



Department of Human Services
Human Services Institute
Professional Development Seminars

**“Domestic Homicide:
Clinical Interventions, Preventative Approaches,
and Empirical Features”**

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Course times: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
3 Clinical CE Hours

Location: One Bergen County Plaza • Room 460 • Hackensack, NJ 07601

About the Course:

This workshop explores domestic homicide – the most common type of homicide in the United States. Attendees will learn how the rise of the Domestic Violence Movement has attempted to reduce national rates of domestic homicides. Clinical issues related to both victimization and perpetration will be reviewed, as well as the ethical dilemmas that are incurred by the Duty to Protect and Warn- for cases in which potentially homicidal disclosures are made by clients to treatment providers. Safety-planning approaches, assessments, and clinical considerations for social workers who are faced with the challenge of case managing high-risk clients will be provided. Throughout this workshop, empirical research will be introduced to offer substantiated insight on the dynamics and patterns of domestic homicides.

About the Instructor:

Jonathan J. March, MA has worked at the Women’s Rights Information Center since July 2016, which is a community based nonprofit 501 (c) (3) established in 1973 in response to the needs of women caught up in a changing society. In addition, Mr. Marsh serves as a Consultant to A Partnership for Change, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending family abuse and intimate partner violence. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Psychology and Criminal Justice at Saint Thomas Aquinas College. Previously, Mr. Marsh worked for the Bergen County Division of Alternatives to Domestic Violence overseeing the largest domestic violence clinical intake unit in northern New Jersey.

Who Should Attend:

This is intermediate level workshop is for social workers that are interested in learning about domestic homicide and understanding the clinical issues of both victimization and perpetration. The workshop will explore the ethical issues regarding the Duty to Protect and Warn. Social workers faced with the challenge of case managing high-risk clients will find this workshop beneficial.

CE credit for New Jersey social workers is pending

Course Objectives:

The course objective is to assimilate the clinical and legal facets of domestic homicide, which will take into account empirical behavioral research on domestic homicides in United States as well as its correlates to psychiatric disorders, substance abuse issues, and empirically-supported contrasts in the typologies of male versus female perpetrators.

Course Outline:

9:30-10:00 Introduction on the workshop. Introduction of the presenter. Provide information on lead domestic violence agencies in Bergen County and the State.

10:00-10:30 Domestic Violence Movement: a review of the history behind the movement and the larger Women's Rights Movement; discussion on the advances that have been made which influenced incidents of domestic homicides in the United States.

10:30-11:00 Review on domestic homicides in the United States, based on government statistical resources (National Crime Victimization Survey; Uniform Crime Report; Center for Disease Control; Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review); brief examination of local cases; a review of perpetrator typologies, victim typologies. Behavioral patterns of domestic homicide. The stark differences between male-victimization and female-victimization will also be introduced.

11:00-11:30 Discussion on clinical facets of domestic homicide (depression; borderline personality traits); brief discussion on power and control and the cycle of domestic violence as it applies to most cases of male-perpetrated domestic homicide; discussion on male depression. Comparison to less frequently occurring female-perpetrated domestic homicides, which are more case-specific. Discussion on additional risk factors for homicide (stepchildren; alcohol abuse; firearm access)

11:30-12:00 Review of the Duty to Protect and Warn as it applies to social workers who treat clients who disclose homicidal ideations or plans; safety planning for potential victims; safety planning for potential perpetrators. A discussion on clinical approaches to working with potential perpetrators by assessing for lethality risks, psychiatric problems; brief discussion on batterers intervention approaches; review on assessing lethality with victims.

12:00-12:30 Review of "Battered Person Syndrome", its clinical facets, and use of the term in criminal courts; Q&A; Open discussion for attendees to offer feedback in a group format.

The cost of is \$38.00 per person. No refunds are available.

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To receive a certificate (for CEs):

Participant must pay the fee, attend entire workshop, sign in, sign out, *and* complete an evaluation.
Certificates will be distributed at the conclusion of the workshop.

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