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Eighth Annual Domestic Violence Conference – Friday, October 24, 2014
Featuring **Mark Wynn** of Mark Wynn Consulting, an international speaker and powerful educator



Mark Wynn of Mark Wynn Consulting is an international speaker and powerful educator on the topics of domestic violence and sexual assault prevention. A seasoned law enforcement professional with 21 years of experience with the Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Police Department, Mr. Wynn served as Lieutenant to the Domestic Violence Division and was a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. He is also a 1994 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Mr. Wynn provides domestic violence training to a variety of professional groups; he is faculty to the National College of District Attorney's conferences on Family Violence, the National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women, and the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy. Mr. Wynn effectively draws from his childhood experience of domestic violence in his family of origin and his experience in law enforcement to engage audiences in creating a coordinated community response to all forms of family and intimate partner violence. His powerful presentation style has gained him numerous awards and accolades and has been sought by national media outlets as well as the U.S. Executive Office during the Clinton Administration.

Keynote Address: Domestic Violence Through the Eyes of a Survivor and Public Servant

Lt. Wynn motivates his audience to look at domestic violence through the eyes of a twenty-year public servant and a ten-year survivor of domestic violence. He discusses the importance of an ongoing commitment to guaranteeing individual civil rights and addresses: Why victims are reluctant to report? Why they stay? Why offenders batter? And how domestic violence impacts children? He inspires his audience to further their understanding of the lack of protection for victims and the loss of trust in public and other community agencies, as well as the costs to society for failing the victims of this often hidden crime. Wynn draws a clear connection from the power and control used in domestic violence to terrorism and challenges his audience to change the system to insure the safety of the victim, the police, and the community.

Morning Breakout Session: The Hidden Victims: Responding to Children Exposed to Violence in the Home

Each year millions of children are exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods. This session will illustrate the impact of that exposure, the challenges to intervention, best methods for conducting victim interviews, and safety planning.

Plenary address: Beyond the Obvious: Interpreting Power, Control, and Manipulation

This session will enable participants to see offender manipulation and its impact through the eyes of victims, law enforcement, and advocates. The session will enhance participant understanding of the power, control, and manipulative tactics used against victims and service providers and will review probable cause, interpretation of injuries, justifiable self-defense, and determining dominant/primary aggressor.

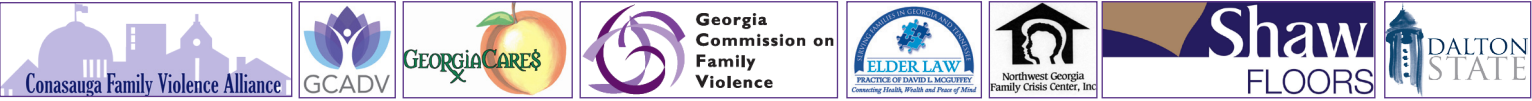
Afternoon Breakout Session: Stalking and Counter-Stalking

Stalking is often present in a violent relationship. This session will enlighten participants to the growing crime of stalking in domestic/sexual violence incidents. Participants will gain an improved understanding of stalker personalities and behavior, the impact on victims, the level of danger, probable cause, investigative tactics, and understanding stalking with technology, counter-measures, prevention, and safety planning.

2014 CFVA Awards

Please recognize and honor colleagues who work to end domestic violence in Whitfield and Murray Counties, Georgia, by nominating them for a DV award to be presented at the 2014 conference. Nominations will be solicited in the summer of 2014. Watch for email notification.

Seventh Annual Domestic Violence Conference



Sponsors: Conasauga Family Violence Alliance • Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence • Georgia CARES • Georgia Commission on Family Violence • McGuffey Elder Law Practice • Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center • Shaw Floors • Dalton State College Department of Social Work

Introducing our speakers:



DAVID KITTS, PhD– Director, Family Crimes Unit, Knoxville Police Department

Dr. Kitts has extensive training and experience in law enforcement and has studied theology at the Master's degree level. In 2002 he helped to establish the Knox County, Tennessee, Clergy Task Force Against Domestic Violence; in 2005 he was instrumental in the creation of the Knoxville Family Justice Center; and in 2009 he helped establish the Knoxville Police Department's Family Crimes Unit, which he currently manages. Having developed extensive expertise in domestic violence training as a result of his law enforcement training and community involvement, Dr. Kitts now provides training on a variety of domestic violence topics to law enforcement, physicians, attorneys, business and social service professionals, students, and other community members, and he is in demand for training for faith communities.



LESLIE DINKINS, MSW, LCSW– Counselor in private practice

Ms. Dinkins earned a Master's in social work from Georgia State University and works in private practice focusing on empowering victims of domestic violence. Ms. Dinkins gained experience and knowledge of the challenges faced by victims of domestic violence in her previous position as a victim advocate with the Forsyth County, Georgia, Domestic Violence Task Force. Her 10 years of experience in the field includes work with domestic violence offenders as a certified Family Violence Program Intervention Facilitator and provision of individual and group counseling services to victims. Ms. Dinkins provides training on a variety of domestic violence topics and is especially interested in providing education on the divorce process.



KELLEY LINN, BS– Domestic violence survivor and victim advocate

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Radford University, Ms. Linn wrote procedure manuals for Fortune 500 companies and charities. Following a lengthy and difficult divorce in which she experienced domestic violence during the judicial process, she recognized the need for an instruction manual to help families minimize the emotional and financial abuse which often accompanies divorce proceedings. Drawing from her own experiences and those of others, Ms. Linn compiled and published a divorce workbook, *Transitions*, in order to empower families to survive the process. She is now president of Transitions Resource, LLC, an organization that provides support for domestic violence victims.



PAT S. KING, RN– Forensic Special Investigator, Division of Aging Services, Georgia Human Services

Pat King returns for our seventh conference by popular demand. She presents locally and nationally on the physical and financial abuse of at-risk adults and has authored articles on the financial exploitation of adults and training needs for primary responders. She provides training and technical assistance to primary and secondary responders for crimes against at-risk adults as a part of the At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics (ACT) Certification initiative of Georgia's Department of Human Services and is a charter member of the GBI's At-Risk Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation work group, investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Ms. King is a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses and the Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in nursing at Georgia State University.



KERMIT McMANUS, Esq. – Former District Attorney, Conasauga Judicial Circuit

A graduate of Mercer University Law School, Kermit McManus was appointed District Attorney of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit in 1996, after having served as Assistant and Chief Assistant D.A. In 1997, soon after his appointment to head the office, he obtained a grant to create one of the first Domestic Violence Units in a prosecutor's office in Georgia. In keeping with the strong emphasis on aggressive arrest and prosecution of DV cases that began during his tenure, the unit continues to work for safety and justice for victims and to demand accountability for perpetrators. Mr. McManus retired from his position as D.A. in 2012 and is currently in private practice, limiting his practice to Whitfield County Juvenile Court deprivation cases.

SCHEDULE and SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, October 25, 2013

8:45 to 9 am (Gignilliat Memorial Hall, Goodroe Auditorium)
Announcements – **Marcy Muller** – Moderator, and CFVA Conference Planning Committee member
Welcome and opening remarks – **Dr. Sandra Stone**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dalton State College
Introduction of Keynote Speaker – **Murray County Sheriff Gary Langford**

9 - 10:15 am (Goodroe Auditorium)
Keynote Address: David Kitts, PhD – Religion and Domestic Violence: Theology and Abuse
This session will begin with an insider’s perspective as to why so many congregations are ill-equipped to effectively manage incidents of domestic violence and will explore theological values that have historically facilitated abuse. Attention will be given to countering troubling scriptures sometimes used to support the perpetration of domestic violence, and the presentation will conclude with four theological ideas crucial to ending domestic violence.

10:30 - 11:45 am
Morning Breakout Sessions (choose one of three):

- A. **Religion and Domestic Violence: Engaging Faith Communities in Responding to DV** (Goodroe Auditorium)
– **David Kitts, PhD**
Continuing discussion from the keynote address, this session will offer practical methods for congregations to address issues of domestic violence, concentrating on significant life events that can serve as a means to confront abuse among parishioners. Specific attention will be given to proper pastoral care for domestic violence victims, and the presentation will conclude with information about engaging faith communities in the creation of a clergy task force within their respective domestic violence alliances.
- B. **Part I: Addressing Domestic Violence in Divorcing Couples: A Clinical Perspective** (Gignilliat Memorial Hall 130)
– **Leslie Dinkins, LCSW**
The emotional and financial wounding of women and children by high conflict divorce is the topic of this two-part presentation designed for professionals who provide services to women, children, and other interested individuals. Participants will learn about the discrepancies between individual expectations and the frequent harsh realities of court proceedings, legal representation strategies, and spousal/family member behaviors that often re-victimize women and children. The stages of grief will be applied to the trauma and wounding of the divorce process, and the significance of various levels of conflict in the divorce process will be explored. Case studies will be provided to illustrate difficulties experienced by divorcing women regarding child protective services, child custody, orders of protection, housing, and other issues related to intimate partner violence and divorce. Participants will be provided information designed to assist divorcing women and children in avoiding and minimizing the conflict, expense, and potential battering of the process.
- C. **The DV Investigation: Key to Successful Prosecution or Unwitting Sabotage of the Case** (Sequoya Hall 102)
– **Kermit McManus, Esq.**
Domestic violence cases are typically different from most other criminal investigations. This presentation will delve into how and why the dynamics of domestic violence cases are unique, how first responders can address those dynamics in their investigations, and how knowledgeable and timely investigative efforts can either support or hinder successful prosecution of domestic violence cases.

12 - 12:45 pm – **Lunch** (Pope Student Center)

- 1 - 1:15 pm – **Gloria’s Story: A Dramatization of a Victim’s Search for Help** (Goodroe Auditorium) – This brief skit will be followed by discussion about how formal and informal roles in the community are vital to ending domestic violence.
- 1:15 - 1:30 – **Presentation of Awards** (Goodroe Auditorium): The Betty Higgins Domestic Violence Advocate Award
The Jackie Williams Criminal Justice Award

1:45 - 2:45 pm (Goodroe Auditorium)
Plenary Address: David Kitts, PhD – Domestic Violence in the Workplace: It’s Your Business
This presentation will define the phrase “workplace violence” and will describe warning signs of potential violence in the workplace. Recommendations for providing a violence-free, safe work environment will be presented. Additionally, participants will learn methods to promote workplace safety when specific threats target individual employees and present potential danger to other workers. This presentation will be especially useful for human resources personnel.

3 - 4:15 pm
Afternoon Breakout Sessions (choose one of three):

- A. **Investigating Domestic Violence Strangulation Injuries** (Goodroe Auditorium)
– **David Kitts, PhD**
Strangulation, commonly referenced as choking, is a frequent method of intimate partner abuse that is sometimes incompletely investigated. Often, police officers are unprepared to properly document injuries stemming from strangulation; these types of cases require more than simply looking for red marks on a victim’s neck. In this session, Dr. Kitts will discuss key questions that need to be answered in order to verify that strangulation has occurred, the importance of inspecting for other injuries, and the types of bruising patterns that result from the use of various strangulation weapons.
- B. **Part II: Addressing Domestic Violence in Divorcing Couples: A Survivor’s Perspective** (Gignilliat Memorial Hall 130)
– **Kelley Linn, BS, and Leslie Dinkins, LCSW**
(Note: Attendance in the Part I session is recommended but not required for attendance in Part II.)
Presenters will assist attendees in identifying methods that abusive spouses use during the divorce process to re-victimize their families. Participants will be trained to assess potential abuse in the divorce process and how to educate clients to minimize abusive tactics, avoid high conflict circumstances, and survive potential emotional and financial wounding by the process. Attendees will learn how to identify legal forms of re-victimization within the judicial process, including methods used by unethical attorneys who contribute to re-victimization. Additionally, assessment tools for helping professionals will be presented to assist participants in guiding clients through the abusive maneuvers of divorcing partners.
- C. **Hybrid Trafficking: Exploitation of Adults with Disabilities in Georgia** (Sequoya Hall 102)
– **Patricia S. King, RN**
Several factors: the current economy, the 1999 Olmstead Decision and 2010 Department of Justice settlement, aging “boomers,” and the demand for increased community-based services have contributed to an explosion of cases involving exploitation of older adults and adults with disabilities. Increasingly, entrepreneurs identifying themselves as caregivers recruit individuals to reside in boarding homes, missions, independent living residences, and other living arrangements that are essentially unlicensed personal care homes. Owners have total control of victims’ money, health care, and legal documents, creating significant opportunity for abuse. Participants in this training will learn the warning signs of abuse of at-risk adults and methods for reporting and advocating for their needs.

About the Awards

The Betty Higgins Domestic Violence Advocate Award is one of two awards presented at the conference to honor individuals who demonstrate excellent service to domestic violence victims or offenders in Whitfield or Murray Counties. This award is intended for professionals or community members who are victim advocates and who work for community awareness of domestic violence, who provide services or education, or who work to hold offenders accountable. It is named for the late Betty Higgins, former director of the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, for her exemplary service and commitment to the field.

The second award presented at the conference is **The Jackie Williams Criminal Justice Award**. This award is intended for criminal justice professionals, including but not limited to: judges, probation/parole officers, law enforcement, and District Attorney’s office employees who work for community awareness of domestic violence, who provide services or education, or who work to hold offenders accountable. It is named for the late Jackie Williams of the Whitfield County Sheriff’s Office who was committed to justice for all domestic violence victims in Whitfield and Murray Counties.



About the Conasauga Family Violence Alliance

The **Conasauga Family Violence Alliance** (CFVA) is a collaborative of agency representatives and community members from the Conasauga Judicial Circuit (Whitfield and Murray Counties) in Northwest Georgia who seek to improve outcomes for victims of intimate partner violence. The mission of the CFVA is to end domestic violence through coordinated community response and education, services to victims, and support of policies and practices which hold abusers accountable.

CFVA has been in existence for over 20 years and is comprised of core domestic violence agencies including: the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, residential and outreach services to victims; RESOLV (Recognizing, Exposing, and Stopping Our Learned Violence), intervention for offenders; the Domestic Violence Unit of the District Attorney's Office; and Georgia Legal Services. Other member agencies include but are not limited to: Departments of Family and Children's Services; other social services offices; law enforcement, probation and parole agencies; public school systems; health and medical services; and Family Connections agencies in Whitfield and Murray Counties.

The alliance seeks members and volunteers. If you would like to join the CFVA, please contact CFVA Chair **Jim Sneary** at jsneary@whitfieldcountygga.com

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The following contact/clock hours are available for conference participants—full attendance required:

- 5.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available for Licensed Master's Social Workers (LMSW), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT);
*Please note that 5.0 CEUs for LMSWs, LCSWs, LPCs, and LMFTs is the correct number of CEUs available for this conference—5.25 was incorrectly listed in conference registration materials. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- 5.25 qualifying hours available for Family Violence Intervention Program (FVIP) facilitators;
- 5.25 Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) hours available for law enforcement officers;
- 8 CEUs available for State-Certified Domestic Violence Shelter Programs funded by the Governor's Office for Children and Families;
- 4.5 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) units available for attorneys. Attendees are responsible for paying for CLE credit at their own expense (\$5.00 per credit).

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Parking – There is no parking fee or fine for conference participants.

Location of restrooms (Memorial Hall) – Left hall from lobby

Location of break room/refreshments (Memorial Hall, Room 109) – Left hall from lobby, across from restrooms

Location of agency displays (Memorial Hall, Room 109) Left hall from lobby

CEU certificates – Please see CEU information notes on the reverse side of this insert regarding a change in CEUs for LMSWs, LCSWs, LPCs, and LMFTs. Certificates will be available in Memorial Hall lobby following close of the conference. (CEUs are available for participants who attended all sessions of the conference.)

Conference evaluation forms – May be found in participant folders; please turn them in at the time you pick up your CEU certification

Plastic name badge covers – Please turn in name tags when picking up CEU certificate.

[To Access Free DV Prevention Materials on the Dalton State School of Social Work Website:](http://www.daltonstate.edu/social-work/domestic-violence-conference-handouts/index.html)

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Directions to Other Campus Venues

Campus map provided in program/signage and volunteers available for directions

- MEM 130 (Gignilliat Memorial Hall, building #6 on campus map)
Morning and afternoon breakout sessions B, room 130 – directly behind Goodroe auditorium
- SEQ 102 (Sequoia Hall, building #3 on campus map)
Morning and afternoon breakout sessions C – southwest from Memorial Hall past the bell tower, enter the building at the last entrance (south end of the building) and turn left
- Pope Student Center (building #5 on campus map)
Lunch will be served on the upper level, due west (turn right) from Memorial Hall front entrance.

Notes: