



Report Back on

11th International Conference on
Violence, Abuse and Trauma

cum Post-Conference Study Visit
(San Diego, USA)



Dealing with Sexual Violence

from victim to survivor and beyond survivor

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Association Concerning Sexual Violence
Against Women



Some people see things as
they are and say why.

I dream of things that never were and
say why not.

-adapted by Robert Kennedy, 1968



From Victim

- ◆ The Best Kept Secret: Mother –Daughter Sexual Abuse: Julie Brand
(<http://www.caperconsulting.com>)
- ◆ Men and Trauma – A Consumer/ Survivor Perspective : Oryx Cohen (ocohen@wmtcubfi.org)
Concurrent Group Program Model for Children Exposed to Women Abuse
- ◆ Internet Crimes against Children: Investigation and Prosecution – John Hauger, Leia Bellis



From Victim

- ◆ Relief Fund for Sexual Assault Victims: oin effort to give support and service to sexual assault victims
- ◆ Victim Compensation Program
- ◆ Crime Victim Advocate
- ◆ Forensic Interview with Child Victims
- ◆ Animal Safehouse Program
- ◆ The Child Victim Identification Program



SART: Sexual Assault Response Team(www.nsvrc.org)

- ◆ A coordinated, multidisciplinary, and victim-centred first response to victim of sexual assault
- ◆ Communities partner together to customize their outreach to victims
- ◆ Expand service and resources to enhance the investigation and prosecution of sexual violence
- ◆ Promote quality assurance mechanisms to help sustain interagency collaboration over the long term



Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Sane



Rape Crisis and Child Advocacy Center Partnership: An unique Collaboration

Suggestions for implementation:

- ◆ Communication Strategies
 - ◆ Shared Perspectives and Missions
- Identification of Key players
- Willingness to collaborate
 - Case conferences
 - Compatible protocol
 - Time investment



Center for Community Solutions

(www.ccssd.org)



Healing and preventing sexual Assault & Relationship Violence

- ◆ Domestic Violence Services
 - 24hr crisis line, residential service, advocacy, counselling, legal service
- ◆ Sexual Assault Services
 - 24hr crisis line, advocacy counselling, legal services
- ◆ Prevention and Education
 - Community education, Beach Pride Family Resource Centre, Ahimsa Project for Safe Families, Youth Development Programs



From Victim

- ◆ Legal and Ethical Issues in Working with Victims in the Prosecution of Domestic Violence Case- Wendy Patrick Mazzone
- ◆ Sex Crimes and The Jury System: Making Sure There's Noise When the Discrimination Tree Falls in The Justice Forest – Wendy Murphy
- ◆ Problems and a Few Solutions for “Victimless Prosecutions” in The Aftermath of Crawford- Wendy Murphy



“ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”

-Margaret Mead



To Survivor

- ◆ Lethality and Risk of Re-assault: New Data and Protocol Development – Jacquelyn Campbell
- ◆ The Structure of Trauma Treatment : The Fairy Tale Mode, - Ricky Greenwald (www.childtrauma.com)
- ◆ Treating Severe Trauma and Dissociation Clinical Techniques/ Intervention : Colin Ross
- ◆ Stabilization and grounding techniques for PTSD and Dissociative Clients- Kevlin Connors



To Survivor

- ◆ Mental Health as a Public Health Issue
Clinical Interventions/Policy- William Glasser and Colin Ross
- ◆ Mental Health Transformation: Survivors Taking Action (consumer/survivor)- Dan Fisher, Roger Fallot and Susan Salasin
- ◆ Trauma and the Brain/Body Response: Bringing Science into the Playroom- Linda Dodda Margaret Comford



To Survivor

- ◆ Yesterday's Child: Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse- David Creamer
- ◆ Creating a Healing Society: The Impact Human Enothioan Trauma on Society :Susan Lawrence and David Mahore
- ◆ Darkness to Light Programs



A new Dialogue

Once clients' voice are heard, the oppression that we face can be better understood and only then can a new chapter in our history be written.



Beyond Survivor

- ◆ Normal People Don't Want To Know us :First-Hand Experiences & Perspectives On Stigma & Discrimination -Delphine Brody
(bayregion@californiaclients.org)
(<http://strategiesforchange.googlepages.com>)
- ◆ On Being Invisible in the Mental Health System:
Ann Jennings, Ph.D. (afj@gwi.net)
- ◆ Male victims of sexual assault: Twenty Years Later What Has Changed?-
victims/survivors/parents



Beyond Survivor

- ◆ Consumer-Survivor Meeting
- ◆ A song of Survival : Cici Porter
- ◆ Searching for Angela Shelton
(www.angelashelton.com)
- ◆ Award for outstanding Advocacy & Community Work in Ending Sexual Violence
- ◆ Awards Distinguisted service awards for excellence in the Media: Celesta Davis/Awful normal (www.awfulnormal.com)



“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience,

but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-Martin Luther King