

*The Office on Violence Against Women in partnership with Praxis International*

## Audio Conference Training Binder

# ***Working with Battered Immigrant Latinas and their Children***

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**Call at 2:00 p.m. Central Time**

**Dial 512-623-5114, then enter guest code 52533#**

**AUDIOCONFERENCE  
TRAINING**

**ALL CALLS ARE  
FROM 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.  
Central Time**

### Things to Know:

Time zone conversion:

Eastern: 3:00 to 4:30

Central: 2:00 to 3:30

Mountain: 1:00 to 2:30

Arizona: 1:00 to 2:30

Pacific: 12:00 to 1:30

Alaska 11:00 to 12:30

Hawaii: 10:00 to 11:30

**Cost:** Long distance telephone call. All expenses can be covered by your OVW training funds.

**Participation:** Remember to say your name and state every time you start speaking – we can't see you!

**Muting:** Unless the operator has muted all of the lines, please keep your telephone on mute EXCEPT when you are speaking on the call. Press \*6 on your keypad to mute your line. To un-mute, press \*6 again.

**To Leave:** Hang up your telephone. This does not interrupt the session. If you need to step away temporarily, do not put the call on hold, as we may hear "on hold" music – simply rest the receiver on your desk.

**Problems:** Rarely, a caller may experience long-distance connection difficulties, such as a fast busy signal or message saying "All circuits are busy". You may simply re-dial the number to try to complete the call. If you have repeated problems, try using any standard long-distance calling card. Alternatively, you may use one of the following dial-around sequences: 1010636 + 1-405-244-5555 (Clear Choice – currently 5¢ / min), 1010220 + 1-405-244-5555 (MCI WorldCom – currently 99¢ for first 20 min, 7¢ / min additional), 1010834 + 1-405-244-5555 (Penny Plan – currently 9¢ / min). For other problems, please call us at 218-525-0487, ext 100 and we'll do what we can to assist you.

## Working Effectively with Children: Strengthening the Relationship between Mother and Child

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## DV and the mother-child Relationship

- ❑ Why would we be concerned?
- ❑ What do we know about domestic violence and the mother-child relationship?

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## What do the Experts Say?

- ❑ Lundy Bancroft -- The very nature of Domestic Violence erodes the relationship between battered mothers and their children;
- ❑ Caroline McGee -- Batterers use children to perpetrate their abuse on their mothers -- engaging the kids in degrading comments.

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### Additional Factors That Affect Children

- Cultural Elements
- Language Barriers
- Immigration Status
- Acculturation

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### Mother and Child

- What is a healthy relationship between mother and child?
- How do you encourage healthy relationships?
- Why would you need to?

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### What Makes a Difference?

- Strengths-Based Approach
  - How can we promote the strengths of the children and families?
- Family Focus
  - Include the mother and siblings in every step of your program or plan.
- Community Engagement
  - Work with the community for the community.

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## What I Learned From My Mom

- To Connect
- To Love
- To Protect
- Compassion
- To Cope

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## What I Learned From My Mom

- That I was Special
- That I was Smart
- That I was Capable
- That I could Solve a Problem
- That we are not Perfect

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## What My Mom Did

- She loved me
- She connected with me
- She protected me as best she could
- She connected me to others
- She gave me a sense of faith and community

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## What My Mom Did

- She helped to make me who I am today
- Despite the fact that
  - she couldn't stop his violence
  - she withdrew in order to cope
  - she didn't seek institutional system response

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## Direct Services: Innovative Approaches

- Strategies with Children & Families
  - Feelings
  - Building Trust
  - Talking About What Happened
  - Building Resiliency
- Connection with Parents
- Developed Tools for Working with Children
- Tutor/Mentor
- Volunteers

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