Pre-Conference Training: Trauma-Informed Investigations and Prosecutions

While we receive countless requests for training, lately the most common one is for training on the neurobiology of trauma and its implications for the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault. We are therefore delighted to announce that we are offering a full day of training on this topic before our 2015 annual conference.

Join us on Monday, April 6, 2015 in New Orleans for this exceptional opportunity.

Course Description

This one-day course is designed for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and others involved in the criminal justice and community response to sexual assault. Training will be provided by a multidisciplinary team of experts from the fields of psychology, law enforcement, prosecution, and health care.

Participants will learn about the neurobiology of trauma and its application to victims of sexual assault. By exploring how trauma affects victims’ emotions and behavior, special attention will be given to examining how the brain processes and recalls traumatic events. This will help criminal justice professionals and others recognize how these concepts can be applied to sexual assault investigations and prosecutions - both to improve our responses to victims and enhance their well-being, but also to increase the criminal justice system’s ability to hold offenders accountable.

For those of us working in the field, it is important to always keep in mind what the full picture of attrition is for sexual assault cases in the criminal justice system:
By keeping this 'big picture' in mind, we can better appreciate the critical need for changing the way we respond to sexual assault victims. These criminal justice outcomes will only change when sexual assault victims can meaningfully participate in law enforcement interviews, investigations, and prosecutions.

In this session, we will explore how a trauma-informed approach can be incorporated into every stage of the criminal justice process, including the initial patrol response, detailed follow-up interviews conducted by investigators, prosecutor interviews, and the history-taking performed by health care providers during the medical forensic exam.

Meaningfully incorporating this approach into the criminal justice process will require agencies to develop policies and procedures, to translate theory into practice. Presenters will explore a number of examples of policies that can be adopted to incorporate a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach in all of the stages of the criminal justice process, with the goal of transforming this vision into a reality for victims.

**Performance Objectives**

At the conclusion of the training, participants will be prepared to:

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1. Describe how sexual assault case attrition is often related to the neurobiology of trauma.
2. Identify neurobiological structures and physiological processes involved in traumatic events such as sexual assault.
3. Recognize how trauma affects victims' emotions, behavioral presentations, memory encoding, and recall.
4. Discuss why interview and interrogation techniques, such as Reid and SCAN are inappropriate with victims of trauma.
5. Explore how a trauma-informed approach can be applied to victim and suspect interviews, as well as the entire process of an investigation and prosecution.
6. Recognize that agencies must adopt policies and practices to meaningfully incorporate a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach to all of the various stages of an investigation and prosecution, not just during interviews.
7. Examine several examples of policies that should be enacted by agencies to meaningfully support the approach, with a goal of translating theory into practice.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn, grow, re-energize, and connect with others. For more information, please visit our conference page. A detailed agenda is available, as well as a brochure that can be printed and shared.

Save $100 off the registration fee if you register with payment by December 31, 2014.

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Presenters

Joanne Archambault
Executive Director, End Violence Against Women International
Sergeant (Retired), San Diego Police Department
Joanne Archambault is the Founder and Executive Director of EVAWI, as well as the President and Training Director for Sexual Assault Training & Investigations (SATI), Inc. In April 2010, Joanne was honored by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder for her decades of tireless work on behalf of sexual assault victims, with a prestigious National Crime Victims' Service Award for Allied Professionals. On October 27, 2010, Joanne was invited to meet with President Obama and Vice President Biden for the first assembly on violence against women to ever be held at the White House.

Joanne began her career working for the San Diego Police Department for almost 23 years, in a wide range of assignments. She first worked as an officer in Patrol and then as a detective in Gangs, Child Abuse, and Crimes Against Persons. As a sergeant, she had assignments in the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Sex Crimes. During the last ten years of her service, Joanne supervised the Sex Crimes Unit, which had 13 detectives and was responsible for investigating approximately 1,000 felony sexual assaults within the City of San Diego each year. Over the course of her career, she has written numerous articles and developed a wide range of training and policy materials, as well as serving on a number of national advisory boards.

Diana Faugno
MSN, RN, CPN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAFS, DF-IAFN

Diana is a founding member of the Board of Directors for End Violence Against Women International as well as a board member for CAPSAC (California American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children). She is a fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Science, as well as a Distinguished Fellow in the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Diana provides training across the country to assist community teams and support their staff development on a wide variety of topics relating to sexual assault. She also works as a nurse examiner both for the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center as well as...
Eisenhower Medical Center. Ms. Faugno is the co-author of *Color Atlas of Sexual Assault* (Mosby Publications 1997), which was the first book of its kind in the nation. She is also co-author of *Sexual Assault Across the Life Span* (GW Medical 2003), *Adolescent and Adult Sexual Assault Assessment Learning Series Workbooks* (2012), and numerous other publications.

**Kimberly A. Lonsway, Ph.D.**  
Director of Research, End Violence Against Women International

Kim Lonsway earned her Ph.D. in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She then served for two years as a post-doctoral research fellow at the interdisciplinary American Bar Foundation in Chicago, Illinois. She has volunteered for over fifteen years as a victim advocate, and was awarded the first-ever *Volunteer of the Decade Award* in 2012 from the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Kim previously served as the Director of Research for the National Center for Women & Policing, taught as an adjunct professor in the Department of Psychology at California Polytechnic State University, and assisted Penny Harrington & Associates as the Director of Research and Training. In 2003, she joined EVAWI, where she develops grant proposals, creates training content and resource materials, and provides training and technical assistance for multidisciplinary audiences of practitioners in the fields of law enforcement, victim advocacy, health care, prosecution, and related disciplines. Kim is the co-author of a book with Penny Harrington entitled: *Investigating Sexual Harassment in Law Enforcement and Nontraditional Fields for Women* (Prentice Hall). She has also written over 60 published articles, book chapters, training modules, technical reports, government reports, commissioned documents. Along with Joanne Archambault, she served for five years as Co-Editor of the bimonthly *Sexual Assault Report*, published by the Civic Research Institute.
Russell Strand
U.S. Military Police School
Chief, Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division

Russ Strand is currently the Chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division (BSET). He is a retired U.S. Army CID Federal Special Agent with an excess of 39 year's law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience. Russ has specialized expertise, experience and training in the area of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, and sexual assault, trafficking in persons and child abuse investigations. He has established, developed, produced, and conducted the U.S. Army Sexual Assault Investigations, Domestic Violence Intervention Training, Sexual Assault Investigations and Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation Techniques courses and supervised the development of the Critical Incident Peer Support course. He also assisted in the development and implementation of Department of Defense (DOD) training standards, programs of instruction, and lesson plans for Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC), victim advocates, chaplains, criminal investigators, first responders, commanders, and health professionals.

Russ is a member of the Defense Family Advocacy Command Assistance Team and Department of the Army Fatality Review Board. He is also recognized as a national subject matter expert and consultant in the area of spouse and child abuse, critical incident peer support and sexual violence. He routinely conducts training for national and international organizations and continues to conduct interviews of child and adult victims of physical and sexual abuse and provides investigative and consultation support as requested in ongoing sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse investigations, interventions, and military and civilian criminal trials. Russ was inducted in the United States Army Military Police Hall of Fame in 2011, and he was selected to receive EVAWI's 2012 Visionary Award in recognition of his impact.