

Audio Conference Training

Domestic Violence and Supervised Visitation Training Series

Enhancing our Work with Men Who Use Violence

Engaging with men who are using supervised visitation services because of his use of violence against a partner is both a means of fostering safety for women and children as well as counteracting his use of battering tactics. Being involved and connected in an intentional and meaningful way with men who batter, however, poses a distinct set of challenges for center staff. This series will provide practical and useful tools for center staff to work effectively with men who use violence.

Part 3: Culture and our work with men
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Aspects of culture, such as beliefs, customs, practices, etc. not only shape a person and family's identity and familial relationships, but they may also increase the risk of further abuse. This session will help visitation center workers identify the role culture can play in safety and risk and create effective strategies for enhancing our work with men who use violence.

Trainers: Juan Carlos Areán, The Family Violence Prevention Fund and
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Juan Carlos Areán works as a program manager for the Family Violence Prevention Fund. He has devoted the last 16 years to engaging men across different cultures to become better fathers, intimate partners and allies to end domestic violence and achieve gender equity. For over a decade, he worked at the Men's Resource Center for Change in various capacities, including director of the Men Overcoming Violence and the Refugees and Immigrants Programs. He also worked as a sexual assault prevention specialist at Harvard University. Mr. Areán is co-author of various articles, curricula and educational tools for men and an active trainer, who has led workshops and presentations nationally and internationally.

Jennifer Rose has been working as an advocate & activist to end violence against women for over 15 years. As the director of domestic violence services at the Walnut Avenue Women's Center, Jennifer worked to build a program that provided both crisis intervention and long term advocacy and support for survivors and their families. In this role she also opened a supervised visitation center that was part of a national demonstration initiative funded through the Office of Violence Against Women. Jennifer is currently working as a consultant, locally and nationally, to provide training and technical assistance on the issues of violence against women, engaging men who batter, oppression, community organizing, child welfare and LGBTQ issues. Jennifer received her BA in Anthropology and Women's Studies from Fort Lewis College and her MSW from San Jose State University.

Resources

- 1) Guiding Principles - Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program, U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, December 2007. Download at www.praxisinternational.org, Visitation TA materials.
- 2) A Discussion of Accounting for Culture in Supervised Visitation Practices: The City of Chicago, Illinois Demonstration Site Experience, December 2005. Download at www.praxisinternational.org, Visitation TA materials.
- 3) Concepts in Crating Culturally Responsive Services for Supervised Visitation Centers, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, 2007. Download at www.dvinstitute.org.
- 4) Ozha Wahbeganniss: Exploring Supervised Visitation and Exchanges Services in Native American Communities. Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community and Mending the Sacred Hoop. Download at www.dvinstitute.org .
- 5) Fathering After Violence: Working with Abusive Fathers in Supervised Visitation. The Family Violence Prevention Fund. Download at www.endabuse.org/store/
- 6) Activist Dialogues. The Family Violence Prevention Fund. Download at www.endabuse.org/store/
- 7) Culture Handbook. The Family Violence Prevention Fund. Download at www.endabuse.org/store/