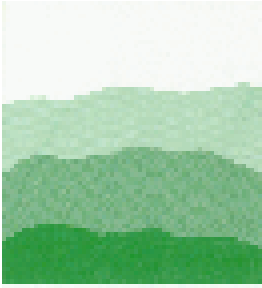


Responding to the Trauma of Sexual Assault or Abuse

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

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Mary Walz-Watson, RN, BS, SANE, Mary is the Western MA Regional Coordinator for DPH/MA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program and is responsible for the oversight and daily delivery of sane services to 5 hospitals and one college campus. She has been caring for patients of sexual assault since 2004 and coordinating services since 2007. She has 25+ years working in the developmental disabilities field and currently collaborates regularly with DPPC, is a member of the BPI steering committee and International Association of Forensic Nurses. Mary has presented at numerous conferences across the state in collaboration with DPPC, district attorney's offices, correctional facilities, colleges, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, rape crisis centers and military installations. Mary has also consulted/assisted with the Awareness and Action project to develop the curriculum to teach people with disabilities on how to recognize, respond and report abuse.



Deborah Parkington, BA, Deborah began her career at the Elizabeth Freeman Center as a volunteer at their domestic violence shelter in 1993. Now, as the Programs Director, Deborah collaborates with agencies, organizations, and police departments statewide. Many of the programs she has developed and implemented are considered standard procedure in the field. Deborah is dedicated to being an advocate for all who experience interpersonal violence, while working to build a safer, healthier community for all.

Special Thanks to our Event Sponsor Sugar Hill Senior Living Community



Location: Music Room, Sugar Hill Senior Living Community, 45 Main Street, Dalton, MA

Registration/Snacks: 1:30 pm -2:00 pm **Program:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Credits/Clock/Contact Hours: 2 Nursing, SW, NHA, Substance Abuse Counselors & LMHC, Medical Interpreter (CCHI only)

Early Bird Fee: \$25 if paid by Friday, August 12, 2016. Fee includes refreshments, course materials and a certificate of completion.

Late/Walk in Fee: \$35, if paid after Friday, August 12, 2016.

General Public (GP) Fee: \$10 and **pre-registration is required**, GP fee does not include a certificate of completion

Program Goal: This session will highlight best practices in responding to patients/clients who experience domestic or sexual violence by reviewing the components of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam, what it means when a hospital becomes a SANE site, and the role of local domestic and sexual violence response agencies. The critical role of health and human service professionals in recognizing, responding with care to, and referring patients/clients will also be discussed, as will the role of medical interpreters during a SANE exam.

Target Audience: This workshop is designed for healthcare professionals of all levels working with patients or clients who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the program, the participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the MA sexual assault nurse examiner statewide program.
2. Describe what it means to be a designated SANE site.
3. Summarize the criteria for having a SANE exam.
4. Describe what it means to provide trauma informed care.
5. Recognize the role of the Elizabeth Freeman Center in responding to domestic and sexual violence.

Accreditation/Approval Information

Successful Completion Requirements: Participants are expected to sign-in and out, attend the entire program, and complete an evaluation. Certificates will be distributed to participants at the end of the program.

Nurses: Berkshire Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Association Massachusetts, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Social Workers: Application for social work continuing education credits has been submitted to the Collaborative of NASW and the Boston College and Simmons Schools of Social Work.

Nursing Home Administrators: Berkshire AHEC is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Nursing Home administrators to provide education credits for nursing home administrators.

Substance Abuse Counselors: This course has been approved by Berkshire AHEC, as a NAADAC Approved Education Provider, for 2 CE. NAADAC Provider #762. Berkshire AHEC is responsible for all aspects of their programming. Counselor Skill Group: **Clinical Assessment/ Case Management**

LMHC: Berkshire AHEC has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5585. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Berkshire AHEC is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs. **Topic Area: Social and Cultural Foundations.**

Medical Interpreters: Application has been made to the Certification Council for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI) for the approval of credits for medical interpreters.

Special Requests: If you are hearing impaired, or are a person who is differently abled who requires accommodations, please contact Berkshire AHEC 15 days prior to the training.

Refunds We offer partial refunds if you must cancel your registration. If you cancel two weeks or more prior to the event: 70% refund; if you cancel less than two weeks before the event: 50% refund. Please Note: *For cancellation within 24 hours of the event, a refund is NOT offered but you may send someone in your place to attend the training.*

Cancellation: Berkshire AHEC reserves the right to cancel a program due to low registration, speaker illness, cancellation or other uncontrollable circumstances. Notice of cancellation will be provided to registrants by phone, as soon as Berkshire AHEC becomes aware of the need to cancel and will also be recorded on the agency website and telephone message. After a program has been cancelled, refunds will be issued within 14 days.

Disclosure Policy: It is the policy of Berkshire AHEC to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its individually and jointly sponsored programs. All faculty participating in Berkshire AHEC programs are expected to disclose any conflicts of interest that they or their spouse/partner may have that has a direct bearing on the content of the continuing education program.

Grievance Procedure: It is the policy of Berkshire AHEC to provide a complaint resolution procedure that is timely and responsive to consumers of our services. Individuals wishing to register a grievance should contact the Executive Director, at Berkshire AHEC at (413) 447-2417, as a first step in the procedure for resolution.

For More Information:

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