**Why Opposing Hyper-Incarceration Should be Central to the Work of the Anti-Domestic Violence Movement**

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**WEBINAR DESCRIPTION**

The term “hyper-incarceration” highlights that the tremendous growth in incarceration is concentrated in particular geographic locations (low-income neighborhoods of color) and has concentrated effects felt disproportionately by African Americans. In this webinar, Professor Donna Coker will discuss the enormous growth of the US prison population and the policies and practices that contribute to these high incarcerations rates. She will briefly discuss how survivors end up in prison for crimes that flow from their victimization; the physical and sexual violence perpetrated against individuals who are incarcerated; and the ways victims of DV and/or SA in neighborhoods targeted for surveillance and arrest related to the “war on drugs” fear police intervention. She will then examine some of the larger, less well-known aspects of hyper-incarceration that have dramatic effects on DV and SA. Professor Coker will then discuss collateral consequences that limit the economic and civic opportunities of those with criminal convictions; prison trauma and the deepening of destructive masculinities; and the weakening of a community’s social structure, economic viability, and political clout. She will then examine how these harms are tied to increased risks for the occurrence of domestic violence. She will then discuss how these connections between hyper-incarceration and DV and SA should impact the work we do.
INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENTER
Donna Coker is a Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law. Professor Coker’s scholarship focuses on criminal law, gender, and inequality. Her research concerns three major areas: the connection between economic vulnerability and domestic violence; restorative justice and other alternative criminal justice interventions; and gender and criminal law doctrine. She was co-chair of the national conference, Converge! Reimagining the Movement to End Gender Violence, held in Miami in 2014. She is the co-author/investigator of a recently published national survey, Responses from the Field: Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Policing, which reports survey results from over 900 service providers and attorneys. She is a board member of Media for Change and co-creator (with Ahjané Macquoid) of the Reimagining the Movement to End Gender Violence web project. Professor Coker has a J.D. (1991) from Stanford Law School, an M.S.W. (1982) from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a B.S.W. (1978) from Harding University. Before attending law school, Professor Coker worked as a social worker/advocate in the domestic violence field for 10 years.

SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS
Anyone interested in learning more about why the incarceration rates in the U.S. are among the highest in the world and about the devastating consequences of this “hyper-incarceration” will benefit from this webinar. This may include community- and system-based advocates, criminal justice professionals, and other practitioners.

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