

Message from the OCDV Policy & Training Institute



(Daniel Ortiz, Policy & Training Coordinator for the OCDV Policy & Training Institute, conducts an intimate partner violence training for Department of Homeless Services Peace Officers.)

This past spring, the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence launched the OCDV Policy & Training Institute. Building off the successful core training programs at all of our NYC Family Justice Centers, the Institute was created to increase our office's capacity to provide intimate partner violence training to city employees and nonprofit staff. The Institute will also enhance OCDV's work to create new and/or improved city, state and federal policies to assist intimate partner violence survivors and their families. Working closely with our sister city agencies and community-based organizations, the Institute will identify organizations' individualized training needs while providing ongoing support and technical assistance around their responses to intimate partner violence. OCDV's existing NYC Healthy Relationship Academy will also be housed within the Institute. The Academy's expansion earlier this year has resulted in our Peer Educators being able to

double the number of workshops they facilitate for youth, parents and staff across NYC, especially youth in foster care and other vulnerable populations. We look forward to our new Policy & Training Coordinators and Academy Peer Educators having the opportunity to collaborate and support each other as we develop new curricula and enrich our teaching methods to provide high quality and meaningful youth and adult learning experiences.

An initial priority of the Institute has been a training project with the Department of Homeless Services (DHS), a partnership that resulted from the Mayor de Blasio's 90-day review of the city's homeless system. We know that domestic violence is one of the leading cause of homelessness in our city and across the country, and that survivors need help connecting to services, finding safety and making a path forward. To address those needs, OCDV is providing shelter staff throughout the city with various training opportunities on intimate partner violence and related topics, as well as ongoing consultations and technical support to help shape enhanced policies to address intimate partner violence and support victims and their families. Since May 2016, the Institute has provided training to over 420 participants from across the DHS system, including staff that work at Adult Family Shelters, Single Adult Shelters, Families with Children Shelters and Homebase providers. In addition to the DHS shelter staff trainings, OCDV has partnered with DHS and NYPD to provide an extensive in-service training at the Police Academy, for DHS Peace Officers, Sergeants and Lieutenants. To date over 300 DHS Officers have been trained with approximately 665 more scheduled for training over the upcoming months. Additionally, we continue to provide our IPV training to all new DHS Peace Officer Cadets. We look forward to continuing to partner with our colleagues at DHS to provide on-going training and support, as well as replicating this project at other city agencies in the future. We want to make sure that all city employees have the tools they need to identify and support survivors with whom they come into contact in their professional, as well as their personal lives.

If you are interested in learning more about the Institute or scheduling a training for your organization, please reach out to Policy & Training Assistant Marleni Crisostomo at mcrisostomo@ocdv.nyc.gov or (212) 788-2799.



Host a workshop on teen dating violence and healthy relationships with OCDV's NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy. Submit your request through our online [workshop request form](#) or call the Academy at 212-788-2516.



OCDV is updating the **New York City Resource Directory of Domestic Violence Services**, which provides information regarding assistance available for survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual

assault, sex trafficking and elder abuse. Your input and participation are important to ensure that the Directory is comprehensive, identifies culturally competent programs and reflects the variety of services for individuals, families and children in need.

Kindly submit your agency's information by completing [this online form](#) by September 9th, 2016.

Thank you in advance for your support. The updated Resource Directory will be made available at the end of September on the OCDV website and will be promoted on social media. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kara Noesner at 212-788-2547 or knoesner@ocdv.nyc.gov.

Upcoming OCDV Events & Trainings

****Please note that Family Justice Center trainings are geared toward service providers and professionals.***

BRONX:

Intimate Partner Violence Dialogue

Facilitated by OCDV Staff

Monday, September 19th, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx

198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor

To register, please [click here](#).

Risk Assessment & Safety Planning

Facilitated by Safe Horizon

Monday, September 19th, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx

198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor

To register, please [click here](#).

Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence

Facilitated by the Bronx District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Bureau & NYPD

Tuesday, September 20th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx

198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor

To register, please [click here](#).

Introduction to Family & Matrimonial Law

Facilitated by Her Justice

Tuesday, September 20th, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx

198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor

To register, please [click here](#).

Cultural Conversations: Tools for Supportive Practice

Facilitated by OCDV Staff & The NYC Anti-Violence Project

Wednesday, September 21st, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

Introduction to Immigration Law

Facilitated by Legal Services NYC, Bronx
Wednesday, September 21st, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

Engaging Trauma Survivors

Facilitated by OCDV Staff
Friday, September 23rd, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

Economic Empowerment for IPV Survivors & Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits

(can register for/attend separately)
Facilitated by OCDV Staff
Monday, September 26th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (one-hour gap from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

Introduction to Elder Abuse

Facilitated by The Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention
Tuesday, September 27th, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

Housing Options for IPV Survivors & Shelter Options for IPV Survivors

(can register for/attend separately)
Facilitated by Sanctuary for Families, The Legal Aid Society and Safe Horizon
Wednesday, September 28th, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (one-hour gap from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

Introduction to Sex Trafficking

Facilitated by Day One and The Legal Aid Society
Friday, September 30th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor
To register, please [click here](#).

QUEENS:

Providing All-inclusive Services to Male-identified Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Survivors

Facilitated by Urban Justice Center Domestic Violence Project & Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program

Wednesday, September 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NYC Family Justice Center, Queens

126-02 82nd Avenue

To register, please [click here](#).

Top News Stories from August

OCDV & Sanctuary for Families Join NY1 Panel on Domestic Violence (Video)

OCDV Commissioner Cecile Noel; Rose Michel, a survivor of domestic violence; Judge Judy Harris Kluger, the Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families; and Saloni Sethi, the deputy director of the Sanctuary for Families' Economic Empowerment Program, sat down with NY1's Errol Louis on *Inside City Hall* to discuss what's being done to combat domestic violence in the five boroughs.

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The Hidden Impact of Domestic Violence on the Gender Wage Gap

Pay equity is about more than just gender equality at work. Violence against women also plays a role in the wage gap, according to a report from McKinsey & Company. The Power of Parity: Advancing Women's Equality in the United States, finds that closing the wage gap could add up to \$4.3 trillion annually to the GDP by 2025. But violence against women is one of the six factors impacting pay equity in the United States.

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Queer Teens Facing 'Unacceptable Levels of Physical and Sexual Violence'

A survey released this month by the Centers Disease Control and Prevention found that teens who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual are significantly more at risk for violence and depression than their straight peers. The study, which included more than 15,000 participants, found LGB students were three times as likely to have been raped than straight students; 18 percent said they had experienced sexual dating violence—compared to nine percent their straight peers.

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Domestic Violence Victims May Develop The Same Brain Disease To Those Of Football Players

Evidence indicates that domestic violence victims are developing the same disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) to those of the football players. This degenerative brain disorder is found in people who had a severe blow or repeated blows to the head. The chronic traumatic encephalopathy is also called dementia pugilistica (DP). Those who are engaged in boxing may develop this brain disease. It is also most commonly found in professional athletes who play in ice hockey, football, rugby, stunt performing, professional wrestling, rodeo, bull riding and other contact sports who may suffer from concussions or another brain trauma. It is associated with confusion, memory loss, mood changes that include depression and dementia. Experts think that those who survive the domestic violence might be at risk.

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New Report On Police Deaths Comes With Grim Revelations about Domestic Violence

Domestic violence plays a grim starring role in a new report about how police officers end up dead. More than 20 percent of the 132 officers killed on duty while responding to dispatcher calls or initiating investigations of suspicious activity from 2010 to 2014 were murdered during a domestic dispute, according to a new analysis of data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Domestic disputes get special attention in the report. Out of 91 on-duty fatalities during a response to a dispatcher call, 20 stemmed from a domestic dispute.

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Don't Let Bernardo Almonte Die in Vain

Domestic violence in the LGBT community exists at high rates and deserves our attention. One in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime. And two in five lesbians and one in four gay men will be a victim in their lifetime. Following the murder of Bernardo Almonte at the hands of his partner, Broadway performer Marcus Bellamy, we must confront same-sex domestic violence.

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Teen Sweethearts and BFFs Are Bullying Each Other Online, Study Reveals

In recent years, stories about cyberbullying have been everywhere as peer aggression amongst adolescents has spread onto the internet. But while the face of teen Twitter bullies is usually assumed to be the class bully, researchers from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California, Davis, released a study that found teens are most likely to be cyberbullied by their friends and people they're in romantic relationships with. According to the study, "Toxic Ties: Networks of Friendship, Dating, and Cyber

Victimization," the closer you are, the more likely you'll attack each other. Friends of friends were found to be less likely to cyberbully one another, while friendship makes "the odds of victimization over six times more likely."

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An Olympic Gold Medalist Opens Up About Her Domestic Abuse

Refinery29 partnered with Safe Horizon to bring real stories from domestic violence survivors and anti-domestic-violence advocates. Here, Safe Horizon CEO Ariel Zwang shares the story of Olympic gold medalist and domestic violence survivor Ruthie Bolton.

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The NFL Is Finding Out Just How Complicated Domestic Violence Punishments Can Be

The NFL is finding that navigating the murky waters of domestic violence is complicated and not as clear-cut as a six-game baseline implies. Factors such as guns and a history of violence haven't been increasing the length of suspensions as spelled out in the updated conduct policy. And other considerations, such as victim cooperation (or lack thereof), seem to be working in favor of the players.

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An Advocate For Trafficked Child Sex Workers Becomes Harlem's Youngest Community Board Member

She hasn't graduated from high school yet, but 17-year-old Victoria Pannell is already making power moves. Just weeks ago, she was appointed the youngest member of Community Board 10 in central Harlem. For more than half of her young life, Pannell has been an activist, taking aim at child sex trafficking. In a public service announcement she starred in, she is portraying an actual survivor. This production inspired Pannell to create her newly launched non-profit called

Joe Biden Calls on University Presidents to Address Sexual Assault: 'You Can't Pretend You Don't Know'

Vice President Joe Biden called on university presidents to help "change the culture" on campuses in terms of responding to reports of sexual assault. Biden said there is no justification for students to be sexually assaulted on campus and that schools must do a better job of responding to sexual assault complaints. He said universities must gather their own information through surveys to understand the specific issues on their campus. "You can't pretend," he said. "You

Tools for Change, which she hopes will someday make a difference.

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Why Is It So Hard to Write a Decent Revenge Porn Law?

When sexually explicit photos and videos are shared online, victims lose jobs, are forced to change their names, and may contemplate or attempt suicide. In a 2014 survey of 361 revenge porn targets, about a third said they'd been harassed or stalked in person as a result. More than one in ten quit or were fired from their jobs or dropped out of school, and half thought about suicide. The problem, though, is figuring out how to effectively criminalize it—an issue yet again on display now that a federal revenge porn bill has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives. If the language is too narrow, groups like the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), an advocacy group for revenge porn victims, argue many of those who are victimized won't be able to get justice. If it's too broad, groups like the American Civil Liberties Union say the law will nail innocent parties.

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Halting the Blow of Domestic Violence in India

Few of India's abused women seek help. The National Family Health Survey-III (NFHS-III), published in 2005, found that while 37.2 percent of women who had ever been married had faced spousal abuse, only 2 percent sought help from the police. According to the same survey, about half of these women ended up in hospital at some point owing to the violence they experienced. Social workers in Mumbai are trying to change that - one hospital at a time.

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