

Workshop Descriptions

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

***Civil Law:** This session will cover: confidentiality, advocate privilege, applying and filling out temporary orders of protection, dissolution of marriage, and child custody actions.

***Criminal Law:** This session will review criminal law statutes and how to work well with police officers.

***Police Scenario Activity:** This session will include three scenarios with actors and real police officers. It will encourage discussion and questions about what can really happen when police are called to a domestic violence scene.

Thursday, March 6, 2008

***Domestic Violence Jeopardy:** An interactive game which will involve information presented over the previous three days.

***Advocacy in Action I:** This session will provide best practices and tools to use when answering hotline calls and conducting intake procedures.

***Advocacy in Action II:** This session will provide best practices and tools when conducting lethality assessments and safety planning.

***Advocacy in Action III:** This session will provide best practices and tools when helping survivors of domestic violence in shelter and out of shelter, as well as discussing support groups.

***Economic Resources:** This session will provide advocates with tools to assist victims with finding legal aid, housing, medical advocacy and other resources tied to affordability.

Friday, March 7, 2008

***Boxes Have Labels, People Don't II:** This will be the concluding activity for exploring ones preconceived images for an "ideal victim".

***Self Care:** This session will discuss compassion fatigue and self care, looking at personal and professional boundaries and tools to avoid job burn out.

***What Communities Can Do, Collaborating to Prevent Violence:** In this session advocates will learn how Coordinated Community Response Teams are adding a primary prevention focus to their existing work to improve response services to victims. Group activities will help advocates promote prevention strategies.

Certificates will be awarded at the end of the day to all those who attended the whole training!

Reminder: If you would like to attend this training make sure that you fill out the attached registration form and send it back no later than February 1, 2008.

Basic Advocate Institute

March 3-7, 2008

Red Lion Hotel

Helena, MT



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Coalition Against
Domestic &
Sexual Violence**

Training Purpose

The purpose of the Basic Advocate Institute is to provide the training and tools needed by Advocates to assist domestic violence victims. This five day training will focus on building advocacy skills through presentations, activities and scenarios. This will be an interactive training with a lot of time for questions, discussion and reflection. The primary focus will be on domestic violence; sexual assault will be addressed more thoroughly during the upcoming Sexual Assault Institute in May.

Who should attend?

Anyone with limited experience who has a strong focus on community-based and survivor driven responses to violence including: advocates, activists, service providers, social workers, anti-violence program volunteers, program managers and therapists.

Trainers

Trainers will include staff from the Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Montana Law Enforcement Academy, Montana Legal Services, local law enforcement, and shelter advocates from around the state.

Registration Information

- To apply for this training, you must complete and send the enclosed application no later than February 1, 2008. Due to the high amount of registrations received in previous years, we will not be able to accept late registrations. Registration will be limited to 40 people.
- The fee for this training is free to MCADSV members that have paid dues for the current year and \$100 for non-members.
- The training will be held at the Red Lion in Helena. Attendees can make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 406-443-2100. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. Reservations made before February 1, 2008 will receive the special rate of \$73 for a single room and \$95 for a double. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 3rd and end at 3:30 p.m. on March 7th.
- A continental breakfast will be served each morning of the training from 8:30-9:00am and an afternoon snack will be provided. Attendees will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner as well as other expenses including mileage and lodging. A limited number of scholarships will be provided to attendees based on need.
- The deadline for scholarship applications is January 22, 2008. To obtain a scholarship form please visit our website: www.mcadsv.com.

Please contact Kelly Myhro with any questions about the Basic Advocate Institute. Phone: 406-443-7794 x7 or email: kmyhro@mcadsv.com

Workshop Descriptions

Monday, March 3, 2008

***Violence Against Women:** Advocates will have an opportunity to explore the historical context that has allowed for violence against women to exist and persist. Understanding the history can assist us with navigating the current social and structural system.

***Dynamics of Domestic Violence:** An overview of the information and tools that have been developed over time by the domestic violence movement in order to explain and understand the dynamics of domestic violence. We will review these tools from the perspective of how the advocate can utilize them in their work with victims and in educating the public.

***Effects of Domestic Violence on Children:** This presentation will cover the effects of domestic violence on children's developmental stages and support groups for children.

***In Her Shoes:** This activity allows for attendees to gain a better understanding of what domestic violence victims go through.

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

***Boxes Have Labels, People Don't:** This will be a two part activity for exploring preconceived images of an "ideal victim".

***Beyond Labels: Improving Survivor Services for Those Who Struggle with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse:** The advocate will learn practical ways to best assist these victims and resources to help do so.

***Roadblocks and Resources for Victims Involved in the Faith Community:** This session will discuss how advocates can be sensitive and supportive in a victims journey of healing and wholeness through a faith-based lens.

***Widening the Spectrum of Advocacy:** This session will be about working with domestic violence victims who experience cognitive and psychiatric disabilities.

***Relationship Advocacy:** The advocate will learn ways to assist and work with victims in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex relationships.

***Effective Services for Underserved Women:** This session will be discussing the additional obstacles faced by women of different cultures.

***Small Group Discussion Activity:** This session allows attendees to chose to be a part of two small discussion groups. In the small groups, attendees will be able to ask questions and further discuss topics presented during the day.