

Domestic Violence Training

Red Lion Hotel

Pocatello, Idaho

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

AGENDA

12:30-1:00pm SIGN IN

1:00-2:30pm

Harm Reduction Risk Management Model

Rebecca Thomforde Hauser, Associate Director, Domestic Violence Programs;

Gwen Wilkinson, Tompkins County District Attorney;

Center for Court Innovation, New York

Engaging the victim in the criminal justice system can be challenging to victim advocates, prosecutors and judges. What are the safety concerns of victims and what can judges, advocates, and prosecutors do to improve safety for victims while holding offenders accountable? This workshop will highlight the Harm Reduction Risk Management Model as a way to understand and respond to complexities behind why victims may have difficulty fully participating in a criminal prosecution of case, increase understanding of how to safely engage victims in the process, and how to use community based advocates to provide safety and support.

2:30-2:45pm BREAK

2:45-4:15pm

Non-Fatal Strangulation

Brandy Selover; Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Strangulation has been identified as one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence and sexual assault: unconsciousness may occur within seconds and death within minutes. When domestic violence perpetrators choke (strangle) their victims, not only is it a felonious assault, but it may be an attempted homicide. Strangulation is an ultimate form of power and control where the batterer can demonstrate control over the victim's next breath: it may have devastating psychological effects or a potentially fatal outcome.

This session will cover the history and research of Strangulation Crimes, and key aspects of the medical, law enforcement, and prosecution's response to strangulation cases.

4:15-4:30pm

Wrap Up & Adjourn

Thank you for your participation.