



Upcoming DCJS Victims Services Trainings

November and December 2020

Healing the Harm: Restorative Justice Practices

What is Restorative Justice? How does it work and who benefits? This training will answer these questions and more. Using comparisons with the criminal justice system, the presenter will highlight the restorative justice focus on people rather than laws, share success stories and data to support its effectiveness, and outline the range of restorative practices available to support both the harmed parties and those who cause harm to others. There will be a discussion on how the Harrisonburg Restorative Justice Coalition got started and the work it is doing in the city. Participants will have the opportunity to explore ways in which they can develop coalitions to build restorative practices in their own communities. Part 1 will provide an overview of concepts and practices of restorative justice. Part 2 will continue the discussion and cover specifics related to the Harrisonburg Restorative Justice Coalition and the work it is doing in the city.

Dates & Times:

Part 1 – November 19, 2020, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Part 2 – December 10, 2020, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Registration & Information:

<https://www.dcms.virginia.gov/training-events/healing-harm-restorative-justice-practices-0>

The Modern Fight to Stop Child Sex Trafficking

The Internet exploded with incidences of child sex trafficking, and Craigslist and Backpage were super-spreaders of this epidemic. Erik Bauer, the attorney who spearheaded the successful fight against Backpage, together with attorney Susanna Southworth, explain the battle against Backpage and their current ground-breaking efforts to hold Craigslist accountable for the harm suffered by so many children trafficked on their website. Erik and Susanna will detail the evolution of child sex marketing and the nation-wide struggle to curtail it. They will explain the challenges to the justice system and their efforts to combat child sex trafficking, as well as expose the likely dangers moving forward.

Erik's legal battle against Backpage.com was featured in the documentary film, "I am Jane Doe". As part of this training, the first 100 registrants will receive a link to watch the film prior to Erik's presentation. From the movie's website:

"I AM JANE DOE" is a gut-wrenching human story and fresh look and a social and legal issue that affects every community in America. Called "a gripping legal thriller" (Esquire); "a powerful call to action" (The Los Angeles Times); "viscerally emotional" (The Washington Post), I AM JANE DOE chronicles the epic battle that several American mothers are waging on behalf of their middle-school daughters, victims of sex trafficking on Backpage.com, the classified advertising website that for years was part of the iconic Village Voice. Reminiscent of Erin Brockovich and Karen Silkwood, these mothers have stood up on behalf of thousands of other mothers, fighting back and refusing to take no for an answer. The documentary follows the journey for three young girls and their mothers in real time as they run headlong into a collision course not only with Backpage.com but with judges, special interest groups and Section 230- of the Communications Decency Act... The voices of these mothers and their children, amplified by I AM JANE DOE, has helped to catalyze legislation which passed overwhelming in the House and Senate and was signed by the President on April 11, 2018"

Date & Time:

December 3, 2020 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Registration & Information:

<https://www.dcms.virginia.gov/training-events/modern-fight-stop-child-sex-trafficking>

Sexual Misconduct and Tribal Communities

Leveraging the expertise and insights as the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, RAINN's consulting team will deliver a customized, interactive virtual training that provides participants with knowledge and skills to more effectively respond to reports of sexual violence from members of tribal communities in the Commonwealth.

The session will begin with exploring the common misconceptions, and related biases, surrounding sexual misconduct most relevant to tribal communities. Participants will deepen their understanding of the link between societal power dynamics, historic relationships between tribal communities and law enforcement and service providers, and responses to sexual violence. With this foundational knowledge, participants will learn skills and strategies for responding to reports of sexual misconduct in tribal communities in trauma-informed and culturally-conscious ways. These strategies will include practical tools to build rapport in appropriate ways with individuals who come from historically oppressed communities and communication skills that prioritize the needs of survivors.

Date & Time:

December 8, 2020 from 9:30 until 11:00 am

Registration & Information:

<https://www.dcs.virginia.gov/training-events/sexual-misconduct-and-tribal-communities>

Sexual Misconduct Among Individuals Ages 18-24

As a leader in providing comprehensive, trauma-informed trainings nationwide, RAINN's consulting team will deliver a tailored, interactive virtual training that provides participants with knowledge and skills to more effectively respond to reports of sexual misconduct among individuals ages 18-24.

The session will explore the sexual misconduct continuum, from unhealthy societal attitudes to boundary violations to subtle and overt misconduct. Participants will deepen their understanding of the misconceptions and realities of sexual misconduct among individuals ages 18-24 (including alcohol-related incidents) and the fundamental, yet complex, role power dynamics play in these incidents. In order to better respond to individuals ages 18-24 who report sexual misconduct, participants will explore relevant developmental considerations for this age group and the varied reactions of survivors before learning key principles for trauma-informed communication and strategies for collaborating with other providers.

Date & Time:

January 14, 2021 from 9:30 am until 11:00 am

Registration & Information:

<https://www.dcs.virginia.gov/training-events/sexual-misconduct-among-individuals-ages-18-24>
