



Trauma Response and the Criminal Justice System: A Virtual Summit on Knowledge, Healing, and Resilience

“Learning from the Voices and Experiences of Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence” - Casey Keene, Director of Programs & Prevention, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence”

The Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) Leadership Forum, a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, is shifting the paradigm from deficit to growth – supporting the development of trauma-informed, culturally responsive, asset-based policies and practices that enhance resilience capacity in those who experience childhood trauma.

This training explores how domestic violence shapes children’s lives and impacts parenting, with an emphasis on the assets and strengths of families who survive this experience together. Drawing on common themes and lessons from the stories of adult children exposed to domestic violence, and embracing learning from emerging resilience research, the presenter will explore strategies to more effectively pave a pathway to prevention where individuals, families, and communities can thrive.

Learning goals:

1. Explore the complex lived experiences of children who survive domestic violence, and how these experiences of trauma can shape children's lives and impact parenting;
2. Embrace asset-based, trauma-informed approaches to working with children; and
3. Identify strategies for building resilience capacity in yourself and the people you work with.

Presenter: Casey Keene

Casey is the Director of Programs & Prevention for the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. She has served in various roles at NRCDV since 2001, where she provides programmatic oversight to special projects and resource development initiatives on the Programs & Prevention Team. Casey provides leadership to key

initiatives including PreventIPV and VAWnet, two premier online resource libraries offering tools for preventing and responding to gender-based violence. Specializing in issues related to children's exposure to domestic violence, Casey leads the [Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence \(ACE-DV\) Leadership Forum](#) and provides national level technical assistance and training on childhood trauma and resilience. Casey is a Licensed Social Worker who earned her Master's in Social Work from Temple University and has been active in the movement to end domestic violence for over 20 years. A mother to two inspiring children, her passion is building resilient and equitable communities where all children can thrive, which she practices in her role as the President of the PTO for Paxtang Elementary School.