

"The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse" will be presented on Tuesday April 17, 2012, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm; by Barbara Niess May, MPH, MSW; Executive Director, SafeHouse Center; and David J.H. Garvin, LMSW; Director, Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. Domestic violence offender and survivor alcohol and other drug use/abuse will be central to this discussion. The audience will be provided with a primer regarding batterer tactics, strategies, and core beliefs which hold the batterer accountable for his abusive behaviors while maintaining and promoting survivor safety. The program will help participants to recognize the critical importance of understanding domestic violence and alcohol/other drug use/abuse in order to safely and effectively intervene and/or interrupt the batterer's abusive behaviors. This program is part of the FREE, annual Dawn Farm Education Series. All programs are free and open to anyone interested. Registration is not required. 1.5 hours of free C.E. approved by MCBAP (Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals) is offered for each workshop. A certificate to document attendance is provided on request. The Education Series is organized by Dawn Farm, a non-profit community of programs providing a continuum of chemical dependency services. For information, please contact Matt Statman, LLMSW, CADC, Education Series Coordinator, at 734-485-8725 or info@dawnfarm.org, or see <http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series>.

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