Reduce Unintended Consequences and Disparity
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
2:00 - 3:15 pm Central

With Maren Woods, Praxis Program Manager, Amalfi Parker Elder, Praxis Program & Training Specialist, Bree Adams-Bill, St. Paul and Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Tina Olson, Mending the Sacred Hoop

History, society, and peoples' lives are complex. The factors that reinforce or diminish safety, well-being, and risk for victims of violence against women are also complex. There is no universal victim and there is no universal offender. Yet institutions frequently impose a "one-size-fits-all" response, cutting off avenues of potential safety and support. Praxis Institutional Analysis tools seek to understand where and how and for which victims an institutional practice is problematic. Teams using the tools need to be equally mindful of the risks generated by 1) an offender, 2) a victim's immediate personal circumstances, 3) aspects of culture that increase her vulnerability, and 4) institutional responses. This webinar will feature strategies that several communities utilized for designing and implementing projects that focused on institutional processes that produced disparate outcomes for particular marginalized communities.

- St. Paul, MN: Blueprint for Safety assessed responses to African American men arrested for violations of no contact orders
New Orleans, LA: Blueprint for Safety assessed responses to African American Battered Women who were arrested

Duluth, MN: Safety & Accountability Audit of Responses to Native Women who Report Rape

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*Speaker Bios:

Praxis staff: Maren Woods and Amalfi Parker-Elder

Bree Adams-Bill: is the Blueprint for Safety Coordinator and Program Director at the Saint Paul and Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project. She has worked with battered women for over nineteen years. As a community-based, domestic abuse, legal advocate, Bree has been instrumental in sustaining a Coordinated Response Team in partnership with the criminal legal system in St. Paul/Ramsey County to ensure victims of battering receive the services they need and deserve. Through her advocacy experience and knowledge of the criminal legal system, Bree participated in the development and enhancement of the St. Paul Blueprint for Safety and the creation of its companion piece The Distinct and Vital Role of a Legal and System Advocate. She facilitates focus groups of women to ensure victim/survivors' experiences remain at the forefront of any response designed to serve them and incorporates such when training locally and nationally.

Tina Olson: Yaqui, Mending the Sacred Hoop (MSH), Inc. Executive Director, is a founding member of MSH, and has worked on issues surrounding domestic violence for over 27 years. She has provided training, technical assistance, and material development for tribes across the country, assisting them in program development, implementation, and consultation on developing a tribal response to domestic violence and sexual assault. Tina has taken various roles in the work to end violence against American Indian / Alaska Native women on a local, tribal and national level: women’s group facilitator, men’s group facilitator, advocate, trainer, speaker on issues around domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and elder abuse; as well as aiding in the development of MSH's Coordinated Community Response between the Fond du Lac Reservation and Carlton and St. Louis counties in northeastern Minnesota.