

2006 Conference on Family Violence Treatment

University of Calgary, MacEwan Hall Ballroom

May 11 - 13, 2006

Alberta has the highest rate of domestic abuse in the country

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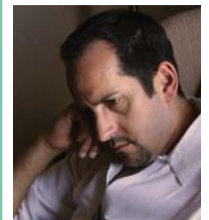


Addressing the issue through
community partnerships and education



 Calgary Counselling Centre

MacEwan Hall Ballroom
251 MacEwan Student Centre
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 11

7:30 - 8:30

Registration

8:30 - 9:30

Opening Address Victor Rivers: A Private Family Matter

Victor Rivas Rivers is a veteran actor, athlete, and advocate who is the spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. He is also the author of *A Private Family Matter*, an autobiographical account of family violence.

9:30 - 4:30

Alyce LaViolette: Assessing & Managing Risk: Application to Practice

Special Event - Research Forum & Dinner \$35

5:30 - 9:30pm

Latest information on outcome measures and research in domestic violence treatments presented by: **Dan Saunders, Debra Levesque, Leslie Tutty, Michael Rothery, Robbie Babins-Wagner**

Friday, May 12

8:30 - 9:30

Opening Address: Working Together to Stop Violence (Guest Speaker TBA)

9:30 - 12:30

Daniel Saunders: Interventions for Men Who Batter: Some Promising Innovations

1:30 - 4:30

Debra Levesque: Readiness for Change: Research and Application to Practice

Saturday, May 13

8:30 - 9:30

Opening Address: Guest Speaker TBA

9:30 - 4:30

Alan Jenkins: Working with Men Who Use Violence

Participants are responsible for their own one hour lunch breaks.

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Instructional Hours: 16.5

Alyce D. LaViolette

Alyce D. LaViolette is a Marriage and Family Therapist and has worked in family violence since 1978. In 1979, she founded Alternatives to Violence, one of the first programs in the U.S. for spouse abusers. She has authored and co-authored many articles and books, including: *It Could Happen to Anyone-Why Battered Women Stay; Battered Women, Power and Family Systems Therapy; For our Children, a parenting curriculum*. Alyce is a founding member, and Co-Chair of the California Association of Batterer's Intervention Programs.

Dr. Daniel Saunders

Dr. Daniel Saunders is a Professor of Social Work and Co-Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Program on Violence Across the Lifespan. He established one of the first U.S. intervention programs for men who batter and helped establish crisis and advocacy programs for battered women in the 1970's. His research focusses on offender program evaluations, the traumatic effects of victimization, and responses of professionals and the public to dating and domestic violence. In addition to publishing extensively on domestic abuse treatment and prevention, he regularly consults with local, state, and national agencies.

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Dr. Deborah Levesque

Dr. Deborah Levesque is Director of Organizational and Health Behavior Change Programs for Pro-Change Behavior Systems. She trained with experts on the Transtheoretical Model as a graduate student and post-doctoral research fellow, and is currently adjunct faculty at the University of Rhode Island. With Richard Gelles, she received a grant from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation to fund her dissertation research assessing domestic offenders' readiness to end their violence, She serves as a consultant to the Correctional Service of Canada.

Alan Jenkins

Alan Jenkins, a Clinical Psychologist, is currently a partner in NADA Consultants, an independent agency in Adelaide, South Australia that provides intervention services in domestic abuse, sexual assault and workplace harassment. He has published extensively, including: *Invitations to Responsibility*; *The Therapeutic Engagement of Men Who are Violent and Abusive*; *Invitations to Responsibility: Engaging Adolescents and Young Men Who Sexually Abuse*; and *Moving Towards Respect: A Quest for Balance. Men's Ways of Being*.

Leslie Tutty

Leslie Tutty is a full professor with the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary where she teaches courses in both clinical social work methods and research. Her research over the past fifteen years has focused on prevention and interventions with family violence in a variety of forms including evaluations of shelter and post-shelter programs, support groups for abused women, treatment for adult and child victims of sexual abuse and groups for men who abuse their partners. Leslie is currently the Academic Research Co-ordinator of RESOLVE Alberta, a tri-provincial research institute on family violence.

Michael Rothery

Michael Rothery has been a professor of social work at the University of Calgary, since 1989. He teaches social work practice and research (primarily at the graduate level) and is active in the community conducting research in the human services sector. His publications include a book on family therapy (co-authored with George Enns), and articles on social work research, family violence, helping relationships, and ecosystems theory.

Robbie Babins-Wagner

Robbie Babins-Wagner has been with the Calgary Counselling Centre since 1992 and C.E.O. since 1996. Robbie has also been a part-time Sessional Instructor in the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary since 1982, and is currently a Doctoral Student in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary focusing on Psychotherapy Outcome Research. She has presented papers and workshops focussed on domestic violence treatment and counselling outcomes internationally.

Partners in Education for the Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying

The development of a partnership between Calgary Counselling Centre and the University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work provides education and training for people working in the field of family violence. This partnership promotes the development of applied research and through this initiative makes research outcomes available to the public. This educational partnership ensures that professionals can access appropriate training and that effective treatment and counselling is provided to victims, those abusive to others and to children affected by family violence and bullying.

Family Violence Treatment Certificate Program

The Family Violence Treatment Certificate Program offers participants an opportunity to develop and enhance knowledge and skills required to work with men, women and children impacted by family violence and bullying. Learning modules will include the following topics:

- ❖ Assessing and managing risk for men, women and children exposed to family violence
- ❖ Individual, couple, family and group skills pertaining to family violence treatment
- ❖ Substance abuse and family violence
- ❖ Diversity and family violence treatment
- ❖ Research and its application in family violence treatment programs
- ❖ And more...

This program provides an opportunity for professionals working in both urban and rural settings to acquire family violence treatment training. Participants will develop and enhance their professional networks at conferences and through classroom learning, e-learning opportunities and teleconference sessions. Face-to-face practical experience with clients will be offered through an externship at Calgary Counselling Centre.

The Family Violence Treatment Certificate Program is offered through an educational partnership between University of Calgary and Calgary Counselling Centre. This program is:

- ❖ facilitated by local and international personnel who have knowledge and practical experience in helping people build better lives as they stop domestic abuse and move beyond the impact of family violence and bullying.
- ❖ approved for professional continuing education credits

The development of this educational program is funded through the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Children's Services, Community Incentive Fund.

Scholarships and a seed grant for applied research in the area of family violence treatment have been made available through this educational partnership.

For more information on the Family Violence Treatment Certificate program visit the information table during this conference or visit either of the partners' Web sites: www.calgarycounselling.com or www.fsw.ucalgary.ca

