

Summit on Domestic Violence and Child Welfare: Intersection and Action

Thursday, October 24, 2024

8:00am – 8:45am	Registration <i>Brookfield Promenade</i>
8:45am – 9:00am	Opening Remarks <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
9:00am – 10:15am	Plenary: Dynamics of Domestic Violence & Interacting with Systems <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – 12:00pm	Workshops A) <i>The Myth of the “Child Witness” Moorland 1-3 (Lower Level)</i> B) <i>Indigenous Perspectives on Domestic Violence and Child Welfare Brookfield 2</i> C) <i>Collaborative Efforts: Waukesha County CPS and The Women’s Center Wisconsin 1-2</i> D) <i>The Safe at Home Program Wisconsin 3-4</i> E) <i>Lived Experience Café Brookfield 1</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Group Lunch <i>Brookfield Promenade</i>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Workshops A) <i>The Myth of the “Child Witness” (repeat) Moorland 1-3 (Lower Level)</i> B) <i>Impacts of Domestic Violence on Immigrant Survivors and their Children Wisconsin 1-2</i> C) <i>The Historical Roots of Corporal Punishment in Black Communities Wisconsin 3-4</i> D) <i>Lessons Learned from Treatment Court Brookfield 2</i> E) <i>Lived Experience Café (repeat) Brookfield 1</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm – 3:45pm	Team Time <i>(See handout in your folder for location.)</i>
3:45pm – 5:00pm	Plenary: Using a Perpetrator Pattern-Based Approach to Improve Outcomes for Adult & Child Survivors <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
5:00pm	End-of-Day Remarks <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>

Friday, October 25, 2024

8:30am – 8:45am	Opening Remarks <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
8:45am – 10:00am	Plenary: Domestic Violence-Child Welfare Case Study <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
10:00am – 10:30am	Team Time <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
10:30am – 10:45am	Break
10:45am – 12:00pm	Plenary: Domestic Violence Victims and Child Welfare - Providing Culturally Responsive Care <i>Brookfield 1-5</i>
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Registration *Brookfield Promenade*

8:45am - 9:00am

Brookfield 1-5

Opening Remarks

Justice Jill Karofsky - Wisconsin Supreme Court

9:00am - 10:15am

Brookfield 1-5

Plenary: Dynamics of Domestic Violence & Interacting with Systems

Hon. Tania Bonnett - Adams County Circuit Court

Milly Gonzales - End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

This session will cover Domestic Violence 101 and the impacts on families and children. The presenters will also address how domestic violence shows up in the court system and how (re)traumatizing systems can be.

10:15am - 10:30am

Break

10:30am - 12:00pm

*Moorland 1-3
(Lower Level)*

Workshop Series 1

A) The Myth of the "Child Witness": How Professionals Can Align their Practices with Children's Experience of Domestic Violence

David Mandel, MS, LPC - Safe & Together Institute

The discussion of domestic violence and children has been dominated by the concepts of the "child witness to violence" or "children exposed to violence." While reflecting a critical pathway to harm from domestic violence perpetrators' behaviors - seeing and hearing violence - it is an incomplete framework for fully and truly hearing the voice of the child, and holding perpetrators accountable as parents. In this workshop, David Mandel will critique current assessment practices related to children and domestic violence and offer up practical, solution-driven changes to bring domestic violence policy and practice more in alignment with child survivors' lived experience.

Brookfield 2

B) Indigenous Perspectives on Domestic Violence and Child Welfare

Hon. Rodney W. Dequaine - Oneida Nation Family Court

Carrie Scott-Haney - Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center

Tania Cornelius - Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Tegan Swanson - End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

This workshop panel will center indigenous perspectives on the child welfare system, its intersections with domestic violence, roles of tribal courts, jurisdictional questions related to circuit and tribal courts, and impacts for families experiencing child welfare involvement.

Wisconsin 1-2

C) Collaborative Efforts: Waukesha County CPS and The Women's Center

Jennifer Adler, CSW - Waukesha County Health & Human Services

Krystal Chase, MS, CCTS-I, CCTS-S - The Women's Center

Allie Krueger, CSW - Waukesha County Health & Human Services

Jessi Trauth, MA, CCTS-S - The Women's Center

The primary focus of this session will be to discuss collaborative communication between counties and domestic violence/sexual assault/human trafficking service providers, including the intersections of domestic violence and child welfare issues and developing MOUs and/or contracts that meet both federal and state statutes.

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Wisconsin 3-4

D) The Safe at Home Program

Shelley Sturdevant - Wisconsin Department of Justice

Carmin Valerdi - Wisconsin Department of Justice

This session will provide an overview of the Safe at Home address protection program, its statutory authority, and considerations for working with survivors of domestic violence in court and child welfare settings.

Brookfield 1

E) Lived Experience Café

Samantha Copus - Parent Partner, Parents Supporting Parents Jefferson County

Janene Duenkel - Parent Leader in Child Welfare, Monroe County

Sequoia Emerson - Expert with Lived Experience, Brown County

Hon. Ramona Gonzalez - La Crosse County Circuit Court

Jessica Manogue - Parent Partner, Parents Supporting Parents Jefferson County

Participants will learn about the far-reaching impacts of domestic violence and hear concrete suggestions for improving the court, child welfare, and domestic violence systems. Participants will rotate through stations to hear the perspectives of experts with lived experience, where each expert will share information about their own experiences and answer questions.

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Group Lunch (provided) *Brookfield Promenade*

1:00pm - 2:30pm

*Moorland 1-3
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Workshop Series 2

A) The Myth of the "Child Witness": How Professionals Can Align their Practices with Children's Experience of Domestic Violence (*repeat*)

David Mandel, MS, LPC - Safe & Together Institute

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Wisconsin 1-2

B) Impacts of Domestic Violence on Immigrant Survivors and their Children

Dr. Shreya Bhandari, PhD, LISW - Purdue University Northwest

This session will focus on impacts of domestic violence on immigrant survivors and their children. It will explore specific barriers that immigrant survivors may experience when interacting with the various systems.

Wisconsin 3-4

C) Parenting Under the Lash: The Historical Roots of Corporal Punishment in Black Communities

Dr. Carolyn M. West, PhD - University of Washington

Black children are overrepresented in the child welfare system. Using examples from popular culture, African American history, and psychological research, participants will learn how corporal punishment is discussed and regarded in Black families and communities. Participants will gain new perspectives on the topic and learn ways to provide culturally responsive care to domestic violence survivors and their children within the child welfare system.

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Brookfield 2

D) Lessons Learned from Treatment Court

Dorothy Dey, JD - Dey Law Offices
Rebecca Foley Cramer, JD - Milwaukee County Family Drug Treatment Court
Steven Kresch, JD - Kresch Law Firm
Christine D. Mochel, JD - Milwaukee County Healthy Infant Court
Brian Myers, MS, ATRL-BC, LPC - Children's Wisconsin
Samantha Reynolds - Brown County Family Recovery Court
Hon. Thomas Walsh - Brown County Circuit Court

While local family treatment courts do not focus primarily on domestic violence, many treatment courts nevertheless see high rates of intimate partner violence in the lives of treatment court participants. Panel members from around the state will share how they address this through a treatment court model and share lessons that can be applied in any court.

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Brookfield 1-5

Plenary: Using a Perpetrator Pattern-Based Approach to Improve Outcomes for Adult & Child Survivors

David Mandel, MS, LPC - Safe & Together Institute

In this session, David Mandel, creator of the Safe & Together Model, will share its core concepts, key practices and results from an approach to domestic violence and children being used by professionals across the globe.

5:00pm

Brookfield 1-5

End-of-Day Remarks

Hon. Marshall Murray (Ret.) - Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Hon. Thomas Walsh - Brown County Circuit Court

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Friday, October 25, 2024

8:30am - 8:45am

Brookfield 1-5

Opening Remarks

Hon. Audrey Skwierawski - Director of State Courts

8:45am - 10:00am

Brookfield 1-5

Plenary: Domestic Violence-Child Welfare Case Study

Hon. Marshall Murray (Ret.) - Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Hon. Thomas Walsh - Brown County Circuit Court

In this session, teams will collaborate while exploring a case study about the intersections of child welfare and domestic violence in the court system.

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Plenary: Domestic Violence Victims and Child Welfare - Providing Culturally Responsive Care

Dr. Carolyn M. West, PhD - University of Washington

Based on her three decades of work as a researcher, clinician, expert witness, and domestic violence advocate, Dr. West will present a survivor-centered, culturally-responsive, trauma-informed, strengths-based approach to providing services to domestic violence victims who are involved in the child welfare system.

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Brookfield 1-5

Closing Remarks

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Hon. Thomas Walsh - Brown County Circuit Court