

# SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAININGS

Cross-training among the various disciplines responsible for responding to a report of sexual assault is essential in ensuring that each professional understands, respects, and values the roles and responsibilities of their colleagues. This multidisciplinary response is considered best practice as it provides a collaborative, victim-centered response to sensitive crimes by reducing the potential for re-victimization by the criminal justice system and begins the process of healing for the victim. It also ensures an offender-focused response by gathering all of the facts of a case, drawing attention to the actions and behaviors of the offender, and holding the perpetrator of the crime accountable for their actions.

The **first day of training is open to a multidisciplinary audience** including law enforcement, advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists and other community collaborators. The **second day of training is open to members of law enforcement only**.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION BEST PRACTICES

**Day one** will examine the biological backdrop from which trauma reactions emerge, providing investigators, prosecutors, advocates and other stake-holders with a more complete understanding of how to respond to victims, how to investigate these cases more fully, and how to gain offender accountability

**Day two** will explore the research supporting the use of trauma-informed interview techniques as the best means for obtaining the most accurate information from victim survivors about the sexual assault event. The trauma impact will be connected to the interview, providing explanation for what we know about the impact of trauma on the brain with demonstration of how “old” interview and interrogation methods are ineffective. Information will also be provided on how, due to these ineffective methods, we have inadvertently set victims up to fail, set up well-intentioned investigations to fail and set up prosecutions to fail. Finally, participants will be provided with an overview of the forensic experiential trauma interview techniques.

**November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015: UW-Whitewater**

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## SEXUAL ASSAULT FIRST RESPONDER BEST PRACTICES

**Day One** will examine the biological backdrop from which trauma reactions emerge to provide a more complete understanding of how various stakeholders should respond to victims and how to initiate these investigations. Offender dynamics will be explored and first-responder action steps will be identified, complimented by survivor testimonials.

**Day Two** will focus on the nuts and bolts of the first-responder responsibilities, using trauma-informed techniques. Minimal-facts interviews, first-responder report-writing, evidence identification and preservation, and effective testifying tips and demonstrations will be included.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015: UW-Marinette**

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAININGS

Cross-training among the various disciplines responsible for responding to a report of domestic violence is essential in ensuring that each professional understands, respects, and values the roles and responsibilities of their colleagues.

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These FREE, two-day trainings are open to law enforcement, victim advocates, medical personnel, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists, and other community collaborations. Through presentations, videos, group and panel discussions, we will address topics such as:

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION BEST PRACTICES**

This two-day training will examine: the dynamics of victimization, trauma-informed investigations, working on a coordinated community response team, gaining offender accountability, stalking, lethality assessment, and much more!

**September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Gateway Technical College, Racine**

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## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIRST RESPONDER BEST PRACTICES**

This two-day training will explore: offender dynamics, first responder action steps, trauma-informed interview techniques, evidence identification and preservation, effective testifying tips, survivor testimonials, and much more!

**December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd, 2015: Western Technical College, Sparta Campus**

[www.cvent.com/d/jrqt9b](http://www.cvent.com/d/jrqt9b)

**December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire**

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