



## **Predominant Aggressor Screening for DV Counselors, Advocates and Interventionists - PART ONE**

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1:00-3:00pm EST**

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## **Predominant Aggressor Screening for DV Counselors, Advocates and Interventionists - PART TWO**

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This webinar is in two parts that explore the challenges and complications of predominant aggressor screening, particularly within the work of domestic violence counselors, advocates and interventionists. Assessment is not something that ends at law enforcement response, although complications can arise due to decisions from law enforcement and court systems that have direct impacts on DV counseling and advocacy. This training is designed to explore the complications, confusions and challenges behind assessing predominant aggressor in domestic violence. Conversations from this training will open doors to asking useful and clarifying questions, understanding answers and avoidance from those being assessed and ongoing encouragement to identify and understand personal bias that can undermine appropriate screening and investigation into domestic violence.

During the webinar, participants will be viewing video clips of a law enforcement training video showcasing domestic violence calls, responses and interviews by police. These videos will be used to discuss how individuals may present during hotline calls, intake sessions for counseling and within advocacy requests and interviews as well as during domestic violence/batterer intervention entry.

**Part one** explores the evolution of domestic violence terms through recent history, discusses the

complications behind men as victims and considers self-defense as well as imminent harm as factors in predominant aggressor screening.

**Part two** continues the discussion by analyzing a situation where both parties have caused physical damage to each other and by looking at other confusing incidents that might be initially assessed as domestic violence, but these incidents introduce complications that need to be analyzed on their own merits.



### **Julie A. Owens**

Julie Owens is a survivor who has worked in domestic violence since 1989. Her story is featured in documentaries including, “Broken Vows: Religious Perspectives on Domestic Violence.” Julie has worked in shelters and advocacy programs and has established hospital training, a DV crisis response team, a transitional shelter, faith-based responses to DV and counselor certification training programs. She has been a researcher, project director and trauma therapist with the National Center for PTSD, the Domestic Violence Coordinator for Area Mental Health Authority in Charlotte, NC, and for over eight years was a Regional Director for N.C. Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission.

Julie is an Expert Consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center. She trained nationwide in Kosovo for the U.S. Dept. of State. She serves as an expert witness for court cases and trains and speaks extensively. Her areas of specialty include best practices in victim advocacy, domestic violence-related trauma, addictions/mental health and domestic violence and the church. She is currently developing a N.C. pilot project for the delivery of comprehensive support services to victims in three underserved populations – the disabled, the elderly and battered immigrants.



### **Christopher Hall**

Christopher Hall is a social worker who has been working in domestic and sexual violence intervention since 1997, and he has been employed at Emerge, West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and several community based domestic violence agencies conducting intervention for abusers as well as counseling for victims/survivors. Christopher has conducted trainings and spoken at conferences in 11 states. He has worked on engaging men and discussing gender equality at the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at Stony Brook University.

Christopher is on the faculty for the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan, on the steering committee of AQUILA and administers the Domestic Violence Intervention and Education Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DVEducationIntervention>).