

*WORKSHOP  
DESCRIPTIONS*

## **Journey to Healing**

Jon Wilson, Mary Roche and Linda Sorenson

Thursday, October 16, 2008

2:00-3:00

This panel discussion, involving survivors who have participated in Victim/Offender Dialogue (VOD), will explore the process from the victim perspective. Jon Wilson, who has been on the forefront of VOD and is a nationally recognized facilitator, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information to participants on how correctional facilities can best serve victims during this process.

## **Victim Impact and Evidence-Based Practices**

Mary Roche

Thursday, October 16, 2008

3:15-5:00

The OVC/CYA/MADD Victim Impact curriculum has been taught in Iowa, both in community-based and institutional corrections settings, for over ten years. As Corrections around the nation is embracing evidence-based guidelines and curriculums, various victim impact classes/panels programs have been asked to provide evidence of effectiveness in reducing recidivism. This workshop will present the Iowa DOC's Victim Advisory Council's report on Victim Impact and Evidence-Based Practices. An overview of research will be presented, along with Iowa's EBP recommendations. If you are interested in this programming, or already teach the Some Things Impact a Lifetime curriculum, you will want to attend this workshop. The last 45 minutes will be devoted to brainstorming effective evaluations and aftercare ideas to fit evidence-based practices.

## **Keeping the Victim's Voice in Corrections**

Commissioner George Little, Director Schriro and District Director

Gary Hinzman

Friday, October 17, 2008

10:45-12:00

This panel discussion, involving DOC leaders of various criminal justice agencies, will outline how they keep the voices of the victim heard in our

everyday work. The speakers will share how victims are involved within their DOCs and how they keep the needs of the victim on the table. How can Departments of Correction best help Victims and Survivors? In this workshop you will learn about the services provided by Tennessee, Arizona and Iowa to those whose lives have been touched by the violence of crime.

## **Workplace Violence in the Department of Corrections**

Jennie Jobe

Trudy Gregorie

Friday, October 17, 2008

1:30-3:00

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a method of intervening with front-line staff exposed to workplace trauma first designed by Jeff Mitchell, Ph.D. and George Everly, Ph.D. in the 1980s. Originally designed for First Responders, Police and Fire Departments, CISM is now proving applicable for correctional staff members. Exposed to escalating levels of interpersonal violence, Correctional Officers in particular are vulnerable to "Corrections Fatigue". The Tennessee Department of Correction has trained peer and professional staff members to assist when staff is exposed to workplace trauma. Jennie Jobe will present the organizational model along with initial evidence of the positive benefits for staff members involved. In addition, Trudy Gregorie will summarize national models and promising practices for effective responses, and will identify available resources for DOC staff.

## **Spiritually Sensitive Victim Services**

Janice Harris Lord

Friday, October 17, 2008

3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This presentation will explore the need to approach the advocate role with sensitivity to a victim's spiritual needs. Additionally, you will learn the differences between pastoral care, religious counseling, and spiritually sensitive care-giving, and how to conduct a spiritual assessment. This is an important and emerging issue in corrections and participants will be taught how to provide services with the care and understanding that victims deserve.

## **Does Rape in Prison Affect Me?**

Luana Nelson Brown

Saturday, October 18, 2008

8:00 a.m - 9:30 a.m

How do we really feel about sexual assault in Prison? Join us for a candid discussion about violence in the prison culture, how it contributes to sexual assault, and what the public really thinks about how it may or may not affect our community.

## **Resiliency for Staff**

Janice Harris Lord

Saturday, October 18, 2008

8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m

While acknowledging the hazards of trauma work, this workshop will emphasize a strength-based approach to inform victim services providers (Part I) and managers and administrators (Part II) about traits of resiliency. A growing body of research suggests that resiliency is not a given, but can be learned. This seminar will identify five core elements of resilience and offer specific strategies to strengthen each one. Participants will be able to develop their own individualized plans to strengthen themselves and their units.

## **Help, Hope and Healing**

Kathleen Buckley

Saturday, October 18, 2008

8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m.

This workshop is ideal for new victim advocates or administrators. Kathleen Buckley presents the video “Victims Speak Out: Help, Hope, and Healing”. The video illustrates victims’ perceptions of and opinions about the justice system, their major needs and concerns and offers suggestions for how the justice system can reduce victim trauma and respond to victim needs. The video and discussion guide are valuable training tools for victim service providers, criminal and juvenile justice professionals, mental health providers, allied professionals, and other audiences who seek to better understand the impact of violent crime on victims. Kathleen will also detail how this video can be used for Victim Awareness programs that seek to help offenders better understand the impact of crime on victims.

## **How to Get Administrators to Support Offenders as PREA Victims**

Luana Nelson-Brown

Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act directs Departments of Correction to eliminate rape in prison. How do we acquire the support of Administrators to recognize the work that needs to be done? Learn what Iowa has done to address sexual assault in prison. Attendees will learn practical solutions for educating administrators on the affect prison rape has on our institutions, re-entry, and in our communities. You will leave with a variety of solutions to start making real change happen.

## **What's New, Meeting the Needs of Victims?**

Trudy Gregorie

Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The focus of this workshop is to explore the two recently approved American Correctional Association (ACA) standards (4-4461-1 and 4-4461-1). Ms. Gregorie will provide an overview and history of the standards and offer suggestions on how correctional facilities can comply with these standards. Information regarding VictimLaw, a free database of crime victims' rights laws will also be presented. This promises to be a highly interactive discussion with plenty of time for participant questions and comments.

## **Victim Fund Raising**

Dan Levey

Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All offenders in the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) are involved in victim-focused activities that promote awareness and understanding of the impact of their criminal conduct on crime victims and make amends to crime victims for their unlawful behavior. Each ADC complex has a restorative justice liaison and works to have restorative justice committees (made up of inmates) at each unit if possible. The committees plan restorative justice activities which have included a walk for domestic violence, building children's toys and children's game tables for domestic violence shelters, building beds for shelters, moving a sexual assault center to a new building, building victim memorials,

building children's swing sets for a family advocacy center, various fundraisers, and victim memorials. In addition, the ADC has a 10 week victim impact class. This session will provide an opportunity to see a unique way that inmates are giving back to victims groups and victims.

### **Closing Session**

Karin Ho and NAVSPIC Board

11:30 – 1:00 p.m

The final session will be a NAVSPIC business meeting. Issues to be discussed will include where we go from here, next year's conference and next steps. Lunch will be provided. Please feel free to ask questions and offer suggestions to improve our organization.