Law and Domestic Violence-related classes. Ms. Stoner directed the University of North Dakota Native American Law Project that served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation with a caseload that targeted domestic violence and sexual assault cases. She also directed the Native American Legal Resource Center at OCU where she supervised law students prosecuting domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases and representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil matters. From 2011- 2019, Ms. Stoner served as a judge for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and also supervised a project in partnership with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma that established a SAFE Unit at a local hospital, recruited SANEs and targeted community education on domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Stoner helped to launch Oklahoma's only tribal coalition against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking called the Native Alliance Against Violence. She is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and for the Office on Violence Against Women's national technical assistance providers on domestic violence issues in Indian Country.



**DAVE THOMAS** *International Association of Chiefs of Police*

Dave Thomas is the program manager for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and is retired from the Montgomery County Police Department. As an officer, Mr. Thomas taught at the Police Training Academy, served on the S.W.A.T. team, was a hostage negotiator, and a member of the Domestic Violence Unit. In addition to helping create the Domestic Violence Unit, he developed curriculum in domestic violence training, as well as the policy development on domestic violence-related issues. In 2002, Mr. Thomas signed on with the Johns Hopkins University Division of Public Safety Leadership as program administrator for Domestic Violence Education, as well as teaching courses related to violence against women crimes in the Division's Police Executive Leadership Program. Mr. Thomas has worked with community stakeholders regarding coordinated community response to deliver training and technical assistance on issues pertaining to violence against women.



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### **MAREN WOODS** *Praxis International*

Maren Woods, program director of Praxis International, oversees and delivers programming for Praxis' Institutional Analysis and Blueprint for Safety programs. Ms. Woods' work in the movement to end violence against women began in northern Minnesota in 2000 when she served as the coordinator of an extensive community-based analysis of the U.S. criminal justice system's response to violence against Indigenous women. She has since volunteered as an on-call advocate for a battered women's shelter and as a birth doula for low-income women. Ms. Woods has extensive experience providing expert training and guidance to rural, urban, and suburban communities to assess and improve their institutional response to violence against women in supervised visitation, child protective services, advocacy, and criminal and civil legal systems.

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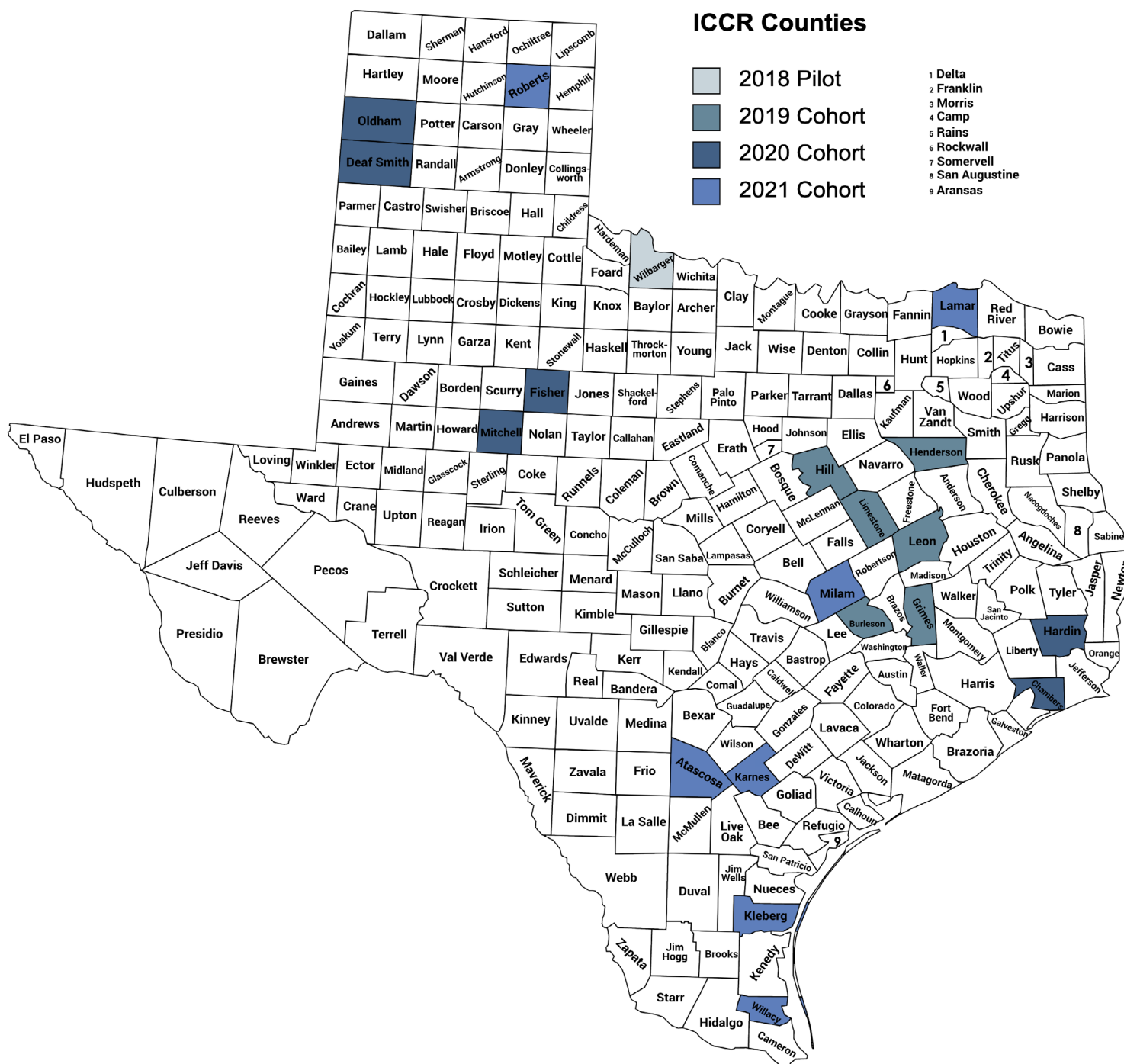
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