

November 4, 2020: National Webinar

Criminal Justice Reform and Implications for Survivors of Domestic Violence

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, three VOICES members will be speaking on the recent calls for criminal justice reform and its implications for survivors of domestic violence. VOICES members Karyn Johnson, Kelsey Sanders, and Jennica Lawford will provide their perspectives on the call to decriminalize domestic violence, specifically touching on where this movement originated, who is advocating for this reform, and what it would imply for both survivors and perpetrators. In addition, the panelists will speak to the role of law enforcement in domestic violence cases, provide their insights on community-based emergency response programs, and comment on transformative justice efforts in the domestic violence and Family Justice Center movements. The panel will be facilitated by Casey Gwinn, President of Alliance for HOPE International, and through this webinar, attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of the issues with current calls for criminal justice reform in the United States by hearing the perspectives of survivors firsthand.

About the Presenters

Jennica Lawford of the San Diego Family Justice Center, **Kelsey Sanders** of the Family Justice Center of Acadiana, and **Karyn Johnson** of the Nashville Metro Office of Family Safety are all active members of their local VOICES Chapters. Jennica, Karyn, and Kelsey advocate in their local communities to spread awareness and build bridges between other survivors and Family Justice Centers. In conjunction with their VOICES Chapters, they also inform the operations and service delivery of their local FJCs, ensuring the Centers remain survivor-centered in everything from the decor to the intake process. Each of the panelists interacted with the criminal justice system in some capacity during their journey towards safety and healing, and these experiences will inform this conversation on criminal justice reform in the United States.

Casey Gwinn is the President and Co-Founder of the Alliance. He is the visionary behind the Family Justice Center Movement, first proposing the concept of the Family Justice Center model in 1989. Casey founded Camp HOPE America in 2003. He is a national expert on domestic violence dynamics, including investigation and prosecution, the handling of non-fatal strangulation cases, and is one of the leading thinkers in the country on the science of hope. Prior to this position, Casey was the elected San Diego City Attorney.

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Jennica Lawford

Facilitated by: Casey Gwinn

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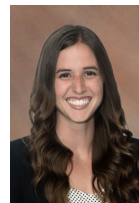
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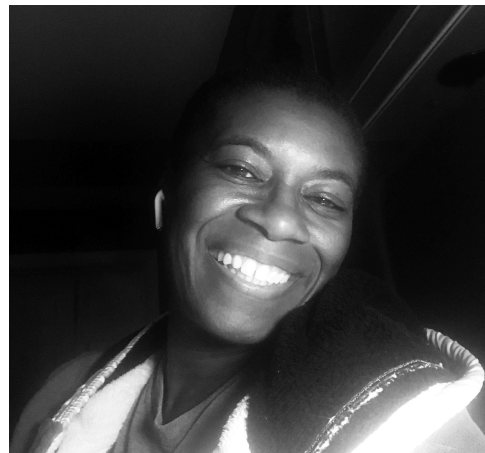
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Decriminalization of Domestic Violence



Question

What would the decriminalization of domestic violence imply for both survivors and perpetrators?



Question

What do you want to happen
when you call 911?



Question

Do you think offenders should be able to get out of jail more quickly after being arrested?



Question

Should offenders be able to avoid any conviction on their record by getting diversion instead of prosecution?



Role of Law Enforcement in Domestic Violence Cases



Question

Did law enforcement play a role in your personal experiences?



Question

How did law enforcement help your case or how could they have helped?



Question

What role would you like to see law enforcement play in domestic violence cases moving forward?



Community-Based Emergency Response Programs



Question

How can community-based agencies better work with law enforcement when responding to survivors in crisis?



Question

Are there specific efforts that community based response programs could make to better support survivors?



Transformative Justice Efforts in the Domestic Violence and FJC Movements



Question

What are your personal thoughts and reactions to the idea of transformative and restorative justice?



Question

What do the concepts of transformative and restorative justice imply for survivors, perpetrators, and the FJC movement?

Q&A

Please submit your questions
via the chat feature.

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