NJCA Presents an MDT Training Event on Domestic Violence.

**Agenda**

**9:00AM – 10:30AM**

The Children Are Not Okay: Impact of Domestic Violence

Presented by Jane Staub, The Zero Abuse Project

Children are not immune or shielded from the violence. Not only do millions of children witness the abuse of their mother, but many experience child abuse themselves.  This session will discuss the prevalence of DV, the intersection of DV and child maltreatment and how these behaviors permeate the day-to-day climate of the home which leads to the cycle of abuse being handed down from generation to generation.  Identification of harm will be discussed as well as strategies to support the mother and the children. Skill building and increasing resiliency will be presented.

**10:45AM – 12:15PM**

Child Sexual Abuse Evaluation

Presented by Dr. DeBellis

This workshop will provide the purpose, process, and findings of medical evaluations in suspected sexual abuse.

**12:15PM – 1:00PM**

Lunch Break

**1:00PM – 2:30PM**

Domestic Violence and Lethality Assessments

Presented by Jane Straub, The Zero Abuse Project

This presentation will discuss abusive behaviors, the cycle of violence, barriers to safety and the emotional, physical, and mental impact of the victim. Introduction and discuss of assessing lethality will be covered. Working with and engaging survivors to identify escalation and threats to safety are crucial to reducing the chance of homicide for victims, children, and the abuser in DV cases. The goals of the presentation are to increase your knowledge of Domestic Violence, be able to identify abusive relationships, improve your understanding of lethality and to engage survivors in safety planning and strategies to leave abusive relationships safely.

**2:45PM – 4:15PM**

Child Abuse and Domestic Violence: When Systems Collide

Presented by Amy Russell

Research shows that there is a definite link between DV and child abuse: child abuse is 15 times more likely to occur in households where DP is present. This workshop will focus on the effects and impact of domestic violence on children and explore the efficacy of current interventions. Understanding the impact of DV on children can increase appropriate professional response to both victims of DV and child abuse and enable professionals to better empower victims of DV to support their children.

\***FREE TRAINING** – all MDT disciplines and partner agencies welcome to attend.

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance for entire program.

\*CE credits provided by Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care

**When:** June 3, 2021

**Time:** 9AM – 4:15PM EDT

**Where:** Virtual

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