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for Battering Intervention & Prevention Programs

# Hello BIPP Professionals,

Welcome to the 20th Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) Tools for Transformation Battering Intervention and Prevention Program, a conference uniquely designed for you-BIPP professionals working to promote victim safety, offender accountability, and positive behavioral change. It is serendipitous to celebrate a significant milestone in TCFV's historythe 20th anniversary of the BIPP Conference—with you. We collectively stand on the shoulders of those who paved the way as we continue to carry this work forward. Pause for a moment to take in and recognize the impact our conferences have had on the intimate partner violence movement during these last 20 years. While there is still much to accomplish, we celebrate the remarkable work and triumphs that have been integral to the fabric of our rich history.

Ending intimate partner violence in Texas begins with addressing the person who is causing harm. Every day, BIPP professionals engage in this foundational mission to create safer homes and communities. Each time you walk into your group room, or when you launch your online platform in preparation for participants to join the important space, we stand collectively with you. It affirms our commitment to stand together in our dedication to end intimate partner violence.

We introduce and conclude this conference with the most crucial perspective as we approach this work-the survivor perspective. We welcome our opening plenary speakers: Jamie R. Wright, Domestic Violence Survivor-Advocate and Founder/Owner of Jamie R. Wright, LLC, to share her unique story of surviving intimate partner violence; and Mark Wynn, a national and international trainer and survivor, to lead a discussion and viewing of the film This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep – Quest for Justice, Journey Towards Healing. We conclude the

conference with *The Last Drop*, a sci-fi short film about relationship abuse, inspired by real survivor stories, written and directed by Adam Joel, a survivor of relationship abuse.

The conference brings specialty lenses to help you engage participants in accountability work. Keynote sessions beginning on the second day of the conference offer a range of topics-including indepth group facilitation strategies with Lee Giordano, recognizing hidden sexual violence and coercion with Erika Reyna-Brodhag, BIPP 101 with Tracey Stebbins and Bill Hill, BIPP's role in Coordinated Community Response with Rosie Martinez, and the importance of understanding trauma and equity in BIPP work presented by Amanda Barratt. The final day offers keynote perspectives centering on wellness in our work, including discussions on building resilience with Diana Groener and rewiring negative thinking with Ashleigh Walton. You will also hear from a panel of leaders on the ground in BIPP work, featuring David Almager, Rachel Lira, and Cynthia Torres as they share their experiences and envision the future of our lifesaving work.

We appreciate the expertise and commitment you each bring. We are confident the conference will create thought-provoking discussion and offer tangible tools to use in your continued, life-altering work in the community. Let's keep moving toward a safer Texas.

In unity,

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**Gloria Aguilera Terry** Chief Executive Officer, TCFV

Audrey Hernandez Diane Bocklacze Maria Jose Angelelli Hannah Fisher Vivian Sanchez Amanda Cochrane

# **BIPP Conference Committee:** Audrey Hernandez, Diane Bocklage, Maria José Angelelli, Hannah Fisher, Vivian Sanchez, Amanda Cochrane

# Day One – Wednesday, May 28

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Corpus Foyer	REGISTRATION
1:00 – 1:15 PM	WELCOME TO TCFV'S 20TH BIPP CONFERENCE
Corpus A/B	<b>Gloria Aguilera Terry</b> Chief Executive Officer, Texas Council on Family Violence
	CEUs: 0.25 CJAD Family Violence
1:15 – 2:45 PM Corpus A/B	OPENING PLENARY
	Empower Through Education: The A.R.T. of Building Healthy Relationships to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence
	Jamie R. Wright
	Domestic Violence Survivor-Advocate, Founder/Owner of Jamie R. Wright, LLC
	Jamie R. Wright, LLC aims to improve the quality of life for communities affected by domestic violence by sharing the foundations of healthy relationship building, fostering respect and cultivating equality.
	Learning Objectives:
	<ul> <li>Understand Healthy Relationships: What Makes a Relationship Healthy?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Recognize Unhealthy Patterns in Relationships: How Do I Address the Signs?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Foster Respect Within Relationships: How Do I Nurture Equality and Support in My Relationship?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Build Trust in Relationships: How Do I Cultivate Equality and Support in My Relationship?</li> </ul>
	CEUs: 1.5 CJAD Family Violence
	WELLNESS BREAK
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Nourish yourself, take time to go outside, and enjoy
	the Corpus Christi Bay with your colleagues.
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# Day One – Wednesday, May 28 continued...

<ul> <li>This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep – Quest for Justice, Journey Towards Healing</li> <li>Mark Wynn</li> <li>Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Training and Consulting, Wynn Consulting</li> <li>Join us for the viewing and discussion of the film This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep, which follows retired Nashville (TN) Lieutenant Mark Wynn as he revisits his haunting childhood through his work to reform police response to family violence. Lt. Wynn started the first domestic violence division in the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department and presents his quest for justice and journey towards healing while providing effective strategies for police response to family violence. The film was produced by Emmy-winning producers, Impact Producers and Filmmakers from The Homestretch, Audrey &amp; Daisy, Private Violence and Bully.</li> <li>Learning Objectives:</li> </ul>
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Learning Objectives:
<ul> <li>Hear from the experiences of a survivor and police officer regarding the importance of leadership and the challenges of dealing with family violence.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Explore the need for leaders to change the climate of our organization by holding ourselves and our agencies accountable for professional and informed response and to examine the impact of our culture on effectively responding to and investigating family violence.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Identify a range of tools to address these crimes by evaluation of our strengths and gaps for response, improve the awareness of bias, and understand the need for strong partnerships.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Understand the challenges and the value of leadership in navigating domestic violence crimes.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Learn the importance of accountability in providing informed responses to domestic violence and assessing the impact of culture on effectively responding to and investigating crimes against women.</li> </ul>
CEUs: 1.5 CJAD Family Violence

# Day Two - Thursday, May 29

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Corpus Foyer

# REGISTRATION

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE

*These keynotes are two-part sessions. We encourage you to attend part one and two of the session you choose.* 

9:00 – 10:30 AM Corpus A



# Intermediate BIPP Facilitation Skills: Leveraging Group Process and Classroom Management to Achieve Enhanced Program Outcomes

# Lee Giordano

### Consultant, Lee Giordano Training and Consulting

BIPP facilitators lead processes designed to encourage participant self-reflection and accountability with the ultimate goals of reducing harm and increasing safety for survivors of IPV. The process used to reach these goals, and more specifically, classroom management, is sometimes under-appreciated. When approached intentionally, classroom management and group process practices enhance learning outcomes, increase participant accountability, and enhance safety for all. Giordano explores, in this two-part interactive workshop, the synergistic relationship between group process and classroom management.

In part one, classroom management will be defined, and approaches to classroom management in BIPP will be discussed. These approaches will then be evaluated based on their impact on classroom culture and group process. All strategies discussed will consider both virtual and in-person settings.

# Learning Objectives:

- Define classroom management and group process as they relate to BIPP.
- Describe the relationship between classroom management and group process.
- Identify enhanced program outcomes resulting from strong classroom management practices.

### CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP

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# CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE continued...

9:00 – 10:30 AM Corpus B



# **BIPP** Roles in a Coordinated Community Response

# **Rosie Martinez**

Coordinated Response and Safety Strategies Director, Texas Council on Family Violence

# Wendy Arias

Coordinated Community Response Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence

Martinez, with 25 years of experience working with victims of family violence, and Arias will explore ways for your BIPP to work closely with the family violence shelter in your service area, ensuring you establish a community coordinated response to be part of a continuum of care program that includes victim services providers in your area. This session will support your BIPP in centering survivor safety, understanding resources available to survivors in your community, and enhance your trauma-informed response for victims of domestic violence.

### Learning Objectives:

- Gain experience about what a Coordinated Community Response entails and learn how to build a collaborative response with local domestic violence agencies.
- Examine different CCR approaches in varied communities.
- Learn advanced safety planning for victims of family violence.

### **CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP**

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# WELLNESS BREAK

**10:30 – 11:00 AM** Nourish yourself, take time to go outside, and enjoy the Corpus Christi Bay with your colleagues.

### **CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE**

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Corpus A

KEYNOTE A Part I

# Creating a Space for "Both and": Acknowledging Systemic Oppression to Enhance Accountability Work

# Amanda Barratt, LMSW, CSE, CST

Associate Director, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

Equity in BIPP is an essential element for the facilitator and the participant. Recognizing what we as facilitators bring into space allows us to have greater depth and breadth as we lead for change in harmful behaviors. For the participants, it creates an opportunity for acknowledging systemic oppressions and the dismantling of the causation narrative. Accountability can be achieved with a "both and" discussion.

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE continued...

### Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the existence of our own power and privilege and how it manifests in our facilitation.
- Recognize the impact systemic oppression has on the lives of those who cause harm.
- Create space for a "both and" for those who cause harm to engage in accountability.

# CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM *Corpus B* 

# KEYNOTE B

# **BIPP** Facilitation 101: Back to the Basics

# **Tracey Stebbins**

Community Education Coordinator, Grayson Crisis Center

# **Bill Hill**

# Program Manager, Center for Cognitive Education

Stebbins and Hill offer an opportunity for new BIPP facilitators to learn foundational concepts and strategies for approaching accountability work, including concretely defining and differentiating BIPP and anger management. They explore the role of the facilitator, emphasizing how to avoid burnout in these roles and create opportunities for connection. They also review appropriate and inappropriate BIPP referrals and facilitation strategies for engagement while avoiding collusion and holding participants accountable.

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify the difference between BIPP and anger management and understand the importance of BIPP in deterring future violence and enhancing survivor safety.
- Learn how to clearly describe your role as a BIPP facilitator.
- Emphasize the importance of survivor safety and promoting violence prevention in group.

# CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP

12:30 – 1:45 PM *Corpus C*LUNCH & NETWORK – Lunch provided

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# **CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE**

These keynotes are two-part sessions. We encourage you to attend part one and two of the session you choose.

1:45 – 3:15 PM Corpus A



# Intermediate BIPP Facilitation Skills: Leveraging Group Process and Classroom Management to Achieve Enhanced Program Outcomes

# Lee Giordano

# Consultant, Lee Giordano Training and Consulting

In part two, Giordano explores the BIPP group process in more detail and compares key skills taught in BIPP with group process practices to identify opportunities for modeling and practice for BIPP participants. Finally, through a mix of small- and large-group discussion, Giordano explores common challenges and personal areas of growth related to managing BIPP group processes.

# Learning Objectives:

- Describe group process elements that align with agency values and goals.
- Cultivate effective group processes that prevent and address common BIPP challenges.
- Identify an area of growth related to personal classroom management skills in both virtual and in-person environments.

### CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP

1:45 – 3:15 PM Corpus B

# KEYNOTE B Part II

# **BIPP** Roles in a Coordinated Community Response

# **Rosie Martinez**

Coordinated Response and Safety Strategies Director, Texas Council on Family Violence

### Wendy Arias

### Coordinated Community Response Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence

Martinez and Arias continue to explore ways your BIPP can enhance the Coordinated Community Response to intimate partner violence by way of Domestic Violence High Risk Team involvement and through collaboration with other community partners, such as the local Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) to enhance victim safety.

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# Learning Objectives:

- Learn about the Domestic Violence High Risk Teams (DVHRTs).
- · Learn how BIPPs can integrate into the DVRHT.
- Learn how to establish a collaborative working relationship with the CSCD and local family violence agencies to work to end family violence for each served county as per accreditation requirements.

### CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP

### WELLNESS BREAK

3:15 – 3:45 PM	Nourish yourself, take time to go outside, and enjoy
	the Corpus Christi Bay with your colleagues.

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE

3:45 – 5:15 PM Corpus A

KEYNOTE A	Part II	
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# Trauma-Informed Approaches in Accountability Work

# Amanda Barratt, LMSW, CSE, CST

Associate Director, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

BIPP entails using a trauma-informed lens. Forms of oppression create traumatic living conditions and often result in coping strategies that are harmful to self and those we surround ourselves with. Barratt builds off what was learned in Part I to address trauma, while maintaining accountability for causing harm to our intimate partners.

# Learning Objectives:

- Understand why trauma is important in accountability of those who cause harm.
- Recognize how our connections to other systems drive disconnect when our system replicates or appears to replicate the harm that participants are all too familiar with.
- Connect all oppressions for transformational change.

### **CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP**

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3:45 – 5:15 PM Corpus B

# **KEYNOTE B**

# Enhancing BIPP Accountability to Address Sexual Violence in Intimate Partner Violence

# Erika Reyna-Brodhag

# Independent Consultant and Educator in Battering Intervention & Prevention

Reyna-Brodhag provides a critical examination of the dynamics of intimate partner violence (IPV), delving into the foundational elements of battering behavior and coercive control to gain an understanding of how power and control are established and maintained in abusive relationships. Moving beyond physical violence, Reyna-Brodhag explores the often-hidden reality of intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV). This practical application will equip you with a deeper understanding of the complexities of IPV and IPSV, enhancing your ability to effectively work with participants who engage in this behavior.

# Learning Objectives:

- Describe the dynamics of power and control and explain how they are established and maintained in IPV relationships.
- Identify relevant sections of the Texas Penal Code related to sexual assault, understand their application within the context of IPV, and recognize the progression of behaviors along the sexual violence continuum.
- Apply the concepts of power, control, and the sexual violence continuum to the analysis of real scenarios relevant in BIPP settings to enhance attendees' understanding of the interconnectedness of battering behavior, coercive control, and sexual violence.

CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP

# Day Three – Friday, May 30

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Corpus Foyer

# REGISTRATION

# **CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEYNOTE**

8:30 – 10:00 AM Corpus A

# **KEYNOTE A**

# A Lifestyle of Resilience: Protecting Yourself From Vicarious Trauma and Burnout

# Diana Groener

# Staff Counselor, Oregon Center for Change

Let's be honest; your job is incredibly tough. More often than not, you're spread too thin with a to-do list that never seems to get done. The pressure is high when working with this population. And somehow, some way, you're supposed to be taking care of your own complex needs. You are, frankly, burnt-out. And what's more? You may even be experiencing vicarious trauma. When you talk about these experiences and feelings with friends, family members, even co-workers who are in the professional trenches with you, you may be met with well-meaning suggestions, often in the form of specific self-care practices. You may be struggling because preventing burnout is more than just adding in more self-care activities. This talk turns our focus to building a lifestyle and mindset of resilience and will help you find new energy for your career and your life..

# Learning Objectives:

- Discuss characteristics of burnout and vicarious trauma.
- Describe the stress response in a new way.
- Describe different resiliency habits.

# **CEUs: 1.5 CJAD Family Violence**

8:30 – 10:00 AM Corpus B

# **KEYNOTE B**

# Hardwired for Negativity: Tweaking the Programming

### Ashleigh Walton, LPC, CCTP

### Independent Consultant

Being told to "think positive!" in today's world feels about as helpful as being told to "calm down" when we are upset. We are surrounded by uncertainties, ever-growing expectations, and societal pressures in our daily life, and often even more so in our professions. To make matters a little trickier, it turns out our brains are physiologically designed to focus on the negative! Yet, research has clearly demonstrated that it is critical to our emotional and physical well-being to cultivate a more positive outlook. Walton explores the realities of negative messaging, internalization of these messages, and brain functions that exacerbate negative thoughts and actions. Walton will discuss tangible ways we can work to mitigate negativity, begin to reshape our internalization of input, and increase our health and happiness.

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# Day Three – Friday, May 30 continued...

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	<ul><li>Learning Objectives:</li><li>Identify common practices and trends that lead to negative thinking.</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Increase awareness of the multiple ways negative thoughts and statements impact our health and sense of well-being.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Gain an understanding of tangible ways to "reprogram" our brain to break the cycle of negative thoughts.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Increase awareness of the benefits resulting from positive thinking.</li> </ul>	
	CEUs: 1.5 CJAD Family Violence	
	WELLNESS BREAK	
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Nourish yourself, take time to go outside, and enjoy	
	the Corpus Christi Bay with your colleagues.	
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	BIPP Talk: Past, Present, and Leading BIPP Into the Future!	
Corpus A/B	David Almager	
	Director of Battering Intervention & Prevention Program, Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc.	
	Rachel Lira	
	Executive Director, Texoma Alliance to Stop Abuse, Inc.	
	Cynthia Torres	
	Outreach Educator, Friendship of Women, Inc.	
	Maria José Angelelli	
	Support to Service Providers Director, Texas Council on Family Violence Moderator	
	Hear from a panel of three leaders in the BIPP field as they share their personal journeys, insights, and future visions for this lifesaving work. Almager, Lira, and Torres each offer a BIPP Talk grounded in their lived BIPP experience and leadership, reflecting on the challenges, triumphs, and transformative moments that have shaped their commitment to accountability, safety, and justice.	
	Learning Objectives:	
	Gain insight into men's role in BIPP work.	
	Learn about the unique experience of BIPPs in rural communities.	
	<ul> <li>Envision the potential of BIPP work and where it can go in the future.</li> <li>Explore how together we can continue building a future where survivors are</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Explore how, together, we can continue building a future where survivors are heard, communities are safer, and those who use violence are held meaningfully accountable.</li> </ul>	
	CEUs: 1.5 CJAD BIPP	

# Day Three – Friday, May 30 continued...

12:00 – 12:30 PM Corpus C	LUNCH PROVIDED
12:30 – 1:45 PM Corpus A/B	PLENARY
	Film Screening and Discussion: The Last Drop
	<b>Adam Joel</b> Writer/Director, The Last Drop
	A Sci-Fi Short Film About Relationship Abuse, Inspired by Real Survivor Stories
	Adam Joel is an impact-driven filmmaker and a survivor of relationship abuse. He is the Writer and Director of <i>The Last Drop</i> , a short sci-fi film about relationship abuse, inspired by the memories of real survivors. Joel is using this revolutionary film and a unique perspective as a survivor storyteller to help people identify and react to the lesser-known forms of abuse that tend to occur before a relationship turns physically violent, like emotional abuse, isolation tactics, gaslighting, and more. His film and his Relationship Safety Talks are helping people all around the world identify the signs of a toxic love story, on-screen AND in real life.
	Learning Objectives:
	<ul> <li>Learn new ways to identify the lesser-known forms of abuse, such as emotional abuse, digital abuse, and isolation tactics.</li> <li>Explore how psychological abuse creates a rift between the perpetrator's perspective and the reality of the survivor's experience.</li> <li>Learn how to support survivors who are resistant to help, in a way that validates their concerns, respects their timeline, and empowers them as a decision-maker.</li> </ul>
	CEUs: 1.25 CJAD Family Violence
1:45 – 2:00 PM Corpus A/B	CLOSING OF TCFV'S 20TH BIPP CONFERENCE & AWARDING PRIZE WINNERS
	<b>Diane Bocklage</b> Family Violence Services Manager, Texas Council on Family Violence
	<b>Audrey Hernandez</b> Family Violence Services Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence
	CEUs: 0.25 CJAD BIPP

# **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)**

We offer for this conference the following CEUs:

Social Work (SW): **13.75** Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC): **13.75** Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT): **13.75** Psychologists: **13.75** 

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) Approved Hours:

Total TDCJ-CJAD: **13.75 hours** Family Violence (FV): **6.00 hours** Battering Intervention (BIPP): **7.75 hours** 

# **Upcoming TCFV Events**

To see TCFV's upcoming trainings or to request training, visit <u>tcfv.org/events/</u> or scan this QRL code to access all upcoming events.



# **Speakers**



**David Almager** is the Director of Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) at Denton County Friends of the Family. He is a veteran in the field of family violence, having served as a facilitator and program director in four separate state-funded domestic violence programs. David has worked with both incarcerated and court-ordered family violence offenders for over 25 years and was instrumental in the development of the Dallas County Felony Domestic Violence Court Program, specializing in the treatment of high-risk batterers. He has presented local, state, and national trainings in the area of battering intervention and prevention, group facilitation, high-risk offender treatment, and gender-based violence prevention. In 2022, David was the sole invitee from Texas to join other practitioners and policymakers from across the nation for a two-part series discussion on Establishing National Values-Based Standards for Abusive Partners Intervention Programs. David holds a Master of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Counseling/Health) from West Texas A&M University.



Maria José Angelelli, M.A., has dedicated over 40 years to the movement to end intimate partner abuse and serves as the Support to Service Providers Director at the Texas Council on Family Violence. In this role, Maria José works closely with direct service providers and state funders, oversees the programmatic audits of statefunded Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP), signature conferences, customized trainings, consultations, and technical assistance for both Texas family violence service providers and BIPP. She is recognized by the National Crime Victims' Rights as a champion for victims of domestic violence; the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence for her leadership in developing a national children's program model; and KVUE Austin community as Five Who Care. Maria José brings extensive knowledge and expertise to the movement. She is bilingual and bicultural and has completed international studies from the Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain; two bachelor's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin; and a Master of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin. Her academic expertise is in the field of parenting for survivors and parents who cause harm to their intimate partners and child abuse indicators in men who use violence. Her thesis was one of four studies worldwide to investigate the parenting of over 100 family violence offenders, including incorporating a control group and survivors' feedback. Maria José graduated Magna Cum Laude and is a member of honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa. She was a member of the Texas Department FPS Child Safety Review Committee and Travis County Child Visitation Guideline Committee, and she is on the NNEDV Membership Committee and NNEDV Natural Disaster Workgroup.



**Wendy Arias** is part of the Texas Council on Family Violence, as the Coordinated Community Response Coordinator. Her passion for assisting victims of crime is the fuel that has allowed her to continue her professional career for the last 12 years. She began her career working with minors who were victims of sex and human trafficking, and has assisted in a labor and human trafficking case at the federal level. Her career has included working as a hotline advocate for a local domestic violence shelter, crisis hotline advocate, and legal advocate. She has been certified with NOVA as a Credentialed Victim Advocate. One of her small joys has been learning how to introduce herself to her clients in their native languages. It's the ice breaker most don't expect! She now works with TCFV, assisting in state level programs and leads the annual Honoring Texas Victims report. You can find her most days outside looking for dogs; and new people.



**Amanda Barratt, LMSW, CSE, CST** is the Associate Director for the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Amanda has extensive experience in violence prevention and advocacy, sexual health education, training and technical assistance, and supporting the development of non-profit management practices across the state. Amanda provides facilitation training to BIP programmers across the Midwest. She brings experience working within the mental health field as a trauma therapist and has received accreditation as a nationally certified Sexual Health Educator and Certified Sex Therapist and nationally certified Educator for the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT).



**Diane Bocklage** is the Family Violence Services Manager at the Texas Council on Family Violence. With over twelve years of dedication to the anti-domestic violence movement, Diane's background and heart grounds in advocacy work, spending many years providing legal and shelter advocacy in her home communities of Travis and Williamson Counties in Texas and providing hotline advocacy at the National Domestic Violence Hotline. In her current role, Diane and the Family Violence Services Team provide training and technical assistance, while learning and growing from the experiences of collaborating with the family violence centers and Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs across Texas that are doing life-changing work in our state.



Lee Giordano works locally, in Atlanta, Georgia, and nationally as a training and facilitation consultant. As a facilitator with over 20 years of experience in domestic violence prevention and intervention settings, Lee provides technical assistance and consulting to organizations and individuals on facilitation, workshop, and training development; group dynamics; and social justice frameworks. Lee regularly designs and conducts trainings, workshops, and webinars for social service agencies, universities, governments, and the public on the topics of oppression, engaging men, and ending domestic violence. He has co-developed nationally recognized curricula, including the Men at Work: Building Safe Communities curriculum, Tactics and Choices curriculum for Men Stopping Violence, and the Dignity and Respect curriculum for the Center for Court innovation. Lee also co-developed facilitator training for each of these curricula. Most recently, Lee developed the curriculum for a 16-part virtual training, bringing together national experts in intimate partner violence intervention to train domestic violence intervention program facilitators for Vermont. Lee has made appearances on numerous radio and television programs, including on Al Jazeera America's flagship program, America Tonight, HLN's Weekend Express, and CNN's New Day, as a subject matter expert in intimate partner violence intervention. In 2015, Lee participated in the United States State Department's Speakers Program in Mauritius and Seychelles. A graduate of Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science in sociology and a minor in women's studies, Lee received his master's degree in social justice education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



**Diana Groener**, a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), has worked in outpatient settings with violent offenders of various types since 1997. She has extensive experience working with domestic and sexual violence offenders and sex traffickers as well as criminally-oriented and psychopathic offenders. She is the co-author of LATTICES: An Integrated Treatment Approach for High-Risk Forensic Clients. She has presented at the state and national levels on a variety of topics, such as vicarious trauma, high-risk offender treatment, intimate partner sexual violence, Internet access for sex offenders, sex education for therapists, and multiple other topics specific to forensic therapy. She has also offered various training and consultations across the country on related subjects. She is a clinical member of ATSA and the Oregon state chapter of ATSA.



Audrey Rose Hernandez is a Family Violence Services Coordinator at the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV), where she leads statewide efforts to support and strengthen Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs). In her role, she coordinates in-person conferences and virtual educational series, builds strategic relationships, and develops resources to enhance program capacity and technical assistance for Family Violence Centers and BIPPs across Texas. Audrey holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of the Incarnate Word. Her path into this work began with a transformative internship at the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend, where she observed the impact of abuse and violence on children in her community. She later served as a BIPP group facilitator for more than five years, creating a space for men who batter to critically examine their beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors while centering survivor safety. She also worked as a prevention coordinator focused on sexual violence prevention in her community. Audrey brings her lived experience as a survivor and with a deep commitment to survivor-centered advocacy, with a goal of fostering spaces for critical dialogue and systems change that honor the lived experiences of survivors and the expertise of BIPP programs across Texas.



**Bill Hill** has been employed with the Center for Cognitive Education since 2013 as a BIPP group facilitator as well as for anger management and cognitive education courses. He is currently the program manager. Duties include coordinating and overseeing daily operations, training and staff development, program management, and other administrative functions. He began his career as a probation officer in 1998 with Williamson County Community Supervision and Correction Department, retiring 20 years later as Staff Development Supervisor. During this time, he also served as a trainer for TDCJ-CJAD probation officer certification academy and worked part time as a group facilitator for The Center for Cognitive Education. He obtained extensive training in cognitive-based programs, such as TruThought, Thinking for a Change, Moral Reconation Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing. Hill is a firm believer that our past should not define our future, and we are all capable of change. Our thinking drives our actions, so we need to be especially mindful of this because what we think about, we tend to bring about. This is empowering in that we have control over our attitudes and actions despite the external that tend to control most people's lives. In short, it is not what happens to us that matters in the end but how we react and respond to it that ultimately determines the guality of our lives.



**Adam Joel** is an impact-driven filmmaker and a survivor of relationship abuse. He is the writer and director of *The Last Drop*—a short sci-fi film about relationship abuse, inspired by the memories of real survivors. Adam is using this revolutionary film and his unique perspective as survivor storyteller to help people identify and react to the lesser-known forms of abuse that tend to occur BEFORE a relationship turns violent, like emotional abuse, isolation tactics, gaslighting, and more. His film and his Relationship Safety Talks are helping people all around the world identify the signs of a toxic love story on-screen and in real life.



**Rachel Lira** serves as Executive Director of Texoma Alliance to Stop Abuse (TASA). Before stepping into the executive director's role in 2020 as the agency's first full-time employee, she spent three years volunteering and serving on its board, laying the foundation for TASA's growth. She coordinates the Domestic Violence High Risk Team for the 46th Judicial District, which spans three rural counties in North Texas. Among the many responsibilities associated with her position, Rachel directs the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) and facilitated group sessions for three years. In 2018, Rachel was part of the pilot cohort of the Institute for Coordinated Community Response. Her leadership has helped position TASA as a model for rural response to domestic violence; in 2022, the Rural Justice Collaborative named TASA one of just ten Innovation Sites nationwide. Rachel's work has been featured in the documentaries *Beyond Conviction* (2021) and *This Is Where I Learned Not to Sleep* (2023), both of which highlight the impact of collaborative, community-based responses to domestic violence.



Rosie Martinez, CA, DVT, is a subject matter expert national trainer and the Director of Community Coordinated Response & Safety Strategies for the Texas Council on Family Violence. She served as the Director for Victims Unit of the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office for 10 years. She has 25 years of experience in victim services in system based and community-based programs. She has obtained national accreditation as an Advanced Level "Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist" by the National Organization of Victim Assistance and is accredited by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress in Domestic Violence Trauma and Crisis Response. She is a member of the National Center for Crisis Management and the International Speakers and Trainers Bureau of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, the Academy's Expert Witness Directory, and the Academy's Deployment Directory. She has attained certification as an Advanced Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator, as a Crime Victim Advocate by the Office of Victims of Crime, the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She has a trainer certification for Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool from the Office of the Governor of Texas Child Sex Trafficking Team, and a Baylor University Certification for Motivational Interviewing for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.



Erika Reyna-Brodhag brings over 13 years of professional experience to the critical areas of domestic and sexual violence and child maltreatment. Her work within civil and criminal justice fields has involved direct engagement with victims and identified perpetrators of these offenses. Erika's professional experience encompasses providing case management in intensive family preservation and reunification cases, working extensively with children and families with diverse cultural backgrounds and experiences to mitigate safety and risk. She has experience providing direct oversight and services in a Texas Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) in accordance with state accreditation guidelines and an early abuse intervention program titled YIELD for Men. She has experience auditing state-funded BIPPs for adherence and compliance with state accreditation guidelines as well as direct experience working with state-level funders, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Community Justice Assistance Division (TDCJ-CJAD). She, alongside a robust team, provided statewide technical assistance, consultation, and training to enhance the capacity of Family Violence and BIPPs in Texas. Erika has also actively provided individual and community-based education aimed at the primary prevention of teen dating violence, domestic and sexual violence, and battering behavior, highlighting its correlation to oppressive-based violence through public speaking engagements. media awareness campaigns, and podcasting. She has reached the Coastal Bend community through local coalition work with the Coastal Bend Coordinated Community Response Coalition and the Coastal Bend Crime Victims' Rights Coalition, serving on the board of both. Erika has worked at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services - Child Protective Services, the Women's Shelter of South Texas dba The Purple Door, and the Texas Council on Family Violence. Currently, Erika is a Risk Investigator charged with investigating financial crimes at the largest credit union in South Texas. Erika is a proud Chicana and mother of three children. She gained her B.A. in Psychology from the Texas A&M University of Corpus Christi. She is a graduate student at Florida State University, studying Criminology and Criminal Justice, and has been recognized for academic excellence as a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Erika will hold an M.S.C.J. at the time of this engagement. Erika's professional and personal mission is to promote the prevention of domestic and sexual violence by building community relationships to shift harmful cultural norms to norms that promote healthy relationships, healthy families, and safe communities.



**Tracey Stebbins** has been employed with Grayson Crisis Center in Sherman, Texas since 2015 and is currently the Community Education Coordinator. She supervises the Anger Management Facilitator, BIPP Facilitator, Primary Prevention Coordinator, and Community Education & Outreach. She has been facilitating BIPP groups since 2016 and Anger Management Groups since 2015. She is a member of the Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) in Grayson County. The DVHRT coordinated community response (CCR) team seeks to provide effective interventions for high-risk domestic violence cases in Grayson County to increase victim safety and offender accountability. Prior to her current position, she was an Investigator with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in Texas from 2008-2015 and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.



**Gloria Aguilera Terry** joined the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) in January 2008. In her role as CEO, Gloria guides and directs the statewide activities of TCFV, such as the Texas Legislative Session, establishing and fostering statewide tactical partnerships, working with staff to provide outstanding services to programs, and strategically positioning TCFV to create the influence necessary to continue serving the needs of victims and their families. Prior to TCFV, she served as Executive Director of the Center against Family Violence, the largest domestic violence program along the US / Mexico border. Before joining the CAFV, she was Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration for the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. She directly managed the daily operations of three corporations and two limited liability companies with a varied spectrum of missions, from workforce preparedness to affordable housing for the largest chamber of commerce in the region. She currently offers her time to the VAWA Planning Committee with the Office of the Governor, Faculty to the national LEAP project with ValorUS, member of the Sexual Assault Prevention Workgroup with the Office of the Governor, the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, Texas Society of Association Executives, and National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.



**Cynthia Torres** graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in 2024 with a bachelor's in sociology. She also holds an associate's degree in social work and will begin graduate school in Fall 2025 to pursue her master's in social work, ultimately working toward her LCSW. Since joining Friendship of Women in 2022, she has facilitated BIPP groups since 2023, bringing deep commitment to accountability, growth, and transformative change. Cynthia's work is rooted in the belief that change is possible and in the power of holding space for individuals to challenge rigid gender norms that impact their ability to live, love, and heal. By centering culture, empathy, and a dedication to safer communities, she believes that real transformation begins with honest human connection.



**Ashleigh Walton, LPC, CCTP,** has been working in the forensic mental health field for several years. She obtained her undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin and completed her graduate work at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Ashleigh's career has primarily focused on pre- and post-adjudication. Ashleigh's employment in Texas included direct care and supervisory positions with nonprofit, local, and state agencies and working with clients in private practice. She has presented at conferences throughout the United States and Canada and has published research pertaining to sexual offenders with psychopathic traits and the impact on the therapeutic alliance. Ashleigh is certified as a Jail Mental Health Officer (JMHO) Master Trainer and has conducted several rounds of this impactful training at the Travis County Sheriff's Office Training Academy. She serves on the JMHO Steering Committee and previously served on the Executive Committee of the Travis County Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.



**Jamie R. Wright** is an award-winning Resilience and Encouragement Speaker, Advocate, Activist, Coach, and Domestic Violence Survivor with a mission to provide survivor-led awareness, empowerment, and advocacy to underrepresented and historically marginalized communities impacted by domestic violence. She previously served as a Member on the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) Board of Directors and the Coalition for the Homeless, The Way Home Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee. Jamie also served on the Advisory Committee for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Research and Evaluation of Culturally Specific Abusive Partner Intervention Program (APIP) and Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs), before creating her own organization to provide safe, attainable, and affordable housing for survivors of domestic violence. Jamie has appeared on *60 Minutes, BBC News*, NBC, CBS, Fox26, and numerous podcasts; and featured in various articles around the world. Jamie has also appeared on *The Doctors* and HGTV's, *House Hunters*, TV show.

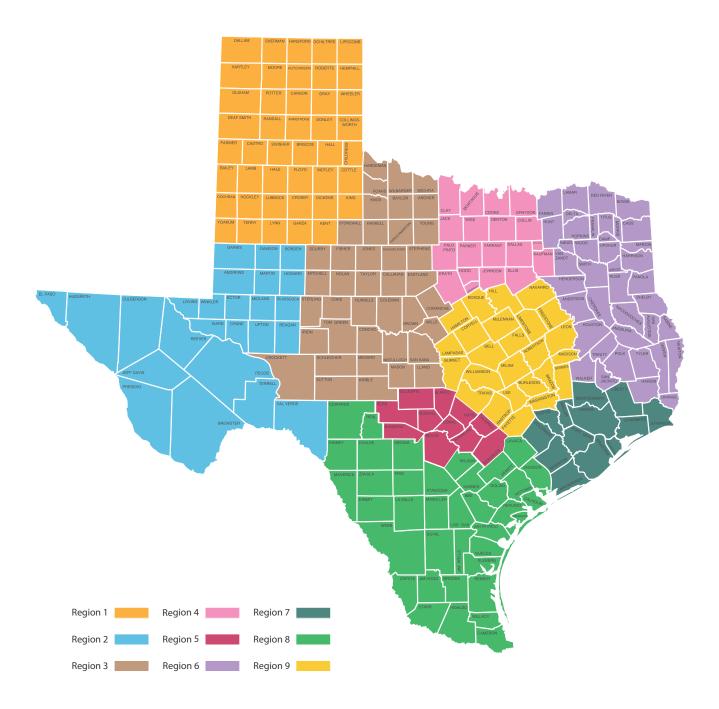


**Mark Wynn** "...is woven into the fabric of the battered women's movement," said Lynn Rosenthal, our country's first White House adviser on violence against women. He has been a national trainer to police executives, patrol officers, training officers, prosecutors, judges, legislators, social service providers, healthcare professionals, and victim advocates in all fifty states for over thirty years. Wynn has been an international lecturer at police academies in Australia, Canada, Germany, England, Northern Ireland, Russia, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Georgia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Aruba, China, the Islands of the Bahamas, Brazil, Turkey, Cyprus, Singapore, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of Moldova. He is a Fulbright Specialist for the Department of State and is a survivor, enabling him to teach both effectively and passionately. In short, he is devoted to ending domestic/sexual, elder, and child abuse as a police officer, detective, educator, program supervisor and now consultant and advisor. In the past 20 years, he has traveled 2,478,313 miles to all 50 states and 16 other countries while visiting 1,250 cities, towns, and villages.

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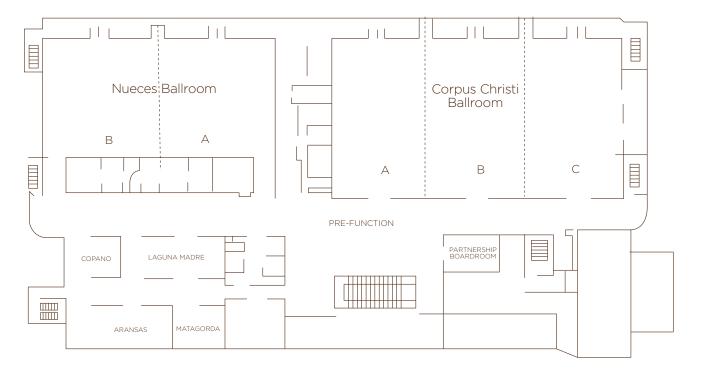
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