FROM THE DIRECTOR

As a technical assistance provider, we strive to use as many tools as possible in providing information and training assistance. Our website is one of those important tools. The NDVFRI is undergoing a lengthy process to redesign our website (www.ndvfri.org). As the national clearinghouse for information related to domestic violence fatality review, we have sought to create a website that provides accurate information in an interactive, multimedia format. We hope you will visit the new site and review the resources that are available. We invite your feedback regarding additional resources you would like to see. We also request that you submit documents from your teams if you do not see them listed under the “Document” tab or on the “Review Teams” map.

In an environment where training funds are forever dwindling, online access to information from experts is an increasingly critical resource. To that end, we are working to create a video library featuring interviews with experts and filmed keynotes and presentations from our conferences. We hope that the availability of this information will connect all those concerned with ending domestic violence to the leaders in the field and that their expertise will facilitate conversations on the local and national levels.

This newsletter provides a brief introduction to the national experts whose video presentations will be featured. Through watching these videos, you’ll hear current discussions and trends, glean tips for getting started, and view a selection of emerging practices. Experts such as Dr. David Adams, Dr. Kathleen Ferraro, Dr. Evan Stark, and myself will discuss recent trends and current projects. Chief Jerald Monahan and Connie Sponsler-Garcia will share tips for getting started. And, Dr. Jacquelyn Cambell, Judge Susan Carbon, Chic Dabby, Donya Witherspoon-Folco and Rhonda Martinson will highlight emerging practices in the field. You may access all of the featured videos by visiting our website at /www.ndvfri.org/video.php. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Neil Websdale, PhD

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

NDVFRI worked with project partners and OVW to integrate fatality reviews into broader national initiatives.

The BWJP audit team will provide TA to Coconino County, AZ in May 2012 to conduct an audit on the way police and prosecutors handled high risk and repeat offender domestic violence cases.

T/TA provided through conference calls to teams in FL, TX, MN, AZ, MO, OR, NV, NY, CT, SC, IL.

NDVFRI helped facilitate discussion between the FBI and DOJ Indian Country to explore possibility of setting up Fatality Reviews in Indian country.

National Experts provided insight concerning the provision of care for children exposed to or witnessing the killing of a family member—incorporating their work into the Fatality Review and Safety Audit conferences and trainings.
**Dr. David Adams**

- Co-founder and Co-Director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women
- Author of *Why Do They Kill: Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners*

**Fatality Review and Why Do they Kill?**

Dr. Adams discusses his findings from work with extreme batterers and the role of risk assessment tools.

Video
18 minutes

**Dr. Evan Stark**

- Professor Emeritus of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University SPAA
- Author of *Coercive Control: How Men Entrap of Women in Personal Life*

**Coercive Control**

Video
27 minutes

**Dr. Neil Websdale**

- Director, National Domestic Violence Fatality Review
- Author of *Understanding Domestic Homicide and Familiaricidal Hearts: The Emotional Styles of 211 Killers*

**Exploring Intimate Partner Homicide**

Dr. Websdale examines common risk markers for homicide and perceptions of risk in abusive relationships.

Video
1 hour 14 minutes

**Dr. Kathleen J. Ferraro**

- Professor and Chair of Sociology at Northern Arizona University
- Chair of the Coconino County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team
- Author of *Neither Angels or Demons*

**Fatality Review Where Women Kill**

Dr. Ferraro explores the differences between female and male perpetrators of intimate partner homicide.

Video
15 minutes
Chief Jerald Monahan
Police Chief, Prescott, AZ

• Chair of the Arizona Governor’s Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

Setting Up Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiatives

Setting Up Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiatives, Chief Jerald Monahan facilitates an international panel on team formation. Marcy Campbell (Ontario), Frank Mullane (United Kingdom), and Maureen Kim (Hawaii) discuss their initiatives.

Video
1 hour 3 minutes

EMERGING PRACTICES

Firoza Chic Dabby

• Director of the Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence (API Institute) at the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Historical Context of Immigration Issues and Battered Women

Ms. Dabby discusses population specific approaches to domestic violence among immigrants.

Video
16 minutes

Connie Sponsler-Garcia

Communication Collaboration Coordination to Keep Victims Safe

Ms. Sponsler-Garcia discusses the formation and utility of Coordinated Community Response Teams (CCRTs).

Video
20 Minutes

Donya Witherspoon-Folco

• Trial Attorney in Dallas, Texas
• Survivor of Domestic Violence

Children and Others Who Survive Fatal Family Violence

Donya Witherspoon-Folco discusses her experience as a child survivor of family violence who lost her mother to intimate partner homicide.

Video
1 hour 34 minutes
Rhonda Martinson
Attorney Advisor at AEquitas

Improving the Justice System Response to Witness Intimidation

Ms. Martinson explores innovative prosecutorial practices addressing domestic violence, including using witness intimidation and forfeiture by wrongdoing charges against offenders.

Video
34 Minutes

David Sargent
Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

• Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
• 21 years experience in law enforcement

Lethality Assessment Program

Mr. Sargent discusses running the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence’s Lethality Assessment Program, based on Dr. Jacqueline Campbell’s research on danger assessment in domestic violence.

Video
34 Minutes

Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell

• John Hopkins University and Bloomberg School of Public Health
• National leader in research and advocacy in the field of intimate partner violence

Risk Assessments

Dr. Campbell explores research and tools to assess which cases will most likely result in re-assault or end in a lethality or near-lethality.

Video
21 Minutes

Judge Susan B. Carbon

• Former Director of the United States Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

The Fatality Review Process

Judge Carbon gives an overview of the Fatality Review process and objectives.

Video
15 Minutes

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