



National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections

Austin VOD SUMMIT 2009

October 13th and 14th, 2009

Renaissance Austin Hotel
9721 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

8:30 – 10:00:

Welcome & Introductions: who we are, where we're from, what our program is, if we have one, updates and/or key VOD issues that concern us.

10:00 – 10:15: BREAK

10:15 – 11:45:

How Survivors Take Control – a Personal Story: an adult survivor of childhood molestation by her best friend's father confronts the incarcerated offender in a Texas VOD.

11:45 – 1:00: LUNCH

1:00 – 2:30:

VOD Outcomes Research in Texas: a presentation by Dr. Marilyn Armour, of the University of Texas School of Social Work.

2:30 – 2:45: BREAK

2:45: Brief Presentations

2:45 – 3:30: VOD Triumphs & Tribulations – A sharing by colleagues of VOD best and worst cases.

3:30 – 4:15: The Facilitator's Role: How far do we go to help survivors meet their needs through VOD? Is there really any difference between the so-called Narrative, Empowerment, and Therapeutic approaches?

4:15 – 5:00: The Program Director's Role: The challenge of the determined survivor vs. our instincts about the potential for something going wrong.

5:00 - 5:30: FIRST DAY WRAP-UP

Karin Ho & Jon Wilson, moderators

7:30: Evening Film Presentation – Gretchen Howard presents “Somewhere Beyond,” a film version of her personal story of surviving sexual assault and deciding to meet and talk, years later, with the incarcerated offender. (Approximately 60 minutes in length)

Wednesday, October 14, 2009:

8:30 – 9:30:

VOD Program Funding & Budgets Round Table: Who's doing what? How are VOCA funds being used for VOD support? Any new funding sources arising for reimbursing volunteers, training facilitators, or otherwise supporting VOD programs more robustly?

9:30 – 9:45: BREAK

9:45 – 10:30:

Single- and Co-facilitated VOD and Facilitator Accountability: Panel discussion (two program directors each) on the pros and cons of each approach as well as thoughts on supporting volunteer facilitators in ways that also ensure accountability to Victim Services.

10:30 – 11:00:

Special Cases: On ensuring that facilitators are properly prepared to address such demanding VOD cases as domestic assault, sexual assault and exploitation, and crimes of extreme psychopathy or sadism.

11:00 – 11:30:

After VOD: Issues in providing after-care and continuing support for survivors – and offenders.

11:30 – 12:00: WRAP-UP [*Karin Ho & Jon Wilson, moderators*]