

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

SEXUAL ASSAULT IDENTIFICATION AND RESPONSE TRAINING

June 14, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (North) 500 West Hanover Avenue Morristown, New Jersey, 07960

COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive class materials prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment. Resource materials will be distributed on the day of the program.

Program Summary

This program will provide assistant prosecutors and law enforcement personnel with an advanced understanding of sexual assault and the dynamics that make up this crime, including an in-depth discussion of consent. The program will provide tools for responding to all sexual assault victims utilizing a trauma informed lens. Topics covered include the effect of sexual assault on the physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of victims, both during and in the immediate aftermath of the assault, and the longer-term impact of sexual assault victimization, including how victims integrate the impact of the sexual assault experience into their lives. Attendees will also learn about the rights afforded to sexual assault victims and gain insight into how a victim's culture may affect their response to sexual assault.

The training will discuss the composition of a Sexual Assault Response Team and the guidelines for law enforcement personnel handling SART and non-SART assaults. Established procedures and guidelines concerning victims of sexual violence outlined in Standard Operating Procedure B39, and the Attorney General Standards for Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault will also be reviewed.

Upon completion of the program, attendees will be able to identify sexual violence, successfully activate a Sexual Assault Response Team, understand the impact of trauma on victim response, and work more effectively with victims of sexual assault from a variety of cultures, religions, sexual orientations, races/ethnicities, and disability statuses.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to assistant prosecutors and law enforcement officers. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not an assistant prosecutor or law enforcement officer.

Who Is the Faculty?

Meg Rodriguez is the Supervising Assistant Prosecutor of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office Sex Crimes/Child Endangerment Unit. In her tenure at the MCPO, Supervising Assistant Prosecutor Rodriguez worked on the trial team, where she conducted a number of jury trials, including narcotics, burglaries and aggravated assaults. She has also worked in the Juvenile Unit and assisted the Major Crimes and Domestic Violence Units. Supervising Assistant Prosecutor Rodriguez is a Certified Criminal Trial Attorney. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ and obtained her Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware.

Sujata Warrier, Ph.D, is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance for the Battered Women's Justice Project. She trains and provides technical assistance to professionals in various criminal justice systems. She has also provided extensive training at the local, state, national and international levels on the issue of cultural competency for various professionals and has delivered numerous lectures on the issues of culture, competency, relativism, and violence against women. Dr. Warrier's outreach has extended across the globe to groups in Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, Egypt, India, Jordan and Russia. Her areas of expertise include violence against women in the international context, women's health, cultural diversity for domestic and sexual violence programs, and working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Dr. Warrier is a faculty member for the National Judicial Institute's Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She was appointed by the Attorney General to the Federal Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women's Advisory Board. She also serves on the boards of The Asian Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence, and Assista. Dr. Warrier has received numerous awards, including The Rev. Cheng Imm Tan Visionary Award; the AWAKE Award for South Asian Women's Advocacy; the Indian Chamber of Commerce Award honoring Women Achievers and the New York 30 Women Leaders Award. She received her Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 6.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 6.5 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 5.5 Substantive Credits (\$9.00 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to register for this program through Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sexual-violence-njsp-training-northern-new-jersey-location-registration-44962694630?aff=affiliate1

Please do not attempt to register through the AGAI course registration system.