

Virtual Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Trauma and Resilience



April 6-8, 2021

Our annual conferences focus on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, elder abuse, and violence across the lifespan. We consistently bring together law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, rape crisis and shelter workers, health care professionals and others. Join us for this exclusive event highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all our communities.



Agenda at a Glance

Tuesday – April 6, 2021

- 8:00-8:30 Welcome - Dave Cohen
- 8:30-9:15 Award Presentations
- 9:15-10:15 Men and #MeToo: Possibilities and Perils in a Time of Change
- 10:15-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:20 Destroyed: How CNN Exposed the Destruction of Rape Kits and Mishandling of Rape Cases
- 11:25-12:00 *Unbelievable* - From Storyline to Social Justice
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 8 Breakouts
- 2:30-3:00 Break
- 3:00-4:30 8 Breakouts
- 4:45-6:00 8

Wednesday – April 8, 2021

- 8:00-8:30 Opening Remarks
- 8:30-10:00 My Story Behind the Story
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Bringing Cosby to Justice: The First Conviction in the #MeToo Era
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- 4:45-6:00 8 Evening Sessions

Thursday – April 9, 2021

- 8:15-9:45 8 Breakouts
- 9:45-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:45 8 Breakouts
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 Chelsea's Story
- 2:15-2:45 Break
- 2:45-4:00 Improving Human Trafficking Investigations and Prosecutions - Helping Victims



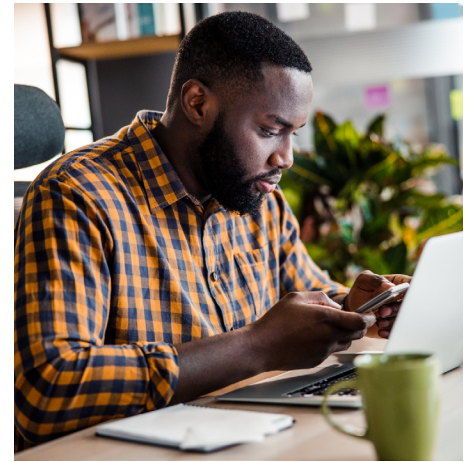
LEARN

Improve your skills by learning about the latest topics and best-practices from dynamic, highly respected experts in the field.



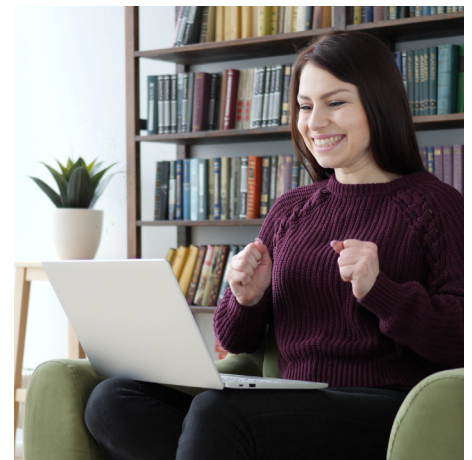
RE-ENERGIZE

Refuel your passion to make a difference for victims of gender-based violence and use that energy to implement change in your own community.



CONNECT

Network among criminal justice and community professionals through our conference app.



CELEBRATE

Join us in honoring our annual Visionary, Professional Impact, and Media Excellence award recipients.



6 plenaries and 70 breakout sessions!

See the complete [agenda](#).

Tuesday, April 6

Plenary: Men and #MeToo: Possibilities and Perils in a Time of Change

Jackson Katz, PhD, Educator, Author, Founder & President, MVP Strategies, LLC

Jackson Katz will address some of the ways that men have responded to the #MeToo outpouring of women's voices about their experiences of harassment, abuse and violence, and the enormous amount of work that remains to be done.

Plenary: Destroyed: How CNN Exposed the Destruction of Rape Kits and Mishandling of Rape Cases

Ashley Fantz, Reporter, CNN Investigates

CNN investigative reporter Ashley Fantz takes you inside a years-long investigation into *Destroyed*, an investigative series that reveals how and why law enforcement agencies nationwide mishandle reported rapes and why many departments destroyed rape kits while unsolved cases could have been prosecuted.

Wednesday, April 7

Plenary: My Story Behind the Story

Eric Barreras, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Difference Makers (10 Strong)

Edward Wilson, National Spoken Word Artist, US Army (Ret.)

In this presentation, Eric Barreras will share his personal survivor story, along with fellow Difference Makers (10 Strong) presenter Edward Wilson, in the hopes that the audience will have a better understanding of the impact of violence across the lifespan and the many barriers to reporting from the lens of a male survivor.

Plenary: Bringing Cosby to Justice: The First Conviction in the #MeToo Era Part I

M. Stewart Ryan, Esq., Associate Attorney, Laffey, Bucci & Kent LLP

Kristen Gibbons Feden, Esq., Litigation Associate Attorney, Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young

Kevin Steele, District Attorney

During this plenary session, you will hear from the three prosecutors who took on "America's Dad" as they discuss and analyze the case's impact on the world today. The discussion will focus on the debunking of popular rape myths, assessing and advocating for the credibility of survivors, the shortcomings of prompt complaint jury instructions, and having courage to take on the big case.

Thursday, April 8

Plenary: Chelsea's Story

Chelsea Young, Survivor, Advocate

Dwight Rudd, JD, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

EVAWI's Start by Believing campaign has impacted thousands of professionals in their work to respond effectively to sexual violence. In this session, Chelsea Young, a survivor of sexual assault at a small Virginia college, and Dwight Rudd, a Virginia Attorney, share how this campaign directly altered the criminal justice response to her case for the better.

Plenary: The Science and the Power of Hope

Casey Gwinn, JD, President, Alliance for HOPE International

Casey Gwinn, through his work and research with adult and child victims of domestic and sexual assault, is one of the leading writers and thinkers in the country on how to cultivate hope in the midst of stress and trauma. Hear from Casey on ways we can restore hope even in the midst of intense direct and vicarious trauma.

2021 Awardees

Visionary: Dean Kilpatrick

Professional Impact: Shirley Paceley

Professional Impact: Angela Povilaitis

Media Excellence Award: John Barr and Dan Murphy



Registration

Step 1

Go to our
conference [website](#)

Step 2

Click on
“Register Now”

Step 3

Fill out the
brief registration form

Step 4

Mark your calendar
for April 6th

Cost

Register and pay by March 5, 2021 to save \$50!

\$595 – Payment received by March 5, 2021

\$645 – Payment received after March 5, 2021

Payment by credit card is due at the time of registration.

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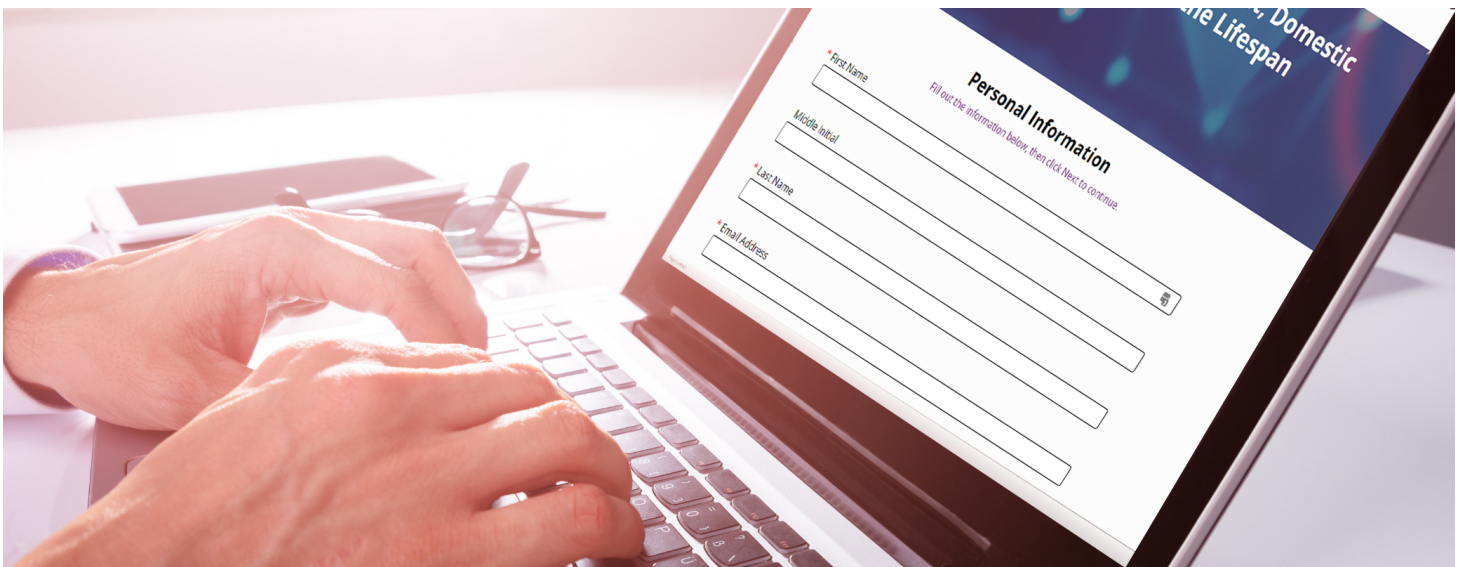
When submitting payment please include the complete names of all attendees on any communication so that your payment is properly applied to your invoice. Checks should be made payable to EVAWI and mailed to:

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If you would like to submit payment by any other method (check, bank transfer, or purchase order), you may do so, but your registration will not be marked complete until payment is received.

CANCELLATION POLICY

No refunds will be issued for the conference registration fee.



Register at www.evawintl.org

NOTE: This is a professional conference dealing with sensitive and sometimes difficult subject matter that may not be appropriate for untrained individuals. We are mindful that some individuals may have a difficult time with the subject matter, including those with a history of victimization. This is especially true because the content of workshop discussions cannot always be anticipated in advance. Please keep this concern in mind as you consider participating in this conference.

EVAWI - seeking justice one response at a time



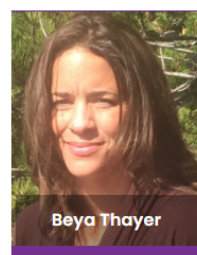
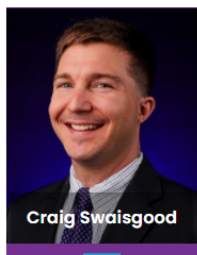
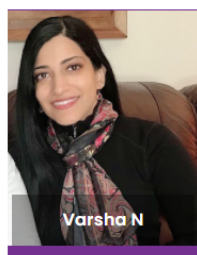
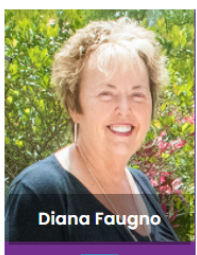
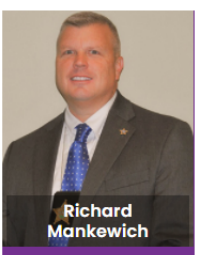
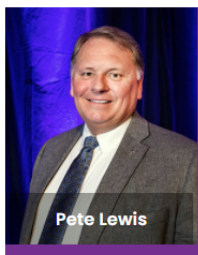
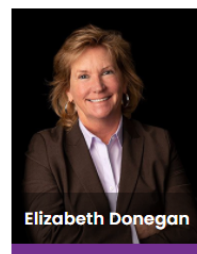
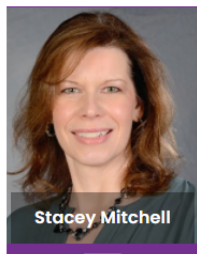
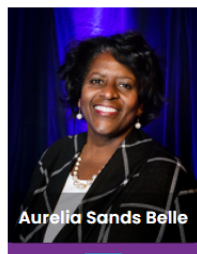
VISION STATEMENT

We envision a world where gender-based violence is unacceptable, where perpetrators are held accountable, and victims receive the compassion, support, and justice they deserve.

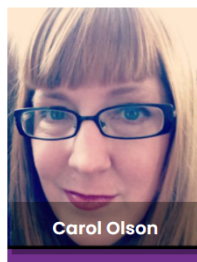
MISSION STATEMENT

We inspire and educate those who respond to gender-based violence, equipping them with the knowledge and tools they need to support victims and hold perpetrators accountable. We promote victim-centered, multi-disciplinary collaboration, which strengthens the response of the criminal justice system, other professionals, allies, and the general public - making communities safer.

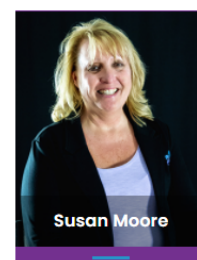
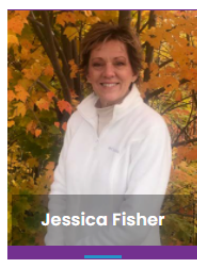
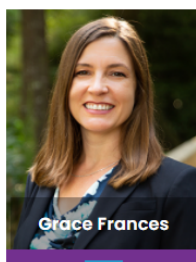
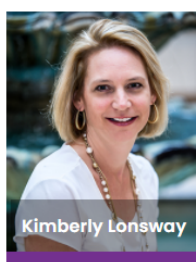
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The conference was, overall, an excellent opportunity to connect, learn from cutting edge trainers, and be part of excellent opportunities to debrief those with direct experience. One of the strengths of the conference was the commitment to bettering investigative techniques while being victim centered and offender focused. I brought back many resources to my Police Department and will continue to utilize information from the conference as time goes on. It is my hope to attend this conference in the future and bring more investigators from Vermont and my agency with me.

- Law Enforcement

Great conference and it changed my whole perspective on sexual assault and domestic violence.

- US Military Member

I attended the conference with our sexual assault advocate group and law enforcement. Together we saw ways we could improve our response to victims of sexual assault.

- Prosecutor

I've attended several Sexual Assault conferences, and this was the BEST ONE THUS FAR!!!! I enjoyed meeting others with the same passion as mine and learning from different speakers and agencies from all parts of the world.

- Victim Advocate

I wish every sexual assault investigator and prosecutor could attend this conference. Actually, I wish every juror selected to serve in a sexual assault trial could attend this conference. It's only by gaining the knowledge and the understanding of this crime and it's affect on the victims that we can provide them with justice.

- Law Enforcement

This conference is always a very welcome breath of fresh air in work that can be very difficult. Thank you.

- Forensic Nurse Examiner

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