Weaving the Safety Net: Coordinating Alaska’s Response to Violence Against Women

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In coordination with:
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**Program Note: Debi Edmund, Co-Author of “Real Tools” is available to interview conference participants interested in discussing trauma informed services for battered women and survivors of sexual assault. We are particularly interested in hearing from formerly battered women and survivors of sexual assault who are willing to share what was helpful and what was challenging for them as they dealt with safety, sobriety and trauma related issues. Input from service providers working with trauma survivors is also welcome. Please sign up at the registration table if you would like to meet with Ms. Edmund.**

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recommendations expressed in this conference are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women.

Monday, November 16, 2009
Gold Room – Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Welcome
Greetings from Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Alaska State Troopers and Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Living Forensics: Recognizing and Documenting Domestic Violence Injuries
Dr. Ellen Taliaferro
This presentation covers common injuries presenting in domestic violence victims, using techniques from the living forensics field. The talk also features pattern-injury recognition and documentation.

Strangulation Injuries
Dr. Ellen Taliaferro
This presentation features recognition of strangulation as very common in cases of domestic violence assault. Dr. Taliaferro provides basic understanding of how to evaluate and document injuries as well as how to provide care for strangulation victims.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – Noon Understanding Batterer Behavior and the Role of Alcohol
Dr. Larry Bennett
Dr. Bennett discusses existing problems in the current approach to understanding batterer behavior and the role of alcohol and other substances in the context of violence against women. Obstacles to successful intervention and current best practice are also explored.
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Noon – 1:15 p.m.  Law Enforcement: Lunch on your own

Advocates: Working Lunch - Minto Room

Legal Advocacy Program Staff
Round Table Discussion with the Legal Advocacy Project Staff – Jane Langley, Pro Bono Program Project Coordinator; Natalie Mays, VISTA Project Coordinator; Christine Pate, Pro Bono Program Director/Attorney; and Kari Robinson, LAP Director/Attorney.

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Beyond the Obvious
Lt. Mark Wynn (Retired)
This lesson guides the investigator/officer through the difficult cases of dual assault. It provides a clear definition and understanding of probable cause, self-defense, interpretation of injuries and principal physical aggressor. The goal is to reduce the inappropriate dual arrests that frequently occur at the scene of domestic violence crimes.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Break with Afternoon Snack

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Stalking and Counter-Stalking
Lt. Mark Wynn (Retired)
This course covers the growing crime of stalking in domestic violence incidents. Topics such as stalking personalities and behavior, the impact on victims, level of danger, establishing probable cause, investigative tactics, counter-measures and prevention and safety-planning are discussed in this course.
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<td>Combined Lunch for All Participants&lt;br&gt;(Advocacy, Law Enforcement and Guests)&lt;br&gt;<em>Olga Trujillo, JD</em>&lt;br&gt;Olga shares her story revealing the impact of violence in her life to guide and inspire our work today.</td>
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<td><strong>Trauma Response/Dynamics of DV/SA</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Olga Trujillo, JD</em>&lt;br&gt;This session provides context reframing the experience of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from, “What is wrong with them?” to “What has happened to them that makes their response to us make sense?”</td>
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<td><strong>Human Trafficking</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Robin Bronen, JD; Olga Trujillo, JD; Sergeant Kathy Lacy and FBI Agent Jolene Goeden</em>&lt;br&gt;This session provides an overview and discussion of trafficking in the context of domestic violence and sexual assault.</td>
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| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Barriers to Accessing Services Panel
                      | Patti Bland, Robin Bronen, JD Tami Jerue, Christine King,           |
                      | Jessica Stossel and Olga Trujillo, JD                                |
                      | This panel identifies barriers to services and offers strategies    |
                      | and resources for a more proactive and empowering system response  |
                      | to marginalized survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.  |
| 5:30 p.m.     | Optional Shelter Tour                                                |
                      | Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living                       |
                      | Sign-up at the registration desk to participate in tour.             |
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8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  DOL Charging Decisions and Self Defense Evaluations
  Corinne Vorenkamp, JD
  This presentation focuses on successful prosecution of strangulation cases, covering aspects of on-scene and follow-up investigation as well as appropriate charging decisions based on Alaska statutes. Alaska laws relating to self-defense and the evaluation of principal physical aggressor in domestic violence cases are also discussed.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break
10:30 – Noon  Breakout Sessions: Breakout sessions are discipline specific and are closed sessions.

LEGAL ADVOCACY TRACK – MINTO Room
Legal Advocacy 101
Christine Pate, JD; Kari Robinson, JD and Grace Danborn
This breakout covers basic Legal Advocacy topics including confidentiality, role of the advocate and language accessibility issues.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK - YUKON Room
What’s New! The Good and Not So Good
John Novak, JD
This session provides updates on legal issues pertaining to domestic violence investigations.

TRAUMA TRACK - RAMPART Room
Historical Trauma in the Context of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
This workshop explores the socio-political and personal impact of oppression on violence against women and identifies challenges and strengths of survivors experiencing multiple layers of trauma.
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Noon – 1:15 p.m.
Gold Room - Combined Roundtable Lunch for All Participants

(Advocacy, Law Enforcement and Guests)
Robin Bronen, JD and Video
Learn how the new statewide Language Interpreter Center through the Alaska Immigration Justice Project provides qualified and trained interpreters to ensure accessibility to the civil and criminal justice systems.

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

LEGAL ADVOCACY TRACK: MINTO Room
Legal Advocacy 102
Christine Pate, JD
Legal advocates learn about Family Law issues and explore protective orders and other civil legal options.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK - YUKON Room
Shaken Baby Syndrome
Lt. Dave Parker
Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is a term used to describe a related group (constellation) of symptoms or injuries which occur as a result of violent shaking or shaking and impacting the head of an infant or small child. SBS may be missed by law enforcement first responders or misdiagnosed by medical personnel because often there are not noticeable external injuries. Lt. Parker provides an in-depth overview of necessary investigative actions in SBS cases.

TRAUMA TRACK - RAMPART Room
Checking Out: Coping with Trauma in the Context of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
This workshop addresses the complex array of survival skills adults and children exposed to domestic and sexual violence utilize to respond to what has happened to them. While this workshop will focus primarily on dissociation; trauma
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informed advocacy and empowering service options for survivors experiencing other indicators of trauma are also explored.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Break with Afternoon Snack

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Breakout Sessions

LEGAL ADVOCACY TRACK: MINTO Room
Off-the-Record with the Legal Advocacy Project and Alaska State Courts.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK - YUKON Room
Electronic Evidence
Sgt. Derek DeGraaf
This session will discuss best practices for the seizure and use of electronic evidence. Sgt. DeGraaf will demonstrate some of the newest methods and devices to extract forensic evidence.

TRAUMA TRACK - RAMPART Room
Checking In: Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with Disabilities
This workshop addresses barriers facing survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with disabilities and identifies resources for advocates to provide accessible services. Presenters discuss Disability Abuse Response Teams such as the Fairbanks DART (which can be implemented in any community, region or state). Additional resources and options to support safety autonomy and justice are also offered.

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Gold Room - Closing
Biographies of Presenters

Larry W. Bennett, Ph.D., is a Professor at the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago. He holds a degree in Physics from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and studied social work at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Prior to joining the University of Illinois at Chicago tenure-track faculty in 1993, he worked for 20 years in various youth counseling, mental health, research, and academic settings. Dr. Bennett’s research focuses on the co-occurrence of substance abuse and domestic violence, and on the coordination and evaluation of services designed to interrupt these conditions. He served on the Consensus Panel on Family Violence of the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, a group which produced the treatment improvement protocol Substance Abuse Treatment and Domestic Violence (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1996). He chaired the Illinois Substance Abuse-Domestic Violence Interdisciplinary Task Force from its inception in 1997 until 2003, resulting in Safety and Sobriety: Best Practice in Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse (Illinois Department of Human Services, 2000) currently in its second edition. Dr. Bennett has published numerous chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles on substance abuse and domestic violence, men who batterer, and batterer intervention programs. He is co-author of Evaluation of Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Sage Press, 2002). Dr. Bennett currently serves as Principal Investigator of the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center, and is also affiliated with the UIC Interdisciplinary Research Center on Violence. He is licensed as a clinical social worker, a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, and a diplomate of the Professional Academy of Custody Evaluators. Along with Durie Bennett, a licensed counselor, he practices social work in Crystal Lake, Illinois, limiting his portion of the practice to court-ordered child custody evaluation. Empty-nesters, he and Durie enjoy their children and grandchildren, home remodeling, gardening, their cats, and “raising various kinds of hell.”

Patti Bland, M.A., CCDC, currently directs the Train the Trainer Project for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in Juneau. Ms. Bland served as both advocate and lead chemical dependency counselor for New Beginnings, a shelter and community-based program in Seattle, for more than 12 years. She developed the Domestic Violence/Chemical Dependency Outreach Project for King County at the Alcohol Drug Help Line in 1994. Ms. Bland served as the Domestic Violence Trainer for Providence Health System Family Violence Program in Washington State, as Adjunct Professor at Antioch University, and as an Instructor at Seattle Central Community College and CPS Academy in Seattle. Ms. Bland provides training and technical assistance addressing the intersection between domestic violence and substance abuse for programs across the nation. She serves as an Associate for the Vera Institute of Justice in NY and as a consultant for the University of Northern Iowa, Graduate School of Social Work Integrated Services Program. Ms. Bland has published several articles on chemical dependency and domestic violence and completed development of domestic violence curricula for the Washington State Medical Association and the Perinatal Partnership Against Domestic Violence. Recently Ms. Bland coauthored, with Debbie Edmund, “Getting Safe and Sober: Real Tools You Can Use,” an advocacy teaching kit for working with women coping with substance abuse and interpersonal violence. She is also the author of “Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Curriculum for Advocates.”
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Robin Bronen, J.D., is the executive director and co-founder of the Alaska Immigration Justice Project, a non-profit agency that is the only immigration legal service provider in the state. The Project houses the state’s first Language Interpreter Center and represents approximately 150 domestic violence and sexual assault victims annually. Ms. Bronen also implemented the first refugee resettlement program in Alaska. In 2007, the Alaska Bar Association awarded her the Robert Hickerson Public Service award. Ms. Bronen has worked with immigrants and refugees in Alaska since 1994 and is a board member of the National Immigration Project. She first began working with domestic violence victims in 1982 at a domestic violence program in California. After receiving her J.D., she worked with Alaska Legal Services representing domestic violence victims in family law proceedings. Since 1994 she has worked with immigrant crime victims.

James T. Clemente, J.D., is a Supervisory Special Agent and a member of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, an integral part of the FBI’s Critical Incident Response Group. The NCAVC, along with its other components, provides behavioral analysis support to local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies in the areas of violent, sexual and serial crimes and is comprised of the Behavioral Analysis Unit and the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program. Together, they represent the culmination of over three decades of criminal behavioral analysis within the FBI. Special Agent Clemente started his service with the FBI in November 1987. He has worked on the Joint FBI/NYPD Sexual Exploitation of Children Task Force in the New York Field Division. In 1994, he was assigned to the Office of the Independent Counsel in the Little Rock Division and to the Washington Field Office in 1996. In 1998, he was promoted to his current position at the NCAVC. Special Agent Clemente has provided expert testimony and affidavits in the areas of sexual victimization of children, child pornography, and on-line sex crimes against children in dozens of trials, hearings and search warrant applications. He has analyzed thousands of cases for and has provided investigative, prosecutorial, and sentencing guidance to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, social workers, and other professional organizations across the United States and overseas in cases involving sexual victimization of children, child pornography, child prostitution, child abduction, serial rape, incest, serial homicide, kidnapping and equivocal death. He has lectured extensively around the world on subjects related to the Sexual Victimization of Children. Prior to joining the FBI, he was a prosecutor for the New York City Law Department Bronx, NY where he headed the Child Sex Crimes Prosecution Team. He received a Juris Doctor Degree from Fordham University School of Law, and a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry/Philosophy from Fordham University. He is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Virginia, and has taught interview and interrogation to FBI new agent trainees at the FBI Academy and an Advanced Seminar in Investigative Interviewing to the FBI National Academy.

Grace Danborn is the statewide Domestic Violence Coordinator at the Alaska Immigration Justice Project in Anchorage, where she has worked since September 2009. Prior to joining AJP, Ms. Danborn coordinated the Rural Domestic Violence grant and worked for the Legal Advocacy Project at the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in Juneau. She has also served as an advocate at both the Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) in Juneau and Tundra Women’s Coalition in Bethel.

Sergeant Derek DeGraaf currently supervises the Alaska Bureau of Investigation Computer and Financial Crime Unit, located in Anchorage. He has received over 1,000 hours in training dealing with the examination/processing of electronic evidence from various federal government law enforcement agencies, as well as forensic software providers. He has examined hundreds of computers, cell phones, and other digital
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devices. The CFCU has gone from processing less than 10 computers a year (pre 2006) to over 100 a year. Sgt. DeGraaf teaches Electronic Evidence at the Department of Public Safety Academy, and participates in the multijurisdictional Alaska Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He is also a firearms instructor and the Entry Team leader for the Southcentral Specialized Emergency Response Team.

Debi Sue Edmund, M.A., C.A.D.C., is executive director at Project Return, a program in Springfield, Illinois, that assists incarcerated women seeking to reintegrate into the community. Ms. Edmund is a licensed professional counselor, a certified alcohol and drug counselor and a trained domestic violence advocate. She has experience working with clients presenting with multiple issues, including interpersonal violence, substance abuse, mental health issues, homelessness and incarceration. She has worked in two drug and alcohol treatment programs, a domestic violence shelter and a transitional living program for survivors of sex trafficking. Ms. Edmund was a member of the Domestic Violence/Substance Abuse Interdisciplinary Task Force of the Illinois Department of Human Services from 1999-2004, where she served as editor of Safety and Sobriety: Best Practices in Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse. She also is co-author, with Patricia J. Bland, of Getting Safe and Sober: Real Tools You Can Use, published by Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault.

Jolene Goeden obtained her master’s degree in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York in 1995. Prior to joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation she worked for nine years as a sex offender therapist in a prison-based sex offender program and a state psychiatric hospital. Ms. Goeden joined the FBI in March, 2004. She primarily works human trafficking, sex trafficking, Innocence Lost and civil rights cases.

Tamra Truett Jerue currently lives in Anvik, Alaska, a small Athabascan community on the Yukon River. The mother of four children and the grandmother of two, Ms. Truett Jerue serves as the the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Women’s Coalition. She has worked in the field of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the last 30 years in various capacities and holds a bachelor’s degree in Social Work, Community Psychology and Secondary Education. Ms. Turett Jerue has served as a volunteer on numerous non-profit boards and has worked most of her professional life in rural Alaska, including serving as a therapist, sexual assault counselor, teacher, tribal administrator, ICWA social worker, and trainer. Ms. Treutt Jerue cites her experiences and those of her family and friends as keeping her passionate about the field of domestic violence and sexual assault. She is also passionate about helping to facilitate change at a community level and within systems and families to help survivors live violence-free lives.

Christine King has worked in the field of disabilities for more than 17 years as a peer mentor, direct service provider, and systems-change advocate. Ms. King was the Center for Human Development Training Coordinator for the Personal Assistance Services and Supports Project, where she spearheaded the development of the 40-hour Personal Care Assistant curriculum and standardized exams for the State of Alaska, as well as provided training and technical assistance for PCA agencies, instructors, and consumers and their supports. Currently, she is a Center for Human Development Coordinator working with the Justice Initiative, a statewide collaborative effort to increase community awareness of the high incidence of interpersonal violence against victims with disabilities and to promote the dignity of victims with disabilities through community education and training.
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Sergeant Kathy Lacey, a life-long Alaskan, began her law enforcement career with the Anchorage Police Department in 1993. She is currently Sergeant of the Vice Unit in the Detective Division of Anchorage Police Department. Sgt. Lacey also served as sergeant of APD’s Special Victims Unit, Burglary Unit, and Special Assignment Unit. She spent the majority of her career at APD working drug and prostitution related crimes and now heads a human trafficking task force called Alaska Coalition on Trafficking (ACT) in Anchorage. This task force is a multi-disciplinary group aimed at identifying and prosecuting traffickers as well as restoring trafficking victims. Sgt. Lacey and the Anchorage Police Department Vice Unit are currently investigating numerous human trafficking cases in collaboration with the FBI, ICE and the US Attorney’s Office. Recently the Vice Unit joined with the FBI and U.S. Attorneys’ Office to form an Innocence Lost Task Force, an investigative task force to identify juveniles involved in prostitution and prosecute the traffickers. Sgt. Lacey holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Human Services and is currently working on a master’s degree.

Jane Langley, J.D., has served as Pro Bono Program Coordinator within ANDVSA’s Legal Advocacy Project for two years. She has holds a master’s degree and a degree in law. She previously taught college courses in rhetoric and composition, political science, and business law. The highlight of her teaching career was as the sole teacher in a remote village K-12 school. She also served as city councilwoman and mayor for the City of Port Alexander. Jane now lives in Sitka.

Natalie Mays is the new Legal Advocacy Project VISTA volunteer. She has lived in San Francisco for the past five years and recently graduated with a degree in Women and Gender Studies from Dominican University of California. Natalie is committed to working in the field of domestic violence/sexual assault and has shown that through her past work. She ran a crisis hotline for Marin Abused Women’s Services, gave lectures on policy and response to Santa Clara Police Academy cadets, worked with violent offenders in California County Jails and with aggressive youth boys at Juvenile Detention Centers. She is very excited to be working with the LAP and to learn all she can from ANDVSA during her time here.

Shirley M. Moses is the Alaska Native Women’s Coalition Shelter Manager. Ms. Moses, an Inupiat, has worked in the domestic violence/sexual assault field for eight years. She is currently managing ANWC's Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault model safe home, "Our Grandmother's House," which is located in Fairbanks. Ms. Moses oversees the day to day shelter, provides outreach for domestic violence/sexual assault prevention to the local and outlying rural Alaskan villages and regional hubs. She also participates in various committees and task forces dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, disability and education. Additionally, she assists with local, regional, and statewide trainings. Before joining Alaska Native Women's Coalition, Ms. Moses taught elementary school in villages throughout Rural Alaska for 14 years and worked in the mental health field for 15 years. She was a coordinator for Family Centered Services of Alaska, working with special needs children and their families and support systems, and Crossroads Counseling and Fairbanks Resource Agency managing group homes. Ms. Moses is an enrolled member of the Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnusauk Native Corp, and a board member of the Fairbanks Native Association. She also represents Alaska native students and their families on the Fairbanks School District Alaska Native Education Policy committee and the Effie Kokrine Charter School Policy Advisory Committee. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1975 from the University of Alaska and holds a master’s degree in Education Administration from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.
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John Novak, J.D., was born and raised in Minnesota. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1982 and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1985. From 1985 to 1990, Mr. Novak was in private practice at the law firm of Hughes Thorsness, Powell, Gantz, Powell, and Brundin. His practice principally was devoted to products liability litigation. In 1990, Mr. Novak began his career in public service by joining the Anchorage District Attorney’s Office. He served as a misdemeanor trial attorney, narcotics trial attorney, narcotics unit supervisor, violent crimes trial attorney, violent crimes unit supervisor, and chief assistant district attorney. He has been the acting district attorney at the Palmer District Attorney’s Office and has conducted trials and court hearings in many areas of the state including Anchorage, Kenai, Palmer, Seward, Bethel, Dillingham, Naknak, and Unalaska. In 2007, Mr. Novak was a trial lawyer responsible for prosecution of federal firearm cases as a cross designated Special United States Attorney. Earlier this year, Mr. Novak began in his current position as Counsel for the Department of Public Safety where his responsibilities include providing advice and guidance to the Alaska State Troopers, State of Alaska Scientific Detection Laboratory, and Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Mr. Novak has been married to his wife, Vicki, since 1985. They have two children, Samantha and Jack, who are 21 and 16 years old.

Lieutenant Dave Parker, B.S., M. Div., has served for 14 years with the Anchorage Police Department, where he has served as a detective, detective sergeant and detective lieutenant of APD’s Crimes Against Children Unit. Lt. Parker specialized in child abuse investigations and has taught investigation of Shaken Baby Syndrome twice at the North American Shaken Baby Conference, at the Vancouver, British Columbia, Police Department Homicide Conference, and at various trainings in Alaska.

Christine McLeod Pate, J.D., has been working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for more than 17 years. For the last ten years, she has worked as the Pro Bono Mentoring Attorney with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, where she developed the first statewide pro bono program specifically for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. As the supervising attorney, Ms. Pate screens cases statewide, places those cases with volunteer attorneys and then trains the volunteers and supervises the Network’s staff attorney. She also provides some direct client service. Ms. Pate graduated from New York University School of Law in 1993, cum laude, where she received the Ann Petluck Poses Award for her clinical work in family law. Other awards include the Alaska Bar Association Robert K. Hickerson Public Service Award and Sitka Woman of the Year. Ms. Pate trains attorneys and advocates nationally through the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, the Muskie School for Public Service and the Battered Women’s Justice Project, on issues of domestic violence and domestic relations. She lives in Sitka with her husband Jude, two boys and dog.

Sarah Post came to Fairbanks four years ago from the Charlotte, North Carolina, area where she worked in HIV/AIDS medication management under programs with the Metrolina AIDS Project. Upon arrival in the Interior, Ms. Post traveled to villages in the Yukon-Koyukuk and Yukon Flats School Districts to provide supplemental education services to schools in those areas. She began work at the Interior Alaska Center for Nonviolent Living (IACNVL) as an advocate. During the last school year Ms. Post moved into domestic violence/sexual assault prevention work with the Fairbanks North Star School District before moving into her current position. She currently serves as the Community Outreach Director for IACNVL where she coordinates the outreach programs including the rural, youth and volunteer programs.
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Kari Robinson, J.D., has directed the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault’s Legal Advocacy Project for the past 12 years and has worked in the field of domestic violence since 1987. As director of the Legal Advocacy Project she provides legal consultation, technical assistance, and cutting-edge legal training on best practices for legal advocates with Alaska’s eighteen domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She also supervises the ANDVSA Pro Bono Program, which provides direct representation to victims primarily in divorce, custody and protective order cases. Ms. Robinson has brought in more than four million additional dollars in federal and private grant funding for the State of Alaska through her grant writing. She coordinates a Legal Assistance for Victims grant funding attorneys with ANDVSA, Alaska Legal Services, and the Alaska Immigration Justice Project to provide direct representation to victims in family law, immigration and protective order proceedings. Ms. Robinson serves on the board of directors for the Alaska Immigration Justice Project. She has worked at domestic violence shelters in Alaska and Washington and with homeless families and has served on several Alaska statewide domestic violence working groups and task forces. In 1995 she received the Governor’s Volunteer Award for her work at Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies in Juneau. In 2006, Ms. Robinson received the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship and traveled to Europe for three weeks to meet with leaders from other countries. The Fellowship is a rigorous, intellectually challenging travel program designed to introduce Fellows to political, economic and social issues in Europe including violence against women as a global human rights issue. In April 2007, Ms. Robinson received the Beyond the Call of Duty Award from Alaska’s Violent Crimes Compensation Board and in 2004 the Advocacy Role Model award from Victims for Justice during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. She received her B.S. with distinction from the University of Washington in Women Studies and Sociology, and her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law in 1993, where she was a Washington Women Lawyers Scholar award recipient. Ms. Robinson left private family law practice in 1996 to work for the ANDVSA. She has taught classes at the University of Alaska Southeast on Women’s Issues in the Law and has several published law review articles including “Women’s Ghetto Within the Legal Profession” and “Gender Bias in the American Bar Association Journal: Impact on the Legal Profession.

Jessica Stossel has lived in Interior Alaska for all of her life. She grew up in and attended elementary and high school in Nenana, Alaska and has lived in Fairbanks for the past 15 years. She is a graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a minor in Education. She began her career in the domestic violence field in September 1999 as an advocate for what was then WICCA and now Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living. She worked as an advocate for about more than three years. She currently serves with IAC as the Client Services Director, a position she has held for the past five years.

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the public health issue of violence in the family. In June of 1994 he testified a second time before Congress going before the House of Representatives' Committee on the Judiciary on the positive effects on mandatory arrest in incidents of family violence. He is qualified as "expert" on the issue of family violence in state and federal courts and has served as a consultant to the Center for Crime and Justice Policy as well as numerous other national organizations. He has served as a board member to the American Bar Association’s Commission on Domestic Violence and in 1998 was selected to represent U.S. Law Enforcement before the first United States/Russian conference on Violence Against Women in Moscow. Lt. Wynn also served an adjunct instructor to the University of Houston Law School National College of District Attorney's conferences on Family Violence, the University of Nevada's National Council of Juvenile and family Court Judges on the issue of family violence and the University of Tennessee’s Law Enforcement Satellite Tele-conference Network. Along with serving on numerous boards, he is a former member of the National Advisory Board to the Department of Justice-Office of Victims of Crime on Law Enforcement Response to Family Violence.

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