Sex Trafficking - A Court Watch Program
Hosted by: Battered Women’s Justice Project

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2015
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Central Time

Presenter: Amy Walsh Kern, Executive Director of WATCH, which was established in 1992 and remains one of the nation's only independent court-monitoring organizations.

Description: Subsequent to the 2011 passage of Minnesota's Safe Harbor Law, which stands as a national model for laws requiring children who are sex trafficked to be treated as victims and not criminals, WATCH has tracked and monitored juvenile sex trafficking court cases in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. WATCH has monitored these cases to observe the demographics of the defendants and the victims, whether the cases are going to trial or being resolved by a plea bargain, and what the sentences are. WATCH's Executive Director will discuss the framework for sex trafficking, the most recent federal and state laws on sex trafficking, and how these cases are being handled and sentences as they enter our courtrooms.

Questions? Contact BWJP at technicalassistance@bwjp.org.

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Identifying, Documenting, and Charging Crimes of Intimidation
Hosted by: Battered Women’s Justice Project

Date: Friday, June 19, 2015
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Central Time

Presenters: Rhonda Martinson, J.D., Rhonda Martinson Consulting, LLC and Scott Miller, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs.

Description: Unchecked witness intimidation can frighten witnesses and seriously hurt prosecution. To learn where and when intimidation arises, a local team in Duluth, MN observed 9-1-1 call takers and dispatchers, court proceedings, court hallway activity, and offender groups; conducted focus groups with victims; interviewed criminal justice practitioners; reviewed prosecution files; and reviewed historical reports compiled by the domestic violence response team. This presentation will share gaps found in witness safety and offender accountability and describe how the information learned has already been incorporated into law enforcement response/investigation, advocacy, and prosecution as well as into policy and practice goals for the future.

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Teleconference on Interstate Custody Issues
Hosted by: The Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women

The Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women (LRC) will be offering a basic telephonic training on interstate custody issues on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Participants will be given a toll-free telephone number to listen to the training.

This training will provide participants with an overview of the various federal and state laws that govern interstate custody cases. The training is designed for attorneys and victim advocates who wish to understand the basic framework of how these laws fit together. Case scenarios will be used to demonstrate how
advocates can help survivors address the economic, safety and legal issues involved when they cross state lines for safety. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during the presentation.

The LRC is a nonprofit organization based in Takoma Park, Maryland, that works to improve legal representation for domestic violence survivors in interstate custody cases. The LRC helps survivors to obtain legal representation for such cases and provides technical assistance to victim advocates and attorneys who are assisting victims in such cases.

All interested advocates and attorneys may register for the training by completing the registration form found on the LRC website at www.lrcvaw.org/trainings and faxing it to the LRC office. Registration is open until the training reaches capacity. Due to high demand for these trainings, please complete and fax the attached registration as soon as possible if you wish to participate in the training. Their fax number is (301) 270-7272.

Please notify LRC if you would like them to provide Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) services for this training.

Any questions can be directed to Ellen at (301) 270-1550 or at ebglrc@lrcvaw.org.

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Ask the Northwest Network: Assessment Strategy & Implementation Conversation
Hosted by: Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Pacific Time

Presenters: Kristin Tucker and Amarthia Torres

Description: Working to increase access for LGBTQ survivors? Shifting your intake to a more comprehensive assessment? Got questions? Join us for an interactive, call-in style webinar with Northwest Network staff! We'll spend an hour and a half responding in real-time to your questions and challenges in your work to increase services and support for LGBTQ survivors. We also welcome you to share your successes with other programs.
Thriving While Healing: Skills-based Support for LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Violence
Hosted by: Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Pacific Time

Presenter: Amarithia Torres

Description: This webinar will discuss highlights and lessons learned from the NW Network’s unique, strengths-based sexual assault support group, Thriving While Healing: Finding Joy, Resilience and Support in the Aftermath of Sexual Assault. This all-gender support group, specifically oriented to LGBTQ survivors offers skills, education, and tools to name and confront the silence, isolation, and shame which so many survivors experience, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Themes and interactive activities from the group such as cultivating resilience, normalizing the process of healing, trigger planning, positive sexuality, and self-trust will be discussed during this webinar.

Questions? Contact the NW Network at info@nwnetwork.org.

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