



September 10-12, 2001

Conference on

Crafting Individualized Services for Women

Responding to Multiple Challenges of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Mental Health Concerns, and Substance Abuse

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Final Conference Schedule

Monday, September 10, 2001

- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** **Registration**
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm** **Opening and Keynote Plenary – Capitol Ballroom A&B**
*Vickie Smith, BA, National Training Center on Domestic and
Sexual Violence, Austin, TX*
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm** **Breakout Sessions**
- A. How Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Affect
Women’s Lives and Choices: Information for Substance
Abuse and Mental Health Service Providers – Capitol
Ballroom A**
*Deborah D. Tucker, MPA, National Training Center on
Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, TX, will present
information about domestic violence and sexual assault for
substance abuse and mental health service providers.*
- B. How Substance Abuse and Addiction Affect Women’s
Lives and Choices: Information for Domestic Violence,
Sexual Assault and Mental Health Service Providers –
Capitol Ballroom B**

Patti Bland, MA, LCDC, New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children, Seattle, WA, will present information on substance abuse and addiction for domestic violence, sexual assault and mental health service providers.

C. How Mental Health Needs Affect Women’s Lives and Choices: Information for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Substance Abuse Service Providers – Austin Room

Marlena Vega, ACSW, PhD, Mental Health Association of New York City, Inc., will present information on mental health issues for domestic violence, sexual assault and substance abuse service providers.

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Plenary Session: Women at the Center of Recovery and Healing – Capitol Ballroom A&B

José A. Rivera, JD, Rivera, Sierra & Company, Brooklyn, NY

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

7:00 – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast – Ballroom Foyer

8:30 – 10:15 am

Breakout Sessions

A. Services for Sexual Assault Survivors Struggling with Alcohol and Drug Addiction – Capitol Ballroom A

Kathleen Wikman, BA, ICADC, CADC, YWCA Sexual Assault Resource Center of Walla Walla and *Nellie Herrera*, Walla Walla, WA, will discuss their work with sexual assault survivors who are simultaneously dealing with addictions.

B. Safety and Sobriety: Screening, Assessment, and Services for Women Impacted by Drug and Alcohol Addiction and Domestic Violence – Capitol Ballroom B

Patti Bland, MA, LCDC, New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children, Seattle, WA, will describe her work with battered women struggling with addictions, and how to screen for domestic violence and addiction. Participants will be provided with tools for screening and identification as well as strategies for designing and providing intervention programs. Bland will discuss support that recognizes women's need to maintain both safety and sobriety rather than prioritizing one over the other.

C. Creating Domestic Violence Programs Guided by Women's Needs – Austin Room

Susan G. S. McGee, MA, Domestic Violence Project, Inc./SAFE House, Ann Arbor, MI, will help participants explore ways to provide direct services that are more accessible to battered women who are also dealing with mental illness or addiction and still have a safe, communal living environment. How do shelters become more flexible, broaden their perspective and collaborate better with others to provide women with what they need for safety?

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 – 11:45 a.m Breakout Sessions

A. From Crisis Intervention to Long-Term Solutions: Comprehensive Services for Women Faced with Domestic Violence and Addiction – Capitol Ballroom A

Becky Hagen, Owensboro Area Shelter and Information Services, Inc. (OASIS), Owensboro, KY, will share ways that OASIS developed residential and non-residential programming for women who are battered and addicted. She will discuss how the concepts evolved, staff training needs, types of services and funding sources.

B. Sexual Assault Survivor Services in a Woman's Substance Abuse Transitional Living Program – Capitol Ballroom B

Pam Ellis and Frances West, LCDC, Houston Area Women's Center, Houston, TX, will discuss HAWC's

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outreach program in an agency serving women coming out of prison or substance abuse programs.

C. Community Partnerships to Address Mental Health Needs – Austin Room

Felicia Collins Correia, MSW, MPH, Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Tulsa, OK, discusses the development of services for women who are battered and mentally ill.

11:45 am – 12:45 pm Lunch – Capitol Ballroom A&B

1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Plenary Session: Using the Community to Build Individualized Services – Capitol Ballroom A&B

Felicia Collins Correia, MSW, MPH, Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Tulsa, OK, will talk about creating an agency philosophy and mission that reach all battered women in the community – reflecting the face of the community.

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 – 3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions

A. Domestic Violence Services for Women with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues – Capitol Ballroom A

Robyn Maguire, Elizabeth Stone House, Boston, MA, will discuss how to respond to both the needs of women with mental illnesses and those who are battered. Elizabeth Stone House was originally founded by and for women with mental illnesses, and then services were developed that were responsive to women who were battered.

B. Cross-Agency Collaboration to Create Individualized Services – Capitol Ballroom B

Olga Becker, Chicago Abused Women’s Coalition and Charles I. Stoops, Jr., MSW, LCSW, West Side Domestic Abuse Project at Haymarket Center, Chicago, IL, will talk about their experiences developing a partnership that

involves cross-training of staff and working out differences in professional language and philosophies.

C. Providing Services in a Culturally Appropriate Context
– *Austin Room*

Marlena Vega, ACSW, PhD, Mental Health Association of New York City, Inc., will discuss the need to develop safe responses for a woman no matter what her needs are: language, religious beliefs, country of origin, or sexual orientation.

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Discussion Groups with Conference Presenters**

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss issues/questions that may not be answered during the workshops.

A. **Domestic Violence** – *Capitol Ballroom A*

B. **Sexual Assault** – *Capitol Ballroom B*

C. **Mental Health Issues** – *Austin Room*

D. **Substance Abuse** – *Lone Star Room*

Wednesday, September 12, 2001

7:00 – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast** – *Ballroom Foyer*

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Plenary Session: Remembering Our Goal** – *Capitol Ballroom A&B*

Patti Bland, MA, LCDC, New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children, Seattle, WA, will remind participants that safety and empowerment are the goals of working with women who are victims of domestic and sexual violence.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

**A. Assisting Tribal Community Women Coping with
Addiction and Domestic Violence – *Capitol Ballroom A***

Gwen Packard, Morning Star House, Inc., Albuquerque, NM, will discuss providing non-residential services to tribal women.

**B. Bringing Together Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault,
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs to Meet
Individual Women’s Needs – *Capitol Ballroom B***

Wayne J. Vanek, MS, LCPC, CSADC, James Huenink, MA, LCSW, and Lynn Siegel, MA, LCSW, Pillars Community Services, Summit, IL, will address the question of whether or not services are integrated more successfully when they’re provided under one roof. They’ll discuss the struggles and successes encountered when one agency provides different services.

**C. Speaking Out: Challenging Service Agencies to Serve
All Women in the Community – *Austin Room***

Yolando Matos, BA, McAuley Project, Nampa, ID, will discuss challenging a direct service program to develop the leadership committed to build an agency that reflects who and what is needed in a community.

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Lunch – *Capitol Ballroom A&B*

11:45 am – 12:15 pm

**Plenary Session: Moving Forward at Home to Integrate
Individualized Services for Women – *Capitol Ballroom A&B***

Sarah M. Buel, JD, University of Texas School of Law and the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, TX, will challenge participants to return to their communities to consider ways of responding to women with multiple needs.