



## Shifting the Lens: Transforming Our Approach to Domestic Violence May 2-3, 2016 in Berkeley, CA

### *Call for Workshop Proposals*

#### Conference Description

Victim safety and offender accountability have been central figures in the domestic violence field over the last few decades. As a result, we've seen significant expansion in crisis responses and legal interventions. When we look at a snapshot depicting our statewide response to domestic violence, these crisis responses and legal interventions appear as the predominant images in our picture.

*What happens when we shift the lens and look at domestic violence with a broader view?*

While our crisis responses and legal interventions typically look like victims leaving and offenders going to jail, when we refocus the lens:

- ➔ We see many survivors who want to keep their families together and the efforts they're making to find effective solutions that increase safety while supporting healing
- ➔ We see people who use abuse to maintain power and control that want compassionate help to change their behavior
- ➔ We see families struggling with the weight of multiple pressures and layers of oppression
- ➔ We see resilient communities pulling together in strength to improve their neighborhoods
- ➔ We see activists uniting around common concerns
- ➔ And we see opportunities for multi-disciplinary allies to think creatively, take risks and try new approaches

***We are at a momentous time when all involved in the domestic violence field have the opportunity to step back, shift the lens, broaden our focus and see the bigger picture.*** All across the state people are engaging in critical conversations and raising questions such as:

- *How can we meet families where they are?*
- *How has the traditional victim vs. offender framework impacted families?*

- *What might it look like to offer supports that aren't dependent on the victim leaving or the offender going to jail?*
- *What do we hear from communities about the impact and effectiveness of our current intervention approaches?*
- *What do we mean by "accountability" and what does it actually look like?*
- *What role does "healing" play in our work with individuals, families and communities?*

These and other provocative questions are essential as we shift our lens to see a bigger picture and draw a more comprehensive, more responsive and more effective domestic violence vision for our state. At this conference we seek to gather a diverse group of advocates, community organizers, mental health counselors, child and family champions, educators, legal experts, allied professionals and leaders from other intersecting movements – bringing together all our best wisdom and thought:

- ➔ Together we'll answer some of these critical questions
- ➔ We'll also raise more provocative concerns and solutions
- ➔ ***Ultimately, we believe the answers lie in our shared analysis***

This year's conference is about getting the right people in the room together to Shift The Lens -- so we see the issue of domestic violence through a broader community landscape where strengths and collaborative solutions are revealed.

## **Conference Objectives**

- Engage multi-disciplinary professionals and community organizers in mutual learning about domestic violence and intersecting social justice issues
- Build and strengthen partnerships with community allies and social justice partners that expand the domestic violence network
- Lift up innovative strategies that support family safety and healing, and explore solutions "beyond leaving"
- Promote promising practices that draw upon community strengths, and increase awareness of alternative interventions beyond criminal legal responses

## **Audience**

This Conference is open to those addressing domestic violence and other intersecting social justice issues, but not limited to:

- Anti-poverty & Just Wage Advocates
- Batterers Intervention Programs
- CalWORKS and other Social Services
- Campus Personnel
- Child Development Specialists
- Child Protective Services
- Community Organizers
- Culturally-specific Programs
- District Attorneys & Victim Witness Specialists
- Domestic Violence Advocates & Volunteers
- Disability Rights Advocates
- Economic Justice Advocates
- Educators & School Administrators
- Faith Leaders
- Health Care Providers & Administrators
- Housing Advocates
- Human Trafficking
- Immigration Advocates & Attorneys
- Judges & Court Personnel
- Language Justice Advocates
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Legal Professionals
- Mental Health Providers
- Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Administrators
- Parent Advocates
- Prevention Educators
- Public Health
- Racial Justice Advocates
- Reproductive Justice Programs
- Restorative Justice Programs
- Sexual Assault Advocates
- Social Workers
- School-based Health Clinics
- Transformative Justice Programs
- University Professors, Educators & Residential Life
- Youth Service Programs

## Workshop Tracks

Final tracks will be determined after reviewing proposals and selecting workshop presenters. Preliminarily, we are considering workshops within the following tracks:

- Prevention and Social Norms Change
- Access for Traditionally Underserved Populations (esp. LGBTQ, language access, human trafficking, incarcerated survivors, survivors with disabilities)
- Cross-disciplinary Approaches (esp. health care collaborations, campus-based efforts, social work partnerships)
- Community Accountability and Response Approaches (esp. transformative and restorative justice, DV courts, coordinated community response teams, restorative policing)
- Innovative Service Modalities (e.g., housing first, Promotoras, family interventions, beyond leaving)
- Strengthening Leadership and Organizational Sustainability

## Workshop Format

Workshops will be presented on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in 90-minute break-out sessions. A/V equipment and room set-up may be negotiated with selected presenters.

## Potential Workshop Topics

We will *look most favorably* on workshop proposals that demonstrate:

- + Provocative analysis and non-traditional responses to domestic violence
- + Prevention strategies that address social norms
- + Supports for families healing through domestic violence
- + Alternative accountability models
- + Community engagement strategies
- + Intersectional work with other social justice movements
- + Effective cross-disciplinary collaborations
- + Innovative and promising service delivery models

For this year's conference, we *strongly discourage* workshop proposals that:

- ✓ Promote existing/mainstream crisis responses and legal interventions
- ✓ Focus on vicarious trauma and self-care
- ✓ Fail to address the needs of underserved populations
- ✓ Cannot be presented with simultaneous interpretation
- ✓ Involve panel discussions and group presentations

## Compensation for Presenters

Selected Presenters will be notified of available resources after March 4, 2016.

## Workshop Proposal Submission

Deadline for submission of workshop proposals is February 19, 2016.

Please see attached form that outlines all workshop proposal information to be submitted electronically. Proposals must be submitted [HERE](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZT7R9V5) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZT7R9V5> )

For questions, please contact Conference staff: [conference@cpedv.org](mailto:conference@cpedv.org).