



2008 Pikes Peak Region
7th Annual

Domestic
Violence
Summit

October 8-9, 2008

El Pomar Penrose House
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Conference at a Glance

October 8, 2008

8:00 – 8:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast in the Pavilion

8:45 – 10:15 **Keynote ...**
Freedom is not Free: Reframing Domestic Violence as Coercive Control *by Professor Evan Stark*

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12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH in the Pavilion

1:00 – 2:30	Women or Children First? <i>Professor Evan Stark</i>	The Importance of Perceptions of Coping Capability in Survivors of Domestic Violence <i>Dr. Charles Benight</i>	Psychological Issues Confronting Combat Veterans and their Families <i>Dr. David Fenell</i>	Teen Dating Violence <i>Alpha Gunn and Cheryl Stueve</i>
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October 9, 2008

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The Role of Nutrition in Recovery *by Jean Armour*

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Survivor Jerry Miranda Tells His Story, followed by Slideshow

8:00 – 8:45 **REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST in the Pavilion**

8:45 – 10:15 **Keynote ...** *Professor
Evan Stark*
Freedom is not Free: Reframing Domestic Violence as Coercive Control

Pavilion

Despite its success in criminalizing domestic violence and keeping millions of women and children safe, the Domestic Violence Revolution is stalled. A huge gap separates the strategies men use to oppress women in personal life and the model of domestic violence on which most interventions are based. Drawing on his path breaking new book, *Coercive Control*, and on cases from his forensic practice, Dr. Stark will contrast the conventional model with women's actual experience of coercive control; describe the four components of coercive control; and argue that to move forward, the Domestic Violence Revolution must return to the vision of women's liberation and social change from which the shelter movement was born.

10:15 – 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 – 12:00 **Breakout Sessions ...**

Carriage House

Agency and Victimization in the Lives of Battered Women *Professor Evan Stark*

This workshop is designed for advocates and other professionals who work directly with victims and/or survivors of abuse. It will use the cases of three women - two charged with murder and one charged with embezzlement - to illustrate the intricacies of coercive control and introduce a tool to help professionals assess the dimensions and seriousness of coercive control.

Cripple Creek Room

Psychodrama Techniques for Your Practice *Dr. Bill Wysong & Joann Wysong*

Psychodrama is the original form of group psychotherapy. You may be familiar with some of the following techniques originated in psychodrama: role playing, role reversal, and "empty chair." During this experiential session, various psychodrama techniques for individual and group counseling will be utilized. Volunteers can participate in short psychodrama/role playing experiences. Discussion of the use of the techniques follows the action phase.

Penrose Room

Once We Were Children: Victims of Trauma who Offend as Adults *Facilitated by Rosemary
Kjeldgaard*

We know domestic violence has lasting effects on children who witness and are victims to the abuse. These are the stories of those children - now adults - who have unfortunately committed offenses against their adult partners. The panel discussion will describe the childhood experiences of these men, through their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, not as an excuse or reason for their offenses but to demonstrate the lasting impact witnessing domestic violence has had on their lives and the lives of those around them. Panel members will discuss the impact of witnessing domestic violence, including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, as well as abandonment, neglect, emotional incest, parentification, and verbal abuse.

Proby Room

Teens and Dating: A School's Response *Det. Robert Campbell & Det. Dave Pratt*

This workshop will provide an overview of what the Domestic Violence Laws are, what Colorado Springs Police Department School Resource Officers are seeing in terms of Teen Dating Violence in the high schools, and what the schools and law enforcement are doing to address the issue.

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH in the Pavilion**

1:00 – 2:30

Breakout Sessions ...

Carriage House

Women or Children First?

Professor Evan Stark

Taking the NYC case, *Nicholson v. Williams* as a starting point, this workshop is designed to improve the capacity of advocates, justice service and health professionals to understand, recognize and respond to situations in which children are put at risk by domestic violence against their mother. This workshop will critically review evidence on how domestic violence and coercive control harm children, describe the typical dynamics in these cases, and identify the "battered mother's dilemma" as it takes shape in abusive relationships and in custodial and child welfare proceedings. Interventions designed to address the mother's dilemma in these cases will also be discussed.

Cripple Creek Room

The Importance of Perceptions of Coping Capability in Survivors of Domestic Violence

Dr. Charles Benight

In this workshop, Dr. Benight will discuss the role of self-regulation in trauma recovery and how it relates to how victims of domestic violence overcome their trauma to become survivors. Dr. Benight will also discuss the clinical implications associated with these coping capabilities.

Penrose Room

Psychological Issues Confronting Combat Veterans and their Families

Dr. David Fenell

After the September 11, 2001 attacks, Dr. David Fenell, a Colonel (retired) in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps Reserve, was mobilized and served combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He provided psychological services to military personnel and their families. He witnessed firsthand how combat-related trauma and other psychological conditions affect soldiers and their families. In this workshop, Dr. Fenell will discuss the stressors that warriors experience preparing for deployment, during the deployment and upon reunion at the end of the deployment. He will describe the impact these stressors have on combat veterans and on their family members, including the possibility of creating conditions that could support domestic violence.

Proby Room

Teen Dating Violence

Alpha Gunn & Cheryl Stueve

Teenagers in abusive relationships face similar challenges to those of adults. However, issues such as coping with peer pressure, developing self-esteem, lack of access to information, and the daily struggles of being a teenager are unique. Participants in this breakout sessions will explore the dynamics of teen dating violence, will process how to most effectively provide services, and will leave with effective resources and ideas for working with teens, parents, schools, and community organizations.

2:30 – 2:45

BREAK

2:45 – 4:15

Breakout Sessions ...

Carriage House

Intimate Partner Rape

Sarah Vaine

This workshop will outline the issue of intimate partner rape, or "wife rape," victim impact, offender dynamics, implications for treatment of victims and offenders, and the relationship between this issue and our current justice system.

Cripple Creek Room

Guns and Domestic Violence Offenders: Possession, Enforcement and Ownership Issues

Agent Ray Brown & Det. Jim Vidmar

Agent Ray Brown from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and Detective Jim Vidmar of the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) will help dispel the myths around domestic violence offenders and gun ownership. They will cover what constitutes a violation, what federal and state requirements are, and the role victims, probation officers, therapists and case workers play in relinquishing weapons.

WEDNESDAY AGENDA

October 8, 2008

Penrose Room

Battle of the Sexes: A Comparison of Women and Men Arrested for Domestic Violence

Gail Murphy-Geiss

This session will highlight research comparing police reports of men and women arrested for domestic violence in El Paso County in 2004. Sixteen different variables were associated with gender, including the age of the victim, the presence of child witnesses, who called the police, and the use of alcohol. A number of variables showed no difference according to gender, including relationship status and time of day. Other variables were mixed, such as type of violence and victim reactions. Data will be shared on those quantitative variables, as well as some discussion of qualitative analysis regarding severity of crime by gender. In addition, issues related to a few inconsistencies in police reporting will be noted.

Proby Room

Open Forum with Dr. Stark

Professor Evan Stark

Please join Dr. Stark for an informal question and answer session. He will be available for continuing discussion of prior sessions, additional questions, and book signing.

THURSDAY AGENDA

October 9, 2008

8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30-10:00 Keynote ... The Role of Nutrition in Recovery

Jean Armour

Pavilion

This presentation focuses on the body's need for specific nutrients, problem areas that may develop as a result of nutritional deficiencies, and the importance of feeding the body what it needs in order to repair potential damage from the use of substances. We will discuss how the body uses nutrients, including how the cells select from the available nutrients what they need to perform their role of maintaining health. This material lays a framework for teaching clients about self-care in their recovery process.

10:00-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:00 Breakout Sessions...

Carriage House

Bipolar, Batterer or Both: Key Points of Differential Assessment

Jen Kober

This presentation will offer key differential assessment criteria to look for when attempting to differentiate between domestic violence-based behavior (i.e. criminal behavior) and bipolar behavior. Treatment options will be offered for the dually-diagnosed client as well as helpful tips on how to coordinate care with mental health professionals. This presentation has been made possible through a collaboration with Elliot Cohen, M.D., a board certified psychiatrist.

Cripple Creek Room

"He said, He said" or "She said, She said:" Complex Considerations in Dual-Arrest Gay or Lesbian Domestic Violence

Peter Di Leo

This workshop will explore the complicating factors encountered by professionals in law enforcement, probation, treatment and advocacy when both parties are arrested in gay or lesbian domestic violence cases. We will identify the challenges involved in delivering services to each party, and we will offer insights and suggestions to assist in the key determination of who might be the predominant aggressor.

Penrose Room **Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse** *Terri Anderson and Cari Karns*
 This session provides an overview of the Elder Abuse Training for Law Enforcement project, including a section of the curriculum pertaining to domestic violence in elderly populations. The Office of Violence Against Women awarded a 3-year grant to the City of Colorado Springs to provide training throughout the 4th Judicial District in how to recognize and respond to elder abuse. The interactive 2-day training includes 11 modules which provide definitions of abuse (physical, neglect, sexual, financial), abuse dynamics, investigative strategies, etc. along with video testimonials. It is taught by a multi-disciplinary training team of law enforcement, prosecutors, senior services specialists, and domestic violence advocates. Please join us for a preview of the 2-day training and to learn more about abuse in the elderly population.

Proby Room **Recognizing Trauma Effects & Appropriate Interventions, Part I** *Jean Armour*
 This material provides insight into the development and storage of trauma effects in the body. Failure to address the biological component of trauma reduces effectiveness in client care and has a continuing influence in the inability of clients to retain treatment gains. Trauma is often addressed as a cognitive and/or emotional event, overlooking the knowledge that trauma is primarily stored as a physiological event. The presentation will focus on the body's protective mechanisms, how they are disrupted, and the need for assisting clients in the healing process.
 This is the first of 2 sessions.

12:00-1:15 **LUNCH in the Pavilion**

1:15-2:45 **Breakout Sessions...**

Carriage House **New Directions in Domestic Violence Offender Treatment and Assessment** *Cheryl Davis*
 This workshop will provide an overview of Colorado's new differentiated offender treatment model. The new model matches offender risk with intensity of treatment. It includes a multidisciplinary team approach, three levels of treatment differentiated by offender risk, treatment intensity, and offender competencies designed to measure behavioral change. Also included is a newly created risk assessment tool designed to classify offenders into different levels of treatment.

Cripple Creek Room **The Church's Response to Domestic Abuse: What Jesus Wouldn't Do and What He Might...** *Rick Ebbers*
 The church doesn't always know what to do about Domestic Violence. Most are sympathetic but remain paralyzed because it can be very messy and people don't know how to respond appropriately. However, sometimes the church responds poorly because of inadequate theology or faulty assumptions. Either way, working with clients and churches can be a maze without clear markers to follow. This session will help you understand what the church's appropriate response to DV could be and how you can best work with offenders if they use religion to justify their behaviors, as well as build bridges when working with churches to provide proper care to victims.

Penrose Room **Darfur: Impacts on My Personal and Professional Life** *Janet Kerr*
 The United Nations has called Violence against Women "the most pervasive yet least recognized human rights abuse in the world." However, cross-cultural studies of wife abuse have found that nearly a fifth of peasant and small-scale societies are essentially free of family violence. The existence of such cultures proves that male violence against women is not the inevitable result of male biology or sexuality, but more a matter of how society views masculinity (UNFPA). Janet Kerr spent fourteen months working for Doctors without Borders in Sudan's conflict-ridden region of Darfur in a refugee camp with victims of domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence. She will discuss how her experiences have impacted her attitude and approach to her work in preventing violence against women.

Proby Room **Recognizing Trauma Effects & Appropriate Interventions, Part II** *Jean Armour*
 The second of 2 sessions.

2:45-3:00 **BREAK**

3:00-4:30 **Closing in the Pavilion ...**
Survivor Jerry Miranda Tells His Story,
Followed by a Slideshow of the Conference

Keynote Speaker Biographies

Evan Stark, PhD, MSW, is a forensic social worker who is internationally known for his research on domestic violence and his advocacy on behalf of battered women and their children. A founder of one of the first shelters for abused women in the U.S., Dr. Stark co-directed the Yale Trauma Studies with Dr. Anne Flitcraft. This path-breaking research was the first to document the significance of domestic violence for female injury as well as links to child abuse, female suicide attempts and a range of other health and behavioral problems. Dr. Stark has served as an expert in more than 100 criminal and civil cases involving battered women and their children, consulted with numerous federal and state agencies, and won a number of prestigious awards for his work, including the Trend Setter Award from the National Health Councils and the Sanctity of Life Award from Brandeis University. He and Dr. Flitcraft co-chaired the U.S. Surgeon General's Working Group on Domestic Violence and Health. Dr. Stark was the lead witness for the plaintiff mothers in the landmark federal class action suit, *Nicholson v. Williamson*, and served on the "Nicholson Review Panel" that monitored compliance by the Administration of Children's Services in NYC with the court injunction. His most recent book, *Coercive Control: The Entrapment of Women in Personal Life* (Oxford University Press) has received enthusiastic reviews and was named the best book in sociology and social work for 2007 by the American Publishers' Association. Dr. Stark is a Professor at the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark and Chairs the Department of Urban Health Administration at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Public Health.

Jean Armour, LPC, BSN, CACIII, is the Owner/Director of Armour Counseling, specializing in substance abuse-related issues. She provides training and consultation services with the Odyssey Training Center, as well as serving as the clinical Supervisor for a number of area outpatient substance abuse treatment programs and therapists in private practice. Previously, Ms. Armour served as an Executive Manager at Arapahoe House. She has an extensive career as a nursing instructor, mental health clinician, and administrator. While some people are reading the latest pop-novels, Ms. Armour has been absorbed in texts about brain chemistry. She finds them very entertaining! Jean is a lover of the outdoors and dancing.

Presenter Biographies

Terri Anderson is the Director of Programs at Silver Key Senior Services, a large senior service and advocacy agency working to enhance the safety, independence, and quality of life of seniors in El Paso County. Ms. Anderson developed and continues to facilitate the Coalition against Abuse in Later Life (CALL) founded in 2004 and consisting of more than 20 organizations working to improve services, systems, and collaboration in the Pikes Peak region. Prior to her position with Silver Key, Ms. Anderson was a Program Manager for the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) for more than six years. Ms. Anderson is a Certified Expert Victim Advocate through the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA). She has trained extensively in the areas of family violence, elder abuse, and community collaboration.

Dr. Charles C. Benight, PhD, joined the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs from the University of Miami, where he completed his postdoctoral training in behavioral medicine. Dr. Benight earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Stanford University with an emphasis in Health Psychology/Behavioral Medicine in June 1992. He earned his Bachelors in Business Management from Arizona State University in 1983 and his Masters Degree in Counseling in 1986. Dr. Benight teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology, Trauma Psychology, and was the Director of Clinical Training for the Clinical Masters Program from 1996-2004. Recently, Dr. Benight founded and is the director of the CU-Trauma Studies and Resource Center. Dr. Benight's primary area of research interest is in the human adaptation from trauma. Over the past 15 years, he has focused research on recovery from natural disasters, man-made disasters, motor vehicle accident trauma, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and bereavement. Dr. Benight has been funded through the National Institute for Mental Health and the National Science Foundation. He is a reviewer for several primary journals in health and trauma psychology, including *Health Psychology*, *Psychosomatic Medicine*, *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, *Journal of Applied Personality and Social Psychology*, *Psychological Reviews*, *Brain Behavior and Immunity*, and the *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*. Dr. Benight served as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* from 2003 through 2007.

Agent Ray Brown is a graduate from Kent State University with a major in Criminal Justice Studies and a minor in Business Management. In 1988, he was admitted into Graduate College where he worked toward a Masters in Public Administration. In 1981, he started his career in law enforcement with the Stark County Sheriff's Office in Canton, Ohio. In the fall of 1989, Brown was appointed as a Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury Department in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). From 1989 to 1997, he worked as a Special Agency in northwestern Ohio for the Cleveland Field Division. In January 1997, Brown was assigned to the Charlotte Violent Crime Task Force in Charlotte, North Carolina. While in the Carolinas he became designated as an expert witness in state and federal court as a gang and narcotics investigation source expert. In March 2004, Brown was promoted to the Resident Agent in Charge of the Denver I Field Officer. He is responsible for the combined law enforcement strategy for forty counties in North/West Colorado. He oversees the ATF Firearms and Violent Crime enforcement programs in the Metropolitan areas of Denver, Aurora and Greeley. During his seventeen-year career with the ATF he has received four Treasury Special Act or Service Awards, three Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Awards, one Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Award, and a United States Justice Department Special Act or Service Award.

Detective Rob Campbell was born and raised in Toronto, Canada and did his undergraduate studies at York University, majoring in Psychology and Political Science. Detective Campbell then attended Centennial College and graduated with an Advance Care Paramedic certificate. He worked as a paramedic in Toronto and Hamilton for two years before moving to Colorado Springs in 2000, where he worked as a paramedic for another two years. Ironically, the first call he ever worked as a paramedic was a domestic violence homicide. In July of 2002 Detective Campbell joined the Colorado Springs Police Department and worked in the patrol division until August of 2006, when he became a School Resource Officer assigned to Doherty High School. In August of 2008 he became the coordinator for the Colorado Springs Police Department's Cadet Explorer and Student Crime Stoppers programs. Detective Campbell is a member of the steering committee for the Safe Schools Coalition and chairs the Teen Dating Violence sub-committee.

Cheryl Davis, MA, LPC, is the Program Director for the Domestic Violence Offender Management Program within the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ). Ms. Davis is a board member on the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board representing DCJ. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Colorado and an Approved Domestic Violence Treatment Provider. Ms. Davis has chaired the committee revising the Colorado Standards, including the development of the Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment instrument (DVRNA). Ms. Davis has over 17 years experience working with domestic violence victims and offenders. Her experience includes 15 years of providing trainings on the issues of domestic violence at the national, state, and local levels. Ms. Davis has extensive direct experience with victim services issues, victim advocacy issues, offender treatment, management and containment issues.

Peter Di Leo, MA, LPC, specializes in psychotherapy for gay and lesbian clients, providing relationship counseling. Mr. Di Leo is an approved Domestic Violence treatment provider, and he currently serves on the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board. He teaches part-time at Denver Behavioral Health Training Center and at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Rick Ebbers is the pastor of "The Journey - A Community Seeking God" in Longmont, CO. He is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church and graduated from Calvin Theological Seminary in 1995 with his Masters of Divinity. Chaplain Ebbers has been a volunteer chaplain for the Longmont Police Department since January 2000. Through his work with the LPD and LEVI (Longmont End Violence Initiative) he has worked with numerous victims of DV providing a healthy spiritual perspective and support. Chaplain Ebbers has been married to his wife Gwen for 18 years (Rick's translation: Gwen is a saint!) and they have two amazingly normal children, Austin and Paige.

Dr. Fenell, PhD, MA, is a Professor of Counselor Education in the Department of Counseling and Human Services at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. His research interests are in marriage and family therapy. His most recent publications have focused on providing support to military families who have experienced frequent family separations in response to the Global War on Terrorism. He has also published extensively in the areas of rural family therapy and the effective preparation of family therapists. Dr. Fenell is Chair of the Department of Counseling and Human Services and is a current member and past chair of the University Budget Advisory Committee. He provides service to the nation as a Colonel in the US Army Medical Service Corps delivering psychological support to military personnel and their families. He was

mobilized for two years immediately after the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, returning to his work as a University professor in 2003. He is a Clinical Member, Approved Supervisor, and Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and a member of The American Counseling Association, American Psychological Association, the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, the Division of Family Psychology, and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Dr. Fenell is a licensed psychologist, and a Nationally Certified Counselor.

Alpha Gunn, MA, LPC, NCC, is currently the Children's Program Manager at TESSA, a non-profit center that focuses on the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault of women and children. Ms. Gunn is a licensed practicing counselor who conducts play therapy, facilitates Domestic Violence Education (DoVE) groups for children, and provides community education regarding the deep and longstanding impact of domestic violence, teen dating violence, and elder abuse. Ms. Gunn is trained in Yoga Therapy, Healing Touch, and EMDR. Ms. Gunn is also a trainer for the Nurturing Parenting Program, an evidenced-based, psycho-educational program for reducing child abuse and neglect. Ms. Gunn believes that children heal most effectively when they have a safe and nurturing environment to develop in and is dedicated to creating that space through her work.

Cari Karns, is currently the Program Coordinator for the Colorado Springs Police Department's elder abuse training. Prior to taking over the elder abuse project, she had a 15-year career in the nonprofit sector, most recently as Executive Director for Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers, and holds an M.Ed. from Montana State University-Billings. She has also worked in home health care with elders in private homes and facility settings.

Janet Kerr, MA, LPC, is a Licensed Professional Counselor who has worked in the field of Violence Against Women since 1986 as a psychotherapist, the Executive Director of the Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence, and a trainer for such agencies as the FBI, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the State Department, both nationally and internationally. In 2006, Ms. Kerr joined the international humanitarian aid agency, Doctors Without Borders, traveling to Darfur to establish a mental health program focusing on Gender-Based Violence in the largest IDP (refugee) camp in the world.

Jennifer Kober, MA, LCSW, is a licensed clinical social worker and an approved domestic violence treatment provider. Ms. Kober is an adjudicated expert in both domestic violence and sexual assault. She has been practicing for over 20 years in the field of domestic violence and has broad experience with both victims and offenders. In 2006, Ms. Kober refused to hand over the private therapy records of an Air Force sexual assault victim and as such became nationally known for her fight to protect the privacy rights of victims.

Gail Murphy-Geiss, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Colorado College. Dr. Murphy-Geiss received her Ph.D. from the University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology joint program in Religion and Social Change. Dr. Murphy-Geiss' teaching and research interests focus on gender, family and religion as well as research methods. Observations as a volunteer with TESSA's (then the Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence) "Court Watch" program in the 1990s led to her current research interest in domestic violence, with a focus on gender. Her students continue in her footsteps as occasional volunteers for Justice Watch, a local agency that regularly observes the El Paso County courts. Dr. Murphy-Geiss volunteers for Justice Watch as well, both as a watcher and as a research consultant. Additionally, she is an ordained United Methodist clergywoman, with research interests in clergy sexual misconduct and other issues related to women and religion.

Detective Dave Pratt is a 16-year veteran of the Colorado Springs Police Department, currently assigned to the Investigations Division as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Mitchell High School. Detective Pratt has been involved in school-based policing for 13 years, serving as a DARE Instructor for area elementary schools and as an SRO for School Districts 11 and 49. Detective Pratt is a graduate of Mitchell High School and a member of the Elder Abuse Team with the Colorado Springs Police Department.

Cheryl Stueve, MA, is currently the Children's Community Outreach Coordinator at TESSA, a non-profit center for the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault. As the Children's Community Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Stueve has created educational curriculums to teach children from elementary to high school such topics as bullying, conflict

resolution, healthy relationships and teen dating violence. Ms. Stueve has also created programs to educate school personnel about warning signs and intervention techniques to utilize with children experiencing violence or abusive relationships. In addition to her job at TESSA, Ms. Stueve is employed as a Family Preservation Therapist for two local agencies in Colorado Springs. As an unlicensed psychotherapist she works with children, adolescents and adults. Ms. Stueve has twelve years' experience working with youth and their families in various settings ranging from treatment and detention centers, group homes, emergency shelters, in-home individual and family therapy and school counseling.

Sarah Vaine, MA, LPC, is the Executive Director for Advocates for Victims of Assault, Inc. Ms. Vaine provides ongoing training to staff and volunteers, law enforcement, social services, and medical/mental health professionals on issues related to sexual assault, domestic violence, grief, and trauma. Ms. Vaine regularly conducts workshops with students and faculty in schools around the issues of sexual abuse, assault, harassment, and dating violence. Prior to her position with Advocates for Victims of Assault, Ms. Vaine worked with individuals and families as a therapist in private practice. She is also a victim advocate representative to the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board and the Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board.

Detective Jim Vidmar is a Detective with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, currently assigned to work with the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT). Detective Vidmar has been working in the field of domestic violence for 5 years and has worked with the Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He has developed and implemented countless trainings for the Colorado Springs Police Department, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Training Academy, the District Attorney's Office, as well as out-of-state agencies in the area of domestic violence. Prior to his work at DVERT, Detective Vidmar managed the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Cadet/Explorer Program, coordinated the Neighborhood Watch Program, and assisted in helping with the CALEA accreditation. He has attended trainings in the areas of Complex Domestic Violence Investigations, Technology in Stalking, Serious Assault Investigations, Predominant Aggressor, and Digital Photography.

Bill Wysong, MA, LPC, EMDR II, TEP is a licensed professional counselor and has been designated "Fellow" by the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama. Dr. Wysong is one of about 200 people in the world certified as Trainer, Educator, and Practitioner (TEP) in psychodrama and group psychotherapy. Dr. Wysong provides psychodrama training and individual, couple, and group counseling. Dr. Wysong specializes in helping people overcome trauma.

Joann Wysong, MA, Psychodramatist, has trained in psychodrama since 1979 and has assisted Dr. Bill Wysong in many psychodrama workshops and presentations to organizations and masters-level university counseling classes.