

West Virginia 10th Annual
**Sexual Assault
Symposium**

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

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Registration Deadline—April 14, 2010

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Mail to: WV FRIS
112 Braddock Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

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10th Annual
**Statewide
Sexual Assault
Symposium**



*Responding to Persons With Disabilities
Who Are Victims of Sexual Assault*

**Wednesday, April 21, 2010
8:00a.m.—4:30p.m.**

**Charleston Marriott Town Center
Charleston, WV**

Sponsored by:



**The West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information
and Services
Child and Youth Advocacy Center
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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Nora Baladerian is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Certified Sex Therapist and Board Certified Forensic Examiner. She is an expert in conducting evaluations of suspected sexual abuse and assessments with children and adults with developmental disabilities, as well as providing clinical intervention. She is the Director of the Disability, Abuse & Personal Rights Project in Los Angeles, California.

Featured Speakers

Beverly Frantz, PhD coordinates the Sexual Health and Criminal Justice initiatives at the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University. Ms. Frantz earned her MS degrees from Villanova University and the London School of Economics and her doctorate degree in human sexuality from Widener University.

Monica J. Acord, MA is the Co-Director of the Child and Youth Advocacy Center in Lewisburg, WV. She has extensive training in forensic interviewing.

Adam Martin, BS has served eight years with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department and currently serves as the child abuse detective.

Susan E. Vlajk, ACSW, LCSW has been in social work since 1985 and has been a systemic therapist since 1988. Her specialty areas include trauma, sexual abuse and grief. Her main focus is children and families involving trauma.

Suzanne Messenger, JD is West Virginia's Long-Term Care Ombudsman. She advises long-term care residents about quality of care, payment, guardianship and conservatorship, powers of attorney, health care surrogate matters, and elder abuse and exploitation. She received her JD degree from the WVU College of Law.

Marissa Johnson is the Executive Director of the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She is a member of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), the Fair Shake Network, the National Council on Independent Living, and the American Association of People with Disabilities.

Roy Foreman is the Deputy Director of the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He is a CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) and a NAD level 5 interpreter. Mr. Foreman's affiliations include the Fairmont, Romney, and Clarksburg Association of the Deaf, a member of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), and the National Association of the Deaf.

Regina Mayolo, C.A.P.S., works as a Technical Assistance Specialist with the West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS) at the Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University. She has been employed with helping special populations age-in-place for almost thirty years. Her primary emphasis is helping individuals with disabilities thrive in life.

AGENDA 10th Annual WV Sexual Assault Symposium

8:00a.m.–8:30a.m.

REGISTRATION

8:30a.m.–10:15a.m.

KEYNOTE *Dr. Nora Baladerian, PhD, Disability, Abuse & Personal Rights Project, SPECTRUM INSTITUTE, Los Angeles, CA.*

Forensic Interviewing of Crime Victims with Disabilities—This keynote will describe specific common barriers to achieving a successful interview and solutions to employ. Participants will learn how to best communicate with persons with intellectual disabilities or communication differences with resources that can improve this essential part of the victim's experience.

10:15a.m.–10:30a.m.

BREAK

10:30a.m.–11:45a.m.

Plenary Sessions

PLENARY 1 —*Dr. Nora Baladerian, PhD, Disability, Abuse & Personal Rights Project, SPECTRUM INSTITUTE, Los Angeles, CA*

Working with Victims of Crime Experiencing Mental Illness or Psychiatric Disabilities—Trauma or mental illness experienced during childhood or adolescence can disrupt key developmental processes, leaving victims at increased risk for victimization. Exposure to ongoing abuse can exacerbate symptoms and precipitate mental health crisis, making it more difficult for victims to interact with the criminal justice system, access resources, and recover from trauma.

PLENARY 2 —*Beverly Franz, Ed.D., Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*

What Did You Say? Do You Know What She Said? The Importance of Effective Communication within the Criminal Justice and Victim Services Systems—Current literature suggests that victims of crime who cannot communicate effectively are less likely to be able to prevent or report crimes, and less likely to access the criminal justice and victim service systems. This session will discuss several models for enhanced communication and demonstrate the "Validating Others Intentional Communicative Expression" (V.O.I.C.E.) protocol, to ensure that the voices of all victims are heard and understood accurately.

11:45a.m.—1:15p.m.

LUNCH

1:15p.m.—2:15p.m.

SESSIONS B1–B6

SESSION B1 —*Dr. Nora Baladerian, PhD, Disability, Abuse & Personal Rights Project, Spectrum Institute, Los Angeles, CA*

Risk Reduction Planning for Individuals with Disabilities—One of the hardest things to discuss with assault victims is the likelihood of another assault. Making a plan that can work for the individual when faced with "the next" attempt or completed assault is essential to their protection and mental health. The session will review a protocol that has led to successful outcomes.

SESSION B2 —*Beverly Franz, EdD, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*

Creating an Accessible, Safe & Respectful Environment for Sexual Assault Victims with Disabilities—This session will present concepts and strategies for creating an accessible, safe, and respectful environment that helps in de-escalating crisis and managing a victim's anxiety by addressing issues of physical, programmatic and attitudinal accessibility. More than just a "check list," accessibility includes exploring stereotypes and the impact they have on crime victim service delivery.

SESSION B3 —*Monica Acord MA, Co-Director of the Child Advocacy Center, Greenbrier County, WV, Susan E. Vlajk, ACSW, LCSW, and Adam Martin, Detective, Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department*

The MDIT Response—This session will follow a case of an adolescent with developmental disabilities through the judicial system. Participants will have an opportunity to learn from the perspectives of members of a multidisciplinary team.

SESSION B4 —*Suzanne Messenger, Bureau of Senior Services*

Guardianship101—This interactive session will be a general primer of the many issues that arise when one person has some authority to make decisions for a victim, such as, "What if a victim has a disability that impacts his/her ability to make decisions?" "What if the victim has a guardian?" "What role does the guardian have?" and "What decisions can be made for a victim?"

SESSION B5 —*Regina Mayola, Center for Excellence in Disabilities*

Keeping Safe and Increasing Accessibility Using Assistive Technology—This session will explore various technologies used by persons with disabilities or with persons who are deaf. Participants will learn the benefits and crucial tips to increase safety and accessibility.

SESSION B6 —*Marissa Johnson, Executive Director and Roy Foreman, Deputy Director, WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

"What Do You Do...if a victim of sexual violence comes to your office and they happen to be deaf or hard of hearing?" Do you know your rights and responsibilities for communicating with this person? Do you know what their rights and responsibilities are? This interactive session will provide an overview of technology options, a summary of rights and responsibilities, and best practices for supporting sexual violence victims who are deaf or hard of hearing.

2:30p.m.–3:30p.m.

B1–B6 SESSIONS —ALL SESSIONS ARE REPEATED

3:40p.m.–4:30p.m.

SESSION C1 —*Dr. Nora Baladerian, PhD, Disability, Abuse & Personal Rights Project, Spectrum Institute, Los Angeles, CA*

How Do You Know It Was Consent: Get the FACTS (Forensic Assessment of Consent to Sex)—There are many twists and turns as the story unfolds, that help illuminate the complexity of this kind of assessment. Learning how to utilize this instrument to assess "consent to sex" will provide insights into how to assess with cultural, practical and sensitive techniques.

SESSION C2 —*Beverly Franz, EdD, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*

The Slippery Slope of Touch—This session will explore the dynamics and impact of touch. From healing to abusive; voluntary to mandated; and selling & buying in the context of social and medical models.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This training is essential for criminal justice professionals including police, prosecutors, judges, probation and parole officers, community system-based advocates, social workers, counselors, SARTs, college, community and health professionals who work together to effectively respond to persons with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

These trainings meet the requirements for the following:

The WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, WVBRN

Provider Number: WV2000-0309RN

The WV Board of Examiners for Social Work, WV Provider Number: 490094

The WV Board of Examiners for Counseling, Provider Number: WVBEC-518

Continuing Medical Education Credit—6 Contact Hours

Law Enforcement Annual In-Service Training—Pending Approval

WVCADV Advocate Certification Credits—Pending Approval

Continuing Legal Education Credits—Pending Approval

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Call the Marriott at 800-228-9290. Ask for the 10th Annual WV Sexual Assault Symposium. Room rate is \$101.00 per night until April 2, 2010.

PARKING

Town Center Marriott—\$9.00 a day
Town Center Mall—\$1.75 a day