



DAY TWO– TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022– 11:30 AM

Trauma-Informed Approach to Supporting Domestic Violence Victims in the Probation Setting

Session Description:

In this webinar, Lauren Anderson, of the Suffolk County Probation Department (NY), will discuss the need for trauma-informed care and a victim-centered approach when working with domestic violence victims and the importance of having a designated person to work exclusively with, and provide support and services to, domestic violence victims in the Probation setting. She will discuss the origins of her department's Victims Services section, her role in her unit and in the department, and services she provides to her victims and to Probation Officers. A few of the services she provides includes liaison services between the victim and the criminal justice system, educating victims of their rights and options, helping DV victims file police reports, obtain orders of protections, court accompaniment, crisis counseling/support, conduct Danger Assessments, provide referrals, and more. Lauren will also share some of her case examples demonstrating the importance of her role and feedback she has received from her victims.

BIO:

Lauren Anderson has worked in the Domestic Violence field, at various capacities, for over 20 years. She has been a hospital Emergency Room Companion (ERC) for DV and sexual assault victims, a precinct advocate for DV victims and a clinician facilitating psycho-educational batterer's intervention groups and parenting groups for DV abusers. For the past 16 years, Lauren has been employed by the Suffolk County Probation Department, in Long Island NY, working in the Domestic Violence Unit's Victims Services section. In addition to the services she provides to her victims she has also provided Domestic Violence trainings to her department, the local police department's Police Academy, local DV victim agencies, college student interns and gave a webinar on the work she does for Justice Clearinghouse. Lauren received her National Advocate Credential as a Credentialed Advocate (CA) at the Advanced Level with a designation of Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist by the NACP (National Advocate Credentialing Program). She is also an active member of the Suffolk County Task Force to Prevent Family Violence task force committees that have created DV brochures for the

community, discuss concerns for family violence victims, help to identify gaps in services and help to expand services to victims of family violence in Suffolk County.

Lauren received her Bachelors in Psychology from Stony Brook University in NY and her Masters in Forensic Psychology from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC. Lauren is also a certified yoga instructor (RYT500) and has a small wellness business where she teaches yoga, meditation and breathwork. In all areas of her professions she is dedicated to helping others