



Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women, Inc.

36th Annual GCOSW Conference

Awareness • Education • Advocacy

GCOSW Mission: To seek for every woman and girl, dignity and opportunities equal to her potential, respecting diversity in ability, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, and age.

The Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women (GCOSW) was established in 1980 by the Gainesville City Commission. In 1994 the Commission reorganized as a non-profit organization and has since continued its mission to advocate on behalf of women and girls in the community.

The 36th Annual GCOSW Conference is just one of the projects supported by GCOSW. Through other programs and initiatives, GCOSW raises awareness and educates and funds innovative work surrounding women's issues in our local and global community.

Conference Purpose: The program provides a forum to discuss current trends in the fields of interpersonal violence prevention and response, including evidence-based best-practices, such as the CDC's strategies for sexual assault prevention and response, as well as to highlight emerging areas of focus for the field, including digital evidence collection strategies. This program will explore ways to address these challenges for the purpose of providing victim-centered intervention and prevention services and promoting recovery from various forms of oppression including child abuse, domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual battery. This conference is relevant for those who work in or are studying in the fields of law enforcement, child advocacy, mental health, victim services, domestic violence shelters, education, medical settings, religion, and the judicial system as well as for survivors or other members of the public who are concerned with these issues.

Educational Objectives:

- Identify types of technology used against survivors of domestic violence
- Understand what factors encourage young adults to seek help after violence or abuse
- Investigate new approaches to enhance comprehensive programming for sexual assault prevention and response
- Demonstrate the ability to reframe trauma and expand possibilities for healing
- Describe the role that self-care plays when assisting survivors of sexual violence
- Identify economically abusive behaviors and tactics
- Define restorative justice and how it differs from retributive justice

Conference Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church

Cost: Student - \$40, Group - \$60, Regular - \$70, On-Site - \$80

Fee Includes: Conference attendance, breakfast, and lunch

Register Online at Eventbrite

Payment is accepted via check, purchase order, or credit card

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Please note that due to the content of our program, children will not be allowed.

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Preliminary Program

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome & Introduction

9:15 – 10:15 Morning Keynote

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Morning Workshops

Morning Keynote

Forgiving My Daughter's Killer

Kate and Andy Grosmaire are the parents of three daughters. Ann, the youngest of the children, was killed in an act of dating violence when she was 19 years old. The Grosmaire's will share their story, how they turned to their faith after the loss of their daughter, and discuss the role of forgiveness they discovered within the criminal justice system.

Morning Workshops

Session 1 *Restorative Justice*

This workshop is a continuation of the morning keynote, focusing on an alternative approach to criminal punishment. Participants will identify the differences between restorative justice and retributive justice, discussing the benefits the Grosmaire's found through the restorative justice processes.

Presenters: Kate and Andy Grosmaire

Moderator: Gretchen Casey, BA, Director of Victim Services, Office of the State Attorney

Session 2 *Playback Story Telling: Past Traumas, Future Freedoms and Present Means of Resistance*

Bringing experiences from South African culture, the presenter will be discussing the role of literature in the healing process. Participants will learn techniques for engaging groups or individuals for services after trauma and demonstrate the ability to reframe trauma in order to expand possibilities for healing.

Presenter: Mandisa Haarhoff, MA, PhD Candidate

Moderator: Sarah Kate Wilder, MEd/EdS, Registered Marriage and Family Therapy Intern, Village Counseling Center

Session 3 *LIFE: A Survivor's Path to Financial Freedom*

In this workshop, the presenter will be reviewing the Economic Abuse Power and Control Wheel, identifying economically abusive behaviors and tactics. Participants will learn the impact economic abuse has on survivors, even after ending an abusive relationship. The presenter will discuss the role of community partnerships to help participants better understand how they can support and empower survivors of economic abuse.

Presenter: Trish White, Economic Empowerment Program Coordinator and Emergency Shelter Case Manager, Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network

Moderator: Whitney Shadowens, MA, Adult Outreach Counselor, Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Hotline

Session 4 *Re-Examining Risk Reduction: Implementing a Woman's Empowerment Sexual Assault Resistance Training at Florida Atlantic University*

The presenter will review the five strategies for sexual assault prevention and response outlined by the CDC technical package, allowing participants to evaluate the performance of their community ecosystem in applying each of the strategies, with the prospect of investigating new approaches to enhance comprehensive programming in their community.

Presenter: Sarah Deatherage, MPH, CPH, Health Promotion Coordinator, Florida Atlantic University

Moderator: Debra Weiss Hatfield, MEd/EdS, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Counseling and Wellness Center, University of Florida

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch

Presentation of Martha V. Varnes Award

Entertainment by Gosia and Ali

1:30 – 2:30

Afternoon Keynote

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 4:15

Afternoon Workshops

Afternoon Keynote

Helping Parents Help Their Young Adult: Effective Engagement for Responding to Teen Dating Violence

Mitru Ciarlante is the Director of Child & Club Safety with The Boys & Girls Clubs of America as well as the Director of the Youth Initiative for the National Center for Victims of Crime and serves as the President and Principal for ACT for Change (Advocacy, Consultation, Training), LLC in Pennsylvania. Mitru is a nationally recognized expert on childhood trauma and victimization, recovery and resilience, child and adolescent development, positive youth development, and youth engagement and leadership. Mitru served as an expert advisor to several national projects, including the *Stop the Bullying Now!* Campaign of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mitru also served as an advisor on ABC's *20/20*, on an *Oprah Winfrey Show* Special Report, and for the *CBS Evening News with Katie Couric*. Mitru serves as authority on youth protection, prevention, and intervention issues at multiple national venues. Mitru established S.T.O.P. Abuse (Students Together for Outreach & Prevention of Abuse) and organized RYOT Against Rape (Rallying Youth Organizers Together Against Rape). Mitru's most recent publication was, "Bringing Sustainable Child Sexual Abuse Prevention to Community-Based Organizations," in the *Newsletter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuses (ATSA)*. Mitru will begin discussing strategies for assisting parents in effectively engaging their child in the help-seeking process.

Afternoon Workshops

Session 5 (2:45 - 4:45) *Reaching Young Adults about Dating Violence: What Works*

This presentation will expand upon the topics covered in the keynote address, specifically examining how many young adults seek help, from whom they seek it, and what factors encourage or deter help-seeking after violence or abuse. Mitru will also discuss strategies to locate teen-centered resources to aid parents and advocates in engaging young adults around dating violence awareness and prevention. Participants will be able to apply new approaches to encourage help-seeking by the affected young adult.

Presenter: Mitru Ciarlante, BS, Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate, Director of Child & Club Safety, The Boys & Girls Club

Moderator: Bruce Ferris, MA LMCH, Certified Batterer's Intervention Program Facilitator

Session 6 *Sexual Assault: The Unspoken Implications of Caring*

In this workshop, participants will assess the use of self as a healing tool in assisting those who have experienced sexual assault. The presenter will describe the role that self-care plays when assisting survivors of sexual assault as well as the role that connection plays in their personal and professional lives.

Presenter: Meggen Sixbey, PhD, Associate Director for Crisis and Emergency Services, Counseling and Wellness Center, University of Florida

Moderator: Jennifer Stuart, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, Counseling and Wellness Center, University of Florida

Session 7 *Advocacy in the Digital Age*

The presenter, a certified law enforcement officer since 1996, will address the use of technology in domestic violence cases and describe evidence collection strategies specific to text messages and social networking posts. The participants will also learn strategies to plan around the use of technology to monitor, harass and abuse survivors of domestic violence.

Presenter: Steven Bradley, MBA, Safety and Technology Specialist, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Moderator: Linda Lewis, PhD, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Counseling and Wellness Center, University of Florida

Session 8 *Restorative Justice*

This is a second opportunity for participants to hear the Grosmaire's story of faith and forgiveness through the restorative justice process.

Presenters: Kate and Andy Grosmaire

Moderator: Hailey Brown, BS, Victim Advocate, Office of Victim Services, University of Florida Police Department

4:15 - 5:00 Networking/Evaluations/Certificates

Conference Coordinators

Hailey Brown • Annie Kizer-Carper • Gretchen Casey
Brandi Corbin • Debra Weiss Hatfield • Laura Kalt
Tanja Philhower • Naomi Phineas • Kristy Sasser
Whitney Shadowens • Debora Snyder • Sarah Kate Wilder

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