

28TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

Exploring the Intersections of Domestic Violence

October 15 and 22



Welcome to the 28th Annual Domestic Violence Conference, presented by the County of Santa Clara Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention in partnership with the Domestic Violence Council.

The high prevalence of domestic violence in our communities requires us to re-examine our prevention and response strategies and recognize the complexity of the issue within our families and communities.

This conference will focus on *Exploring the Intersections of Domestic Violence* with other social issues, such as homelessness, Indian health, LGBTQ rights, and systems change. Because intimate partner violence is such a complex issue, the solutions must also be complex – requiring community-specific strategies to promote health, wellness, and leadership among our diverse population. Participants will be provided with concrete tools and frameworks for understanding how to effectively engage in the work and cultivate strong communities with an overarching culture of safety, equity, and respect.

We hope the conference will be informative and provoke thoughts, innovations, and creativity. The Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention’s mission is to uplift the voices of survivors as we craft policies and fund innovative programs and direct services. We are committed to making important reforms and transforming the way the County of Santa Clara addresses gender-based violence. This conference provides professional development opportunities for program administrators, direct service providers, and judicial officers alike. To create an ecosystem in which all those impacted by gender-based violence thrive, we must continue to learn from each other and identify best practices to implement within our communities.

With Gratitude,

The Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention



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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

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<p>Keynote 10:00 am – 11:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Elevating the Voices of Survivors of Domestic Violence</i> April McGill California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, Red Women Rising Project Register: https://bit.ly/KeynoteMcGill</p>
<p>Workshop 1 11:00pm – 12:30pm</p>	<p><i>Exploring the Intersections of Gender-Based Violence and Homelessness</i> Perla Flores, Erica Elliot, Aida Zaldivar Community Solutions Register: https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop1</p>
<p>Workshop 2 1:30 am – 3:00pm</p>	<p><i>Overcoming the Impact of DV by Economic Empowerment</i> Ruth Silver Taube, Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center Perla Flores, Community Solutions Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence Register: https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop2</p>



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

<p>Welcome and Awards Ceremony 9:30 am – 10 am</p>	<p>Spoken Word Joycelyn Aguilar</p> <p>Mindy Zin Award Presented by the District Attorney's Office</p> <p>Outstanding Advocate Award Presented by the Domestic Violence Conference Planning Committee</p> <p>Champion of Peace Award Presented by TBD</p>
<p>Keynote 10:00 am – 11:00pm</p>	<p>Transgender Resilience Sera Fernando SV Pride and County of Santa Clara Office of LGBTQ Affairs Register: https://bit.ly/KeynoteFernando</p>
<p>Workshop 3 11:00pm – 12:30pm</p>	<p>Coercive Control in the Law: Origins and Implications of SB 1141 Pallavi Dhawan LA City District Attorney Office Register: https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop3</p>
<p>Workshop 4 1:30pm – 3:00pm</p>	<p>Piloting AB372: Lessons from Year One Jennifer Lerch, Justice System Partners José J. Cárdenas-Lomelí, Jr. Community Solutions Guadalupe E. Ortiz, FCS Division of Caminar Mandy Bley, University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute Craig Carpenter, County of Santa Clara Probation Department Register: https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop4</p>



FEATURED KEYNOTES

OCTOBER 15, 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Elevating the Voices of Survivors of Domestic Violence, April McGill

California Consortium for Urban Indian Health - Red Woman Rising Project

Register: <https://bit.ly/KeynoteMcGill>

The Red Women Rising Project is dedicated to uplifting the voices of Urban Indian survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through increasing awareness around Urban Indian women's domestic violence issues and enhancing survivors' access to domestic violence services. The success of the Red Women Rising Project depends on addressing the issue of violence against Native Women with various approaches in order to promote healing at every stage of a survivor's journey and providing the tools and resources that make recovery possible. This webinar will provide an overview of what is being done to make the mission of Red Women Rising a reality.

Objectives:

- Identify the intersection of historical trauma in the native communities and domestic violence.
- Explain the importance of providing access to culturally-responsive resources.
- Apply a holistic approach towards curbing the issue of domestic violence in Urban Indian communities.

Meet April!



April McGill M.P.A. (Yuki, Wappo, Little Lake Pomo, Wailaki). April is a California Native living in San Francisco. She graduated from San Francisco State University in 2009 with a BA degree (Honors) in American Indian Studies. April moved to the Northwest in 2010 to work as a Research Assistant at Portland State University Regional Research Institute on the System of Care "Nak-Nu-Wit Project" for Native families receiving mental health services. While living in the Northwest, April attended Evergreen State College where she pursued her Masters Degree in Public Administration, Tribal Governance in 2012. April is very active in the Native American community in the Bay Area. April currently works as the Director of Community Partnerships & Projects for the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH) leading the violence against women Red Woman Rising Project (RWR) the Traditions of Health Project and currently the Getting Real About Stigma Reduction (GRASP) HCV prevention grant. In her activism and community work, she is the Coordinator for the American Indian Cultural Center of San Francisco pushing for the City to give the Native community a cultural arts and wellness center. "Having the teachings of my Yuki grandmother has taught me to always have a giving heart but to stay strong in spirit. I try to do that as much as possible in the work that I do for the community. Giving back is what maintains those teachings and nurtures my spirit in my own wellness."



Transgender Resilience, Sera Fernando

OCTOBER 22, 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Silicon Valley Pride and County of Santa Clara Office of LGBTQ Affairs

Register: <https://bit.ly/KeynoteFernando>

This presentation will focus on how domestic violence / intimate partner violence deeply affects transgender, nonbinary, and gender expansive communities, specifically, Black, Brown, and Indigenous transgender women, and how to support the liberation of transgender identities. We will discuss the historical violence toward trans identities, identify how systemic implicit bias physically and mentally harms trans bodies, and provide recommendations on reducing and/or eliminating toward the transgender community.

Objectives:

- Identify how the intersections of transgender identity and implicit bias negativity impact a transgender person's self-determination.
- Distinguish and self-reflect how privilege plays a role in both harming and empowering the transgender community.
- Learn tangible next steps on carrying out the creation of safe and affirming spaces for trans people to thrive.

Meet Sera!



Sera Fernando is the Chief Diversity Officer for Silicon Valley Pride and Senior Management Analyst for the County of Santa Clara Office of LGBTQ Affairs. As a DEI practitioner and grassroots activist, she also serves as Board of Governor for the Human Rights Campaign Bay Area and California District 28 Assembly Delegate. Sera leverages her platform in advocating for queer, transgender intersectionality and social justice, driving home the importance of equity and lifting up the voice of LGBTQ+ storytellers worldwide.



Workshops

1. Exploring the Intersections of Gender-Based Violence and Homelessness

OCTOBER 15, 11:00AM – 12:30PM

Perla Flores, Erica Elliot, Aida Zaldivar

Community Solutions

Register: <https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop1>

Violence against women can take various forms and generate complex intersections. Roughly 40% of IPV survivors are sexually assaulted by their partner and the majority of sex trafficking survivors are trafficked by an intimate partner. Survivor needs are also complex and require an individualized, intersectional approach. According to County of Santa Clara 2018 Gender and Homelessness Study, 51% of women experiencing homelessness in our county are accompanied by minors and 41% of the women report violence as being the cause of their homelessness. Of the homeless women surveyed, 54% have faced some form of violence, abuse, harassment, or threats while experiencing homelessness. In a snapshot of sexual assault survivors we serve, 20% of survivors experienced homelessness due to their violence by someone in their home. This workshop will explore the intersections of GBV and the importance of utilizing an intersectional, collaborative approach. Speakers will also address the impact of gender-based violence on homelessness.

Objectives:

1. Plan how to identify survivor needs from a crisis lens to a stabilization and sustainability lens.
2. Identify how IPV, SA, and HT intersect.
3. Describe intersections of gender-based violence and its impact on homelessness.
4. Acquire increased knowledge of barriers that survivors may face when trying to secure and maintain long-term housing.
5. Integrate best practices in housing and supportive services programs.



2. Overcoming the Impact of Domestic Violence by Economic Empowerment

OCTOBER 15, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Ruth Silver Taube, Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center

Perla Flores, Community Solutions

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

Register: <https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop2>

The workshop will discuss the barriers domestic violence survivors face and their path to overcoming these barriers through innovative methods of economic empowerment. Moreover, this workshop will cover employment rights and economic opportunities, and programs for DV survivors.

Objectives:

1. Specify economic opportunities and paths to success for DV survivors.
2. Acquire knowledge on rights for DV survivors in the workplace.
3. Identify accommodations in the workplace.
4. Prepare innovative strategies to help vulnerable communities gain economic empowerment.



3. Coercive Control in the Law: Origins and Implications of SB 1141

OCTOBER 22, 11:00AM – 12:30PM

Pallavi Dhawan

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Register: <https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop3>

This workshop will discuss the origins of the bill in the Penal Code, its current iteration in the Family Code, and implications for survivors and attorneys in both family and criminal courts, including practical examples of a DVRO petition and case briefs. Coercive control presents as a complex pattern of domination and control and can involve all facets of a victim's life. Coercive control in its original iteration was defined as gendered (male upon female), but it can manifest in other settings when one partner carries more power than the other and exploits that imbalance in the relationship. An abuser can wield power over the victim's sexual/reproductive choices, children, and immigration status. At its core, coercive control is a liberty deprivation that replicates broader power imbalances such as those based on race, gender, and sexual orientation. These imbalances allow the abuser to exploit the victim's already marginalized status in our larger society.

Objectives:

1. Explain the origin and development of SB 1141.
2. Identify how to recognize non-physical forms of abuse.
3. Determine the correlation between control and lethality.
4. Integrate best practices for application of the new law.



4. Piloting AB372: Lessons from Year One

OCTOBER 22, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Jennifer Lerch, Justice System Partners

José J. Cárdenas-Lomelí, Jr., Community Solutions

Guadalupe E. Ortiz, FCS Division of Caminar

Mandy Bley, University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute

Craig Carpenter, County of Santa Clara Probation Department.

Register: <https://bit.ly/DVConferenceWorkshop4>

As part of AB372, County of Santa Clara agencies and community organizations partnered to pilot innovative programming, which provides a cognitive-behavioral curriculum to individuals on probation for domestic violence. This program includes parallel supports for the survivors whose partners are participating in the curriculum. This holistic and client-centered approach focuses on both the behavioral change of the individual on probation and simultaneously addresses the intersecting needs of the survivor to support healing. The pilot is receiving training and support from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) to deliver their Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Interpersonal Violence curriculum, with evaluation being done by Justice System Partners. This workshop will provide an overview of the pilot's implementation and key lessons learned from the first year.

Objectives:

1. Explain the structure and approach taken in the AB372 pilot.
2. Discuss how to identify the intersecting needs of clients and survivors during domestic violence programming.
3. Plan how to evaluate a program like AB372.



CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU'S) &

CONTINUING LEGAL UNITS (CLE's)

LMFTs, LCSWs, LPPCs, and/or LEPs

Santa Clara County SSA is approved by the CA Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for **LMFTs, LCSWs, LPPCs, and/or LEPs**. Santa Clara County maintains responsibility for this program/course and its content. This conference meets the qualifications for **4 hours of continuing education on each training day**, as required by the CA Board of Behavioral Sciences. Attending both full days will qualify for a total of 8 hours of continuing education credit. The CA Association of Marriage and Family Therapists is the BBS recognized agency—Provider # 60165. **NOTE:** You may attend one or both Conference days. However, in order to receive CEU credits, you need to remain for the entire duration of the conference attended. Attendance is monitored throughout the conference. For further information on CEU's, grievances or special accommodations, please contact Christina.Zarrabi@ssa.sccgov.org.

Nurses

Santa Clara County Public Health Nursing - Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 12849, for **6 hours - 3 hours of continuing education on each training day**. Fee for CEUs is Free. Attending both full days will qualify for a total of 6 hours of continuing education credit. **NOTE:** You may attend one or both Conference days. However, in order to receive CEU credits, you need to remain for the entire duration of the conference attended. Attendance is monitored throughout the conference. For further information on CEU's, grievances or special accommodations, please contact Pauline.DelRosario@phd.sccgov.org.

Judicial Officers

Santa Clara Superior Court has been approved as a continuing legal education provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education by The State Bar of California. This program will qualify for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit in the amount of 8 hours GENERAL. For further information please contact, JLaxton@scscourt.org



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