

2017 International Conference Focuses on Systems Change



As the headline in this email indicates, our 2017 conference is focused on systems change. This is highlighted in the workshops below - just a few of the many you can attend at our [International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Systems Change](#). Join us for valuable insights and strategies to create change in your community.

The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: The Judge's Role in a Sexual Assault Case

Presenter Claudia Bayliff will explore the role that judges play in a sexual assault case, highlighting both the difficult decisions they must make as well as their ethical constraints. She will identify lessons learned from educating judges across the country, and offer participants an opportunity to play the role of judge in a sexual assault case. Participants will make decisions at various stages in the case, using actual case facts.

The Power of Advocacy within Law Enforcement: Challenges, Successes and the Impact on Systems Reseponse

In this session, Chief Jerald Monahan, Erin Callinan, and Varsha N. will explore the history of the relationship between law enforcement and victim advocacy. While recognizing both similarities and differences in philosophy, the presenters will examine the evolution of this relationship from one as adversaries to collaborative partnership. This workshop will use examples from across the country to highlight the significance of this systemic change and identify challenges, including those faced when a victim advocate works within the law enforcement agency, as a civilian police employee.

Beyond the Rape Kit: Improving All Aspects of the Sexual Assault Investigation

With increasing attention focused on the criminal justice



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system response to sexual assault, headlines continue to highlight the tens of thousands of evidence kits that have gone untested across the country - and the failures associated with law enforcement response and investigation. In this session, a panel of presenters - including Dr. Jessica Shaw, Gail Krieger, Debi Cain, Dr. Rebecca Campbell, and Det. Annie Harrison - will present and discuss policy and practice changes that could improve the criminal justice system response to sexual assault based on recent research and "lessons learned."

Chutes & Ladders: A Journey to Rape Kit Reform Legislation

With the national spotlight on rape kit backlogs and the challenge of untested evidence, many state and local governments have found themselves called to the "situation room." In this session, presenters Ann Burdges and Representative Scott Holcomb will provide insight on how to improve public policy by walking participants through the process of how legislation is crafted and enacted. They will examine the process, players, relationships, communications, and challenges involved - specifically highlighting the perspectives and interests of state crime labs, law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, medical-forensic professionals, and hospital authorities.

After the Interview, Now the Work Begins

Sex crimes can be some of the most difficult cases to investigate and prove, and among the most challenging to successfully prosecute. In this session, Sgt. Richard Mankewich and Deborah Barra will share insights on how to use evidence and testimony to paint a clear picture of what the victim actually experienced during a sexual assault. This will ultimately give prosecutors an advantage when presenting these cases in court.

... And Much More

Our conference will provide you with three days of training, including six plenary sessions and a choice of 51 workshops. With over 100 expert presenters, we are certain you will learn new ideas and strategies to take home and apply on the job. Moreover, with over 2,000 professionals expected to attend, you can also anticipate countless opportunities to meet, rejuvenate and share ideas with others.

For More Information

To find out more, please visit our [conference page](#). A detailed [agenda](#) is available, as well as a conference [brochure](#) that can be printed and shared with others.

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