

Working with Domestic Violence Survivors Who Have Experienced Sexual Assault

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Brief Description of the Workshop

- The workshop will discuss the challenges and lesson learned by a dual program – Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa in ensuring that the “SA” in the “dual (DV and SA) program” is not marginalized. The workshop will also provide a space for dual and/or standalone (DV or SA) programs to discuss their own challenges and share their strategies in providing services to victims/survivors of DV who are also victims/survivors of SA.

Objectives

- For programs to assess their current program in ensuring that sexual assault is not marginalized
- For programs to create a strategy based on the discussions shared by the different programs
- For programs to replicate good practices shared by the different programs

Monsoon Experiences

- DV survivor experienced SA during the marriage/relationship
- DV survivor experienced SA prior to the marriage/relationship or SA after separation or divorce
- DV survivor experiences SA after separation or divorce but by an acquaintance/family member
- Child sexual abuse / Incest
- SA by community members

Challenges

- Starting the conversation
- Discomfort of the victim and even advocate

Strategies: Implementation of Good Practices

- Beyond Conversation – going beyond the personal
- Digital Storytelling
- Oral History
- Creation of "sex talk"

Assessing your program

- What are the challenges in serving a DV victim who disclosed SA?
- Strategies?
