

THE DEADLY DANCE: INTIMATE VIOLENCE OFFENDERS AND THEIR VICTIMS

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Domestic violence is prevalent and profound in its impact to the victims and families. Most often those persons in support or helping roles to victim struggle mightily with an inability to understand and empathize with the victim and the victim's immobility and difficulties with change. Why doesn't she leave? Why doesn't she see it? Can't she just realize and go? The offender adds mystery as well. Is this the result of a bad temper? Childhood abuse? A drinking problem? How does he manage, time and time again, to apologize and regain trust? What beliefs or values contribute to offense behavior? How does society encourage and support domestic violence?

In this one day workshop, the dynamics of, myths about, and intervention of domestic violence will be addressed, with a focus on understanding and empathizing with the victim and intervening with the offender. Intervention strategies as well as management strategies and risk assessment of the violent offender will be offered.

This training is designed to help professionals develop an understanding of the domestic violence dynamics and problematic interpersonal patterns that are created not only in the violent relationship, but between the offender and the court, the children, and the professional involved.

Goals and Objectives

This training is appropriate for counselors, therapists, caseworkers, supervisors, or caretakers responsible for treatment, management, and/or supervision of the intimately violent offender. It also will offer valuable information for anyone involved with offenders and victims.

During this training, attendees should be able:

- To have an enhanced understanding of the violent offender's thinking, behavior, and "world view;"
- To understand relationships between intimate offenders and their victims;
- To identify the process of creating a violent relationship;
- To understand how beliefs and values of the offender motivate violence and are exhibited in behavior;
- To have a better awareness of the manipulations and deceptions of the offender;
- To understand how domestic violence impacts children;
- To develop appropriate intervention strategies that focus on responsibility and accountability;
- To gain management strategies and understand the need for structure and rules;
- To provide more accurate assessment strategies for risk and lethality of the offender.