

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 1:
Engaging without collusion
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Where do I draw the line between respect and collusion? How do I know if I am inadvertently condoning battering tactics? What are strategies I can use on the spot to help discern his motivation and how I should respond? This session will address these common questions and more asked by staff at visitation centers.

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Laura Connelly works as an Intervention Program Manager for Advocates for Family Peace in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. She coordinates the supervised visitation and exchange center and also facilitates groups for men and women who use violence in their intimate relationships. She lives in northern Minnesota with her husband and her children.

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