



STOP THE ***VIOLENCE*** CONFERENCE

A COMMUNITY call to action to STOP domestic
and family violence

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021

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The Missouri State University Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers an undergraduate and graduate program. The department is focused on providing students with a comprehensive academic experience that allows students to develop critical thinking skills to solve and respond to criminal justice problems and issues. The department and the faculty are committed to community engagement and have been co-sponsors of the Stop the Violence Conference for several years.

Welcome Letter

Welcome to the seventh annual Stop the Violence Conference!

The Family Violence Task Force was established in 2012 to address the increasing number of aggravated assaults in our community, which was found to be a direct result of an increase in the occurrence of domestic violence within our community.

While developing the goals of the task force, it became clear that our community needed additional educational opportunities on the issue of family violence and the overall effect this issue has on our community's businesses, quality of life, and civic reputation. In 2013, the Family Violence Task Force hosted the first Stop the Violence Conference and launched its first public awareness campaign. In the following years, the Stop the Violence Conference has become an integral part of our community's preventive education efforts.

The Family Violence Task Force would like to thank Abilities First and the Missouri State University Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice for their generosity in sponsoring this year's event. Additional thanks to Abilities First for their integral role in the planning of today's conference, and to the Missouri State University Noncredit Programs for their assistance with facilities, registration, continuing education credits, and the virtual component of today's conference. Thank you to the City of Springfield Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement and the Springfield Police Department Public Affairs Office for their assistance with the marketing of today's event, and to the Greene County Prosecutor's Office and Greene County Family Justice Center for the preparation of printed materials. Many thanks to Community Partnership of the Ozarks for their technical assistance in facilitating the Family Violence Task Force and Stop the Violence conference preparations.

The Family Violence Task Force and the many community organizations that contribute to the group would like to thank you for your attendance today. We appreciate your dedication to learning about many of the facets of one of the biggest issues facing our community.

Sincerely,

Members of the Family Violence Task Force

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If you or someone you know is a victim of
domestic violence, help is available:

**Harmony House and The Victim Center's
shared 24 hour crisis hotline:
417-864-SAFE (7233)**

Harmony House

3404 E Ridgeview
Springfield, MO 65804
myharmonyhouse.org

The Victim Center

815 W. Tampa
Springfield, MO 65802
thevictimcenter.org

Greene County Family Justice Center

417-874-2600
1418. E Pythian St.
Springfield, MO 65802
greenecountyfamilyjusticecenter.org

Schedule at a Glance

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Optional Networking

Hosted by Elizabeth Moran

8:45 AM

Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney

Opening Remarks

9:00 AM

Jessica Naslund and Chris Worth

"Supporting Sexual Self Advocacy as a Means of Abuse Prevention"

Introduction by Maggie Rollwagen, Abilities First

10:00 AM

Elizabeth Moran

"Justice for All: Addressing The Needs of Individuals with Cognitive Impairment Due to Aging and Disability"

Introduction by Sunni Nutt, Harmony House

11:00 AM - 11:15 PM

Break

11:15 AM

Cindy Malott and Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh

"Utilization of Convergent Issues in Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation"

Introduction by Cody Brewington, Missouri State University

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch Break

Optional Lunch and Learn Session: An Introduction to Green Dot Violence Prevention Program

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Panel

Life After Abuse: Long-term Challenges for Survivors

Facilitator: Paula Rector, Missouri State University

Panel Participants: Christina Ford, Janice Thompson-Gerke, Chris Worth

2:15 to 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM

"I Am Domestic Violence"

Wambui Bahati

3:30 PM

Brandi Bartel, Executive Director of The Victim Center

Closing Remarks

Family Violence Task Force Members

Community Partnership of the Ozarks' mission is to promote and facilitate the building of resilient children, healthy families, and strong neighborhoods and communities through collaboration, programming, and resource development.



The Greene County Family Justice Center (GCFJC) is a community-based, multi-disciplinary center comprised of both public and private agencies working collaboratively to provide comprehensive and coordinated victim-centered services to survivors of domestic violence. The Greene County Family Justice Center was first proposed by the Family Violence Task Force as a response to our community's increasing rates of domestic violence, and the model is identified as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services by the United States Department of Justice.

Legal Services of Southern Missouri (LSSM) is a private, not-for-profit corporation providing case representation and advice in civil matters across 43 counties in southern Missouri. LSSM's number one priority is handling cases that arise out of abuse of individuals. Providing victims with comprehensive legal remedies being addressed by attorneys who specialize in domestic/sexual violence will help reduce the justice gap in the service area, giving survivors access to quality legal assistance. LSSM has a unique ability to provide a range of services within the agency, including divorce, paternity, child custody, and orders of protection, as well as addressing other legal matters stemming from the abuse, such as threats of eviction or housing loss, consumer problems, loss of public benefits or health insurance, or threats to immigration status.



Dan Patterson
Greene County
Prosecuting Attorney

The mission of the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's office is to be ministers of justice working to ensure that justice is achieved fairly, effectively and efficiently through advocacy and community leadership. The primary objectives of the Prosecuting Attorney's office is to seek justice, to lead in quality prosecution, to support and enhance public safety, and to focus on dangerous offenders and child abusers..

Missouri State University is a public, comprehensive metropolitan system with a statewide mission in public affairs, whose purpose is to develop educated persons. The University's identity is distinguished by it's public affairs mission, which entails a campus-wide commitment to foster expertise and responsibility in ethical leadership, cultural competence, and community engagement. Missouri State University Noncredit Programs provides the Stop the Violence conference continuing education and assists with planning facilities and catering. MSU Noncredit Programs offers a wide variety of continuing education opportunities to social workers, counselors, law enforcement, attorneys, and other professionals seeking continuing education units.



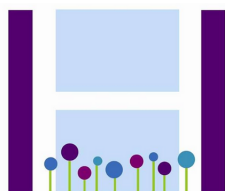
Family Violence Task Force Members

The Victim Center is a grassroots nonprofit that provides free-of-charge services to any person who has survived any type of violent or sexual crime. Its services include a 24-crisis response line, personal advocacy, court support, and mental health counseling. The Victim Center also provides prevention education to grades K-12, as well as college students and community groups. The Victim Center also houses advocates at the Family Justice Center and Springfield Police Department, and it houses therapists at both Child Advocacy Center and Harmony House.



It is the mission of the CoxHealth Forensic Program to meet the needs of sexual assault victims by providing a timely, compassionate, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive forensic evaluation and treatment by trained professional nurse experts within Missouri State law and International Association of Forensic Nursing standards. It is the vision of the CoxHealth Forensic Program to lead by providing evidence-based, patient-centered best practices to victims of sexual and intimate partner violence. We will empower all patients by allowing them to make independent choices and gain control of his/her future.

Springfield Police Department is responsible for enforcing the law and preventing crime, thereby improving the quality of life in Springfield, Missouri. Springfield Police Department is committed to serving all members of our community and their unique needs. One way to insure we are providing quality service is through continued education for our officers. Over the past several years, the Stop the Violence Conference has provided an opportunity for officers to receive valuable insight into how to better serve victims of domestic violence, a crime that continues to be an issue in Springfield.



Harmony House

Family Violence Prevention Center

Harmony House provides shelter, advocacy, and education to survivors of domestic violence and promotes the principle that all individuals have the right to a life free of abuse. Harmony House offers a 24-hour hotline and safe shelter or outreach services. As the largest shelter in the state of Missouri and the only domestic violence shelter in Greene County we work to help survivors break the cycle of abuse through education programs, case management, support, referrals, and advocacy. Harmony House is also committed to providing community education that promotes awareness and understanding of the factors involved in domestic violence.

Keynote Speakers

Jessica Naslund and Chris Worth

"Supporting Sexual Self Advocacy as a Means of Abuse Prevention"

This session will focus on building capacity to work with survivors of all abilities. This session is designed with mental health professionals in mind, but is applicable to all attendees for one hour of continuing education.



Jessica Naslund

Jessica Naslund is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and AASECT Certified Sexuality Educator supervisor who teaches and provides therapy for all individuals. She is an adjunct professor in the UMSL SUCCEED transitional program for individuals with intellectual disabilities teaching healthy relationships and sexuality.



Chris Worth

Chris Worth has more than twenty years of experience in community organizing and more than five years of experience organizing in the sexuality education arena. He is a community educator who has teamed up with the Coalition for Truth in Independence and Washington University Brown School of Social Work to do radical work around sex positivity, identity, and in that, ending sexual abuse and neglect.

Keynote Speakers

Wambui Bahati

"I Am Domestic Violence"

This performance will focus on the importance of building professionals' capacity to work with all people. The session will go over how to prevent funneling folks with disabilities or mental health issues to programs designed for children or other populations. Attendees will be awarded one hour of continuing education.



Wambui Bahati wrote, produced, and stars in the one-woman musical Balancing Act [about how mental illness stole her life – and how she took her life back] and the play, I Am Domestic Violence. Both shows have received international acclaim for the unique way that they provide outstanding entertainment while dealing with important issues in our communities. She is the author of the highly acclaimed, tell-all, autobiographical empowerment book, You Don't Know Crazy - My Life Before, During, After, Above and Beyond Mental Illness, and the books: Domestic Violence and Relationship Abuse Awareness and Prevention for College Women - A Reminder, and They Are Not Going To Save Us.

Additional Sessions

Elizabeth Moran

"Justice for All: Addressing The Needs of Individuals with Cognitive Impairment Due to Aging and Disability"

This session will focus on the exploitation of the elderly and people with disabilities from a legal perspective. Attendees will be awarded one hour of continuing education.



Elizabeth is a senior law advisor at the federal level in Washington DC. She previously served as Deputy Director of the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC). She is a sibling of a self-advocating adult with I/DD, a disability rights advocate and litigation attorney, and founder and director of Midwest Advocacy for Disability Rights (MADR). Elizabeth also teaches Leadership in Disability Studies at UMKC's School of Law, is the former Public Policy Coordinator for the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities and has been dedicated to helping individuals with I/DD, their families, and their supports to navigate the legal, educational, and support services systems for nearly 30 years.

Cindy Malott and Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh

"Utilization of Convergent Issues in Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation"

This presentation will address the interconnection between human trafficking, sexual exploitation and domestic violence including dynamics, grooming and recruitment, and will highlight risk factors such as increased vulnerability for people with intellectual disabilities. Practical strategies for providing effective support and advocacy for survivors with intellectual challenges while acknowledging unique strengths, abilities and respecting individual/survivor autonomy will be discussed. Attendees will be awarded one hour of continuing education.

Cindy Malott

Cindy has over 30 years of experience in the field of victim services. She currently serves as the Director of Advocacy Services for Crisis Aid International (CAI). In this role she coordinates program development for CAI Refuge safe transitional living home for adolescent and adult survivors of sex trafficking and child sexual exploitation. She also coordinates CriCAI's law enforcement, medical and community crisis response to victims of sex trafficking, online child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse.



Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh

Adam is retired from law enforcement after serving as Sergeant with the St. Louis County Police Department, Special Investigations Unit. He has 25 years of experience in law enforcement, working in the area of human trafficking and narcotics investigations for the past 18 years. He is the current Commander of the Eastern District of Missouri Human Trafficking Task Force and Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.



Additional Sessions

Life After Abuse: Long-term Challenges for Survivors

This panel session will focus on the long-term needs of survivors and what can impact their wellbeing. This will include abilities/disabilities. Attendees will be awarded one hour of continuing education.

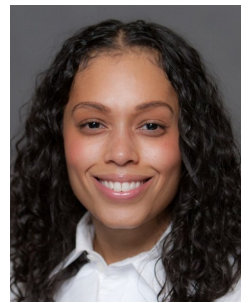
Panel Moderator - Paula Rector

Mrs. Rector has held the position of Senior Instructor for over 10 years in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at MSU. She specializes in understanding the complex role that multiple identities have on women's lives, especially in regard to violence against women. Mrs. Rector served on the Harmony House Board of Directors for 6 years and chairs the Programs and Policies committee. She also serves on the Rebound Foundation Board of Directors and the Greene County Domestic Violence Task Force.



Panel Participant - Christina Ford

Christina Ford is President and Founder of The Rebound Foundation. Christina has worked diligently to help the organization open two transitional homes in Springfield, MO for women survivors of domestic violence with a third in Chicago, IL. She became the spearhead in her community for youth violence prevention education that aligns with her goal and mission to end and prevent the cycle of abuse. Her accomplishments and contributions were recognized as an honoree for SBJ's 2019 20 Most Influential Women Award. She is the wife to Dana Ford and mom to Cameron, Carson, Charlie, Crain and Cline.



Panel Participant - Chris Worth

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Panel Participant - Janice Thompson

Janice Thompson is a domestic violence survivor and advocates to raise awareness about the numerous obstacles that victims of domestic violence face when escaping abuse. Janice was a member of the Springfield Sexual Assault Task Force and most recently worked with State Representative Lane Roberts and Senator Holly Rehder on a bill to give victims of violence the option to obtain lifetime orders of protection. That bill passed and went into effect on August 28, 2021. She further spreads awareness and information via her Facebook page Surviving Domestic Violence in Missouri.



2021 Stop the Violence Conference

Location: Virtual Date: October 5, 2021

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Mail to: Missouri State Outreach

Attn: Cody Brewington

901 South National Ave

Springfield, MO 65897

Types of CEU's Offered (Check all that apply)

- ☐ MSU Noncredit (6 hours/0.6 CEU) ☐ POST - 6 TS ☐ NASW (Social Workers) (6 hours)
☐ NBCC (Counselors) (6 hours) ☐ MCLEs (Attorneys 6.0 hours)

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2. Total and enter the number of hours at the bottom of the page.
3. Sign this form to verify your attendance.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021	Time	Initials
9:00 am – 10:00 am –Keynote		
Supporting Sexual Self Advocacy as a Means of Abuse Prevention Presenters: Jessica Naslund and Chris Worth	60 min	
10:00 am – 11:00 am		
Justice for All: Addressing The Needs of Individuals with Cognitive Impairment Due to Aging and Disability – Presenter: Elizabeth Moran	60 min	
11:15 am – 12:15 pm		
Utilization of Convergent Issues in Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation – Presenters: Cindy Malott and Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh	60 min	
12:15 pm – 12:45pm – Lunch and Learn: Green Dot Presentation – Katie Weathermon	30 min	
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm – Panel		
Life After Abuse: Long-term Challenges for Survivors – Facilitator: Paul Rector Panel Participants: Christina Ford, Janice Thompson-Gerke, Chris Worth	60 min	
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm – Keynote		
"I Am Domestic Violence" – Presenter: Wambui Bahati	60 min	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm		
An Introduction to Green Dot Violence Prevention Program – Katie Weathermon	60 min	
(Max of 390 Minutes) TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES		
(Max Hours 6.5) TOTAL MINUTES ÷ 60 = TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS		

Print Name: _____ **Signature:** _____