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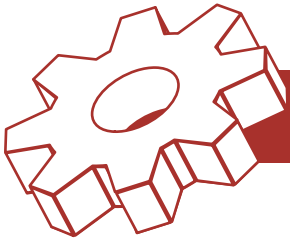
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We soon recognized that some of the most vulnerable victims of these crimes live in rural communities, where limited resources must stretch further and barriers such as geographic isolation and lack of anonymity make it harder for victims to seek help. 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. 15.)

We are thrilled to be back for the second year of ICCR's annual 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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8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

**KEYNOTE: PROTECTION & PARTNERSHIP: FBI
COLLABORATION & RESPONSE TO CRIME ① ③ ④**

FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Matthew DeSarno's work at the FBI on various task forces and within strategic operation divisions has granted him valuable insight into the benefits of cross-jurisdictional collaboration along the law enforcement spectrum. As detectives investigate crimes within their territories by utilizing the resources at their disposal, many times that employment is relegated to the city, state, or region in which the investigators work. During these processes, it may be easy to forget that an expanded pool of techniques and strategies exist beyond immediate reach to assist in investigative efforts, with the FBI possessing resources available for municipalities of all sizes. This plenary session will include an overview of recent incidents to illustrate the continuing lone actor phenomenon in a range of settings. Additionally, international and domestic terrorism ideological threats, a case study on the Colleyville synagogue hostage incident, and the critical need for public education about reporting critical preventative information will also be discussed. FBI SAC DeSarno intends to provide assurance about the work that the law enforcement community and private sector partnerships can achieve by working together.

10:15 - 11:45 A.M.

**CULTIVATING JUSTICE: HOW TO BUILD & SUSTAIN A COORDINATED COMMUNITY
RESPONSE TEAM THAT YIELDS RESULTS**

Julie Germann, Erica Olson ② ③ ④ ⑦

While addressing and preventing domestic violence, often times, practitioners end up working in silos and sometimes even in competition or opposition to one another. This behavior sows seeds of mistrust and disorganization that yields serious negative outcomes including victims' continued suffering, disengagement with helping professionals and systems, lethal violence, and overall negative community outcomes. Coordinated Community Response Teams (CCRTs) are very effective in combatting siloed efforts and improving survivor and community outcomes, but the process of multiple fields and organizations joining together is understandably complex and rarely without conflict. During this webinar, the presenters will illustrate how and why CCRTs are effective, cover the foundational "nuts and bolts" of starting or revamping a CCRT, and provide easy-to-use techniques and tips to address and reduce conflict, improve communication, and promote strong relationships across divisions that result in effective collaboration and improved outcomes for victims and communities.

MAKE THE CALL: MEETING THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS FOLLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVENTION

Maren Woods, Bree Adams Bill ②③④⑦

Calling 911 emergency services is often seen as a lifeline for survivors of battering. However, survivors can also experience increased risk, confusion, stress, and uncertainty because of law enforcement response. Survivors need support, information, and advocacy as soon as possible following law enforcement intervention. Law enforcement officers are not always in the best position to help survivors with those needs. Research has shown that when confidential advocates proactively reach out to survivors at this highly stressful time, their safety is increased, and their outcomes are enhanced. Advocacy-initiated response (AIR), a protocol between law enforcement and the local, confidential community-based advocacy program, is an effective model, particularly in rural communities, that ensures survivors have access to the information and support they need. This webinar will provide an overview of AIR, explore the benefits and challenges for both advocacy programs and law enforcement, and introduce participants to existing resources and materials to adapt the AIR model to their communities.

12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

BRIDGING THE GAP: THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT & COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY

Jerry Meadors, Misty Biddick ②③④⑦

An increase in data reveals the pressing need for law enforcement and advocates to work more closely together in order to enhance victims' pursuit of justice and ensure a higher probability of offender accountability. Many times, the breakdown between these two entities causes investigative and prosecutorial details to fall through the cracks. This webinar will discuss building a successful partnership between community advocates and law enforcement agencies in order to address intimate partner violence (IPV) including police culture regarding advocacy. The presenters will discuss the roles of law enforcement and community-based advocates in the response to IPV crimes, specifically in rural areas, and will highlight common challenges and solutions involving information sharing that may occur between advocates and law enforcement. Helpful suggestions for building and maintaining the vital relationships between first responders and advocates regarding IPV will also be discussed.

SART: CREATING & MAINTAINING AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT

Haleh Cochran, Deepika Modali ②③④⑦

Sexual assault has far-reaching impact for both individuals and communities, and therefore, sexual assault response teams (SARTs) play a vital role in enhancing response to victims and increasing offender accountability. SARTs provide a community-based response to sexual assault through an intentional coordination and collaboration with criminal justice professionals, advocates, and community organizations that provide resources to support survivors. This webinar will share how to establish SARTs and how collaborations with sexual assault agencies can lead to a more efficient response to survivors. It will also provide attendees with an overview of resources and strategies to support organizations with establishing SARTs in their community.

1:45 - 3:15 P.M.

THE VERY FIRST RESPONDER: WIELDING THE POWER OF THE DISPATCHER

Jennet Sullivan ②③④⑦

At first glance, it appears that police officers are the first to receive a domestic disturbance call. But many people forget that often times, a family member, neighbor, or even the victim themselves call 911 first, which then prompts law enforcement to respond. It is on this call that a dispatcher can set the tone for what is to follow. Because telecommunicators have so much potential impact that could be good or bad, there are tangible steps non-dispatch criminal justice practitioners can take to increase dispatch reliability. Furthermore, these steps can help prevent the disservice to investigators and prosecutors as a result of telecommunicators not receiving proper training or failing to realize their importance along the law enforcement spectrum. This webinar will highlight the role of the dispatcher, the various challenges they face, and how law enforcement, community advocates, and prosecutors can better engage, educate, and support dispatch personnel.

A LOT LEFT TO LEARN: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, TITLE IX & RURAL COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Kaiti Blackburn, Ziwei Qi ②③④⑦

Over the past decade, it has become well known that gender-based violence (GBV) is a pervasive issue on college campuses. Recent changes to Title IX have presented challenges, as well as opportunities, to the response of GBV on campus. The presenters will discuss the prevalence of GBV on rural college campuses, the impacts and benefits of Title IX, as well as provide recommendations for policy improvements. This webinar will offer insights from a rural college faculty member and violence prevention educator by providing unique perspectives on how to provide trauma-informed, survivor-centered information and access to services to better reduce re-victimization. The facilitation of collaborative efforts and solutions to GBV on rural campuses will also be addressed.

3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

CLOSING THE GAP: UTILIZING SAFVIC SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Jason Lundquist, Ben Ablon, Melissa Hightower ②③④

While completing a police report, the translation of information from the time the officer arrives on the scene to what actually gets written down in that report is crucial with important information and details required that can help criminal justice professionals in the life of the case. Unintentionally, key pieces are lost between the scene and final report. The Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigators Course (SAFVIC) is a free on-line reporting tool for family violence offenses that provides best practice-based training to law enforcement across the state with curriculum developed by experts and practitioners in the field. The presenter will highlight best practice techniques such as family violence & strangulation supplement forms and risk assessments as well as provide an in-depth demo of the SAFVIC Systems program and access to SAFVIC resources. How an officer can generate detailed offense reports, risk assessments, PC affidavits, and requests for emergency protective orders will also be discussed.

BEING TRAFFICKED: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT "THE LIFE"

Jane Anderson, Beth Jacobs ①③④⑦

The criminal justice system can serve as both an on ramp and an off ramp to exploitation which requires a better understanding of the complex nature of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. Trafficking offenders use a variety of tactics designed to ensure that victims will do what they are told without resistance, questioning, or disclosure to law enforcement. This webinar will explore what it is to be sexually exploited and illustrate how practitioners can improve their responses to victims who often do not see the criminal justice system as a viable off ramp from "the Life." Additionally, the presenters will highlight their lived and professional experiences, focusing on factors that impact entry into "the Life," especially in the context of survivors who come from small, rural towns. The presenters will also focus on the realities of sexual exploitation and trafficking, and how exiting is often a process. Faith-based victim services, a prevailing characteristic of rural communities, will also be discussed.



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8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

BEYOND BIG CITIES INITIATIVE

Maybell Romero ②③④⑦

A new report on survivor-centered approaches to combat intimate partner violence (IPV) in smaller jurisdictions was recently published by the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution (IIP). The report is the second in a series from the IIP's Beyond Big Cities Initiative (BBCI), which seeks to connect prosecutors who serve small, often rural populations and who are committed to a criminal justice system rooted in fairness and equity. Over ten million Americans experience IPV every year and survivors in small and rural jurisdictions face unique barriers to accessing justice, such as a lack of support services or an increased likelihood of physical isolation. This webinar will dissect this report which highlights the work of BBCI members who have implemented innovative programs to overcome those challenges and reduce IPV in their communities.

VICAP: THE HIDDEN GEM IN SEEKING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS

Jennifer Bushee ②③④

The Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) maintains the largest investigative repository of major violent crime cases in the U.S. It is designed to collect and analyze information about homicides, sexual assaults, missing persons, and other violent crimes involving unidentified human remains. ViCAP serves as an optimal resource for rural, urban, and suburban communities when investigating gender-based violence. This case study will walk attendees through the beginning, middle, and end of a case where investigative evidence and prosecutorial strategies relied on ViCAP databases. Additionally, ways in which ViCAP can be instrumental to law enforcement and prosecutors and increase offender accountability will be discussed.

10:15 - 11:45 A.M.

BUILDING THE BLUEPRINT: THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICIES FOR DISPATCH CALLS

Jennet Sullivan ③④

Dispatch calls significantly impact communities due to the dangers they can present to responding officers. However, many law enforcement agencies do not have any structured policies related to the processing of dispatch calls. A 2006 DOJ study found that only 67% of police agencies had policies on what questions dispatchers should ask, only 41% of police agencies that cover victim interactions, and only 12% of agencies that had no policy at all. These statistics are especially concerning in areas such as rural towns who may not possess call-processing software. A well-crafted policy creates a framework for telecommunicators to operate within including a list of questions, priorities, and procedures. The presenter will cover commonly asked questions during calls, why those questions are asked, and why they should be included in a policy for any size agency. Sample language for dispatch policies will also be discussed.

CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS DURING & BEYOND COVID-19: PROSECUTION LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW ERA

Patti Powers ②③④

COVID-19 has dramatically impacted the criminal justice system. Lengthy court delays have raised concerns over speedy trial rights and crowded dockets, prompting jurisdictions to consider how a volume of jury trials can be scheduled in the midst of uncertainty. However, social distancing in courtrooms, alternative physical spaces, and even virtual hearings raise challenges of their own. Additionally, there is a strong likelihood that virtual hearings and other virtual court processes will remain indefinitely. With little time to accommodate sweeping change, prosecutors are challenged to assume leadership in the ongoing collaboration with judicial officers, defense attorneys, and other professionals to help shape thoughtful strategies for criminal proceedings during our "new normal." The presenter will discuss strategies for triaging delayed cases, considerations of constitutional rights, and the use of juror questionnaires as a way to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 during jury selection. Additionally, methods for adapting prosecution strategies to virtual platforms will be presented.

12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

OVW FUNDING FOR RURAL PROVIDERS

Krista Blakeney-Mitchell, Charlotte Turpin ③④⑦

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Rural Grant Program has funding available to support efforts addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in rural communities. Experienced OVW staff will provide attendees with an overview of available discretionary program funding and share information about project activities that are being supported with OVW grant funds. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions and learn about eligibility, funding levels, and grant program criteria.

SMALL TOWNS, LARGE ACCESS: HOW THE TEX-TRAC TELEHEALTH PROGRAM PROVIDES RURAL HOSPITALS WITH ACCESS TO EXPERT SANES

Nancy Downing, Stacey Mitchell ②③

Like many states, Texas is one that has a large land mass comprised of many small towns (29 million people across 268,597 sq. miles) with over 75% of its counties being rural and/or underserved. Unfortunately, many areas of Texas lack access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) due to its large population. Transferring patients adds to patient trauma, delays time-sensitive medical treatment and evidence collection, increases law enforcement burden, and adds to health care costs. In 2019, Texas passed a law requiring the Office of the Attorney General to create a statewide telehealth SANE program which led to the Texas Teleforensic Remote Assistance Center (Tex-TRAC). This webinar will demonstrate how the Tex-TRAC team developed and implemented the statewide telehealth program – from demonstrating need, educating and engaging stakeholders, securing funding, developing unique specialized telehealth equipment, creating trauma-informed and evidence-based protocols, selecting and training telehealth SANEs, and training rural clinicians to use the Tex-TRAC cart and conduct medical forensic exams with telehealth guidance.

1:45 - 3:15 P.M.

TECH-SAVVY PREVENTION: SCREENING & SAFETY PLANNING

Adam Dodge **2 3 4 7**

Digital usage is all around us. Every home, work, or school environment is impacted by technology. Unfortunately, technology also is very prevalent within criminogenic settings where offenders utilize devices, computers, and phones to stalk, harass, bully, extort, and manufacture staged homicides. This webinar will cover how to update existing screening and safety planning practices to be effective in online spaces and on devices that will enrich investigations and prosecutions. Identifying red flags, screening /intake best practices, how to disappear online, identifying a student's digital footprint and quickly securing accounts and apps will also be discussed.

EMBRACING THE DIVERSITY OF SAFE SPACES: VIRTUAL COUNSELING OPTIONS FOR RURAL CLIENTS

Ruth Guerreiro **2 3 5 6 7**

Counseling can be one of the most rewarding and effective responses to victimization as therapists dedicate their time and skillsets to helping clients access resources and envision a life of healing. Unfortunately, clients who have suffered from domestic or sexual violence find attending counseling sessions in person to be problematic due to time or money constraints, fear of safety, or other barriers. The presenter will provide an overview of various virtual therapy resources as well as describe the current laws and regulations regarding virtual therapy. Both the benefits and the risks of virtual therapy will be addressed, including possible safety concerns and cultural considerations. Techniques on how to interview potential therapists to help clients determine compatibility and the therapist's expertise will also be discussed. Additionally, this webinar will be designed to help attendees identify ways they can equip their survivor clients with specific questions and considerations when selecting a virtual therapist.

3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

THE REVERBERATION OF TRAUMA: HOW CONSENT & DV IMPACT PARENTS & THEIR TEENS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Amanda Elkanick Oder **2 3 4 7**

Sex, trauma, and agency present unique challenges for victims and survivors who reside in rural communities. Oftentimes mothers with past or current experience with domestic violence and sexual assault struggle to raise daughters who face those same abuses in small towns. To capture the essence of these challenges, first-time filmmakers Parker Hill and Isabel Bethencourt meet three spirited teenage girls at a gas station in small-town Texas and are inspired to document their carefree summers. Subsequently, filmmakers partnered with the Texas Advocacy Project to explore the running themes of sexual assault, trauma, consent, and dating violence. In this webinar, the presenter will show clips of the award-winning film, CUSP that highlights consent and agency in rural America, address the legal protections available to youth and adult survivors of dating violence, and offer ways to engage with youth on the brink of adulthood.

THINK ABOUT IT! IMPLICIT BIAS, THE BRAIN, & APPLIED INTERSECTIONALITY

Myra Strand ②③④⑦

There is a silent, yet very powerful and sinister bias that looms in the perspectives of all human beings called implicit bias, which is often subconscious and shifts the way in which we interact with the world around us. The manner in which victims experience the criminal justice system and other response systems is unquestionably and often negatively impacted by bias. Thus, analyzing "justice" through the lens of implicit or explicit bias will help better explain how victims are obstructed by prejudice and how that impact often carries tangible results. This webinar will go beyond the typical analysis of "Gender Bias" to assert that the gender experience is inherently intertwined with race, class, sexual orientation, nation status, geographic location, health status, religion, etc. The presenter will explore how to begin difficult and critical conversations at the individual and agency level around implicit bias and will provide tangible solutions for reducing secondary victimization.

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