

## ***Storytelling for Social Change: Sharing Your Childhood Story of Domestic Violence***



**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome to today's webinar! I'm Breckan from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, I'll be monitoring the chat box this afternoon.

**Breckan Erdman:** Feel free to introduce yourself here!

**Breckan Erdman:** For audio, dial 1-877-594-8353, pass code: 527-89-148#

**Breckan Erdman:** For webinar support, please call Adobe Connect tech support at (585) 899-5300, ext. 3

Victoria Morin: hello Victoria from Women's Protective Services in Lubbock, TX

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome!

Cristy Camacho: Cristy from My Sisters' Place in Newport, Oregon

Sherry Hooker: Sherry from DVIS, Tulsa, OK

**Breckan Erdman:** We're happy to have you with us today!

Jessica Nolan: Hi All -- Jessica from Family Crisis Resource Center, Cumberland, MD

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, Jessica!

Patty Schooley: Patty Schooley from Mid-Coast Family Services, Victoria, TX

Desiree Veal: Aloha...Cindy (in for Desiree) from Domestic Violence Action Center in Hawaii

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, Patty and Cindy!

Patty Branco: Hello, Patty from the NRCDV office in Harrisburg.

**Breckan Erdman:** Hi Patty!

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, everyone! If you have not already done so, please dial 1-877-594-8353, pass code: 52789148# for audio. You may also listen through your computer.

**Breckan Erdman:** Please submit your questions for the presenters here in the public chat – we will be sure to pose them at the end of their presentation.

Patty Branco: Looking forward to this great webinar!

**Breckan Erdman:** A recording of this webinar, in addition to copies of the PPT and related materials, will be posted on VAWnet.org and shared via email with all participants.

**Breckan Erdman:** Be sure to introduce yourself here in the public chat!

Neukisha Motsinger: Kisha from Raeford

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, Kisha!

Vera Thomas: Vera from Warm Springs, Oregon Hi everyone

Rakayla Wicks: Rakayla from Kansas

**Breckan Erdman:** We're glad you're joining us this afternoon!

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52789148# for audio. You may also listen through your computer. We'll be starting in a few minutes!

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**Breckan Erdman:** Feel free to tweet along with @NationalDVAM at #ACEDVStories

Francesca Gatuz: Francesca from Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

Sarah Lopata: Hi everyone! I'm Sarah Lopata from Nicole's Place at Laurel House, in Huntingdon Valley, PA

Courtney Train: Hello, I'm the Youth Advocate Mentor at the Domestic Violence Assoc. of Central Kansas!

**Olga Trujillo:** Hi everyone

Nikki Payton: Nikki Payton, Cases Manager at the Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc. of Tulsa, OK. Former CM at Help-In-Crisis in Tahlequah, OK.

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome! We're so glad to be spending time with you all this afternoon

Carol Adams: Hi

Carol Adams: This is Carol Adams

Carol Adams: Richmond VA

Amanda Millir: Amanda Millir, Fairfax, VA

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, all!

Trishana Jones: Just an FYI there is a conflicting webinar on Opioids and Children Exposed to DV happening right now so some people may be clicking between this webinar and that one. That webinar is through Promising Futures.

**Breckan Erdman:** Thanks for letting us know! A recording of this webinar and the slides will also be available on VAWnet.org

Trishana Jones: Thank you so much Breckan!

**Breckan Erdman:** You're welcome!

Trishana Jones: Breckan, will there be an e-mail announcement with the links to the recording and slides sent out?

**Breckan Erdman:** Yes! You can expect a follow up email with a link to the page on VAWnet

**Breckan Erdman:** Poll: Where are you when it comes to sharing your story?

Amanda Millir: I have been sharing my story and am now trying to learn how to help my children share their stories of what it was like to be a child who witnessed DV in the home....hoping to learn from today's experts!

**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you so much for sharing, Amanda. We're so glad you're here today!

Victoria Morin: I am loving this webinar already!!!!

**NRCDV Admin:** Thanks Victoria!

**Breckan Erdman:** We're so glad!

**Breckan Erdman:** Thanks for joining us today, everyone! Feel free to tweet along with @NationalDVAM at #ACEDVStories

**NRCDV Admin:** If anyone has any insight, comments, or questions to share with everyone please feel free to post here in the public chat!!

**NRCDV Admin:** We want to hear from all of you as well.

**Breckan Erdman:** Link to speaker's guide: <https://vawnet.org/material/front-room-advocates-guide-help-prepare-survivors-public-speaking>

**Breckan Erdman:** How do you know when you're ready to tell your story?

**Breckan Erdman:** Feel free to share your thoughts / questions / comments here in the chat

**Neukisha Motsinger:** When we no longer want to be bound by the circumstances. The instant release to let go relearn emotionally

**Breckan Erdman:** That's so powerful, thank you for sharing that

**Amanda Millir:** My question is for any of the presenters: Did any of you receive any pushback while you were working in the field and also wanting to share your personal experience? If so, what were some of the reasons that people gave you for having to stay silent for the sake of "professional boundaries" and how did you overcome those obstacles?

**Casey Keene:** Thanks, Amanda!

**Breckan Erdman:** Good question!

**Breckan Erdman:** Be sure to keep posing your wonderful questions here in the chat! And feel free to tweet along with @NationalDVAM at #ACEDVStories

**Keely Purscell:** I like that statement "I come into this work with a bias"

**Breckan Erdman:** Definitely, very powerful!

**Keely Purscell:** that's so true!!! all the sudden you have all kinds of programs trying to help but forcing clients to do this or that...jump thru this hoop!!!

**Breckan Erdman:** "your story is much more than a tale of adversity." so powerful!

**Suzanne Kramer-Brenna:** When I tell parts of my story, I do try to emphasize that my father who chose to abuse us was also a human being who had some very lovable qualities.

**Casey Keene:** Thanks so much for sharing this, Suzanne! It takes intentionality to describe those who abuse in ways that don't make them seem like monsters.

**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you so much, Suzanne!

**Keely Purscell:** based on Suzanne's comment how do you say that your abuser also had good qualities without coming off as someone with Stockholm Syndrome? I wouldn't want storytellers to come across as identifying with their abuser rather they see all the facets of the person and know all those pieces?

**Casey Keene:** Thanks, Keely, for your question!

**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you for your great question!

**Keely Purscell:** excellent point! thank you!

**Breckan Erdman:** Be sure to add any questions/comments you have here as we wrap up in the next 10 minutes!

**Breckan Erdman:** You can access the full guide here: <https://vawnet.org/material/front-room-advocates-guide-help-prepare-survivors-public-speaking>

**Suzanne Kramer-Brenna:** Thank you all so much for this opportunity. I am excited to use this

resource.

Victoria Morin: me too Suzanne!!!

Keely Purscell: thank you!

Breckan Erdman: We're so glad!

Breckan Erdman: The recording and slides for this webinar will be available at this link on VAWnet: <https://vawnet.org/material/storytelling-social-change-sharing-your-childhood-story-domestic-violence>

Breckan Erdman: We'll also send out the link in a follow-up email

Breckan Erdman: Be sure to post any final questions/comments for our presenters here!

Breckan Erdman: For more information about trainings offered through the NRCDV, visit <https://www.nrcdv.org/ta-training/>

Breckan Erdman: In case you missed anything, all of the webinar materials will be available on VAWnet!

Breckan Erdman: Thank you for joining today's session! Please be sure to respond to our brief survey upon logging out: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCSCXFH>

Debbie Ramirez: my computer started an update that took over 2 hours so I missed this :(

Breckan Erdman: oh no! the recording and slides will be available on VAWnet :)

Debbie Ramirez: Thank you Breckan

Breckan Erdman: information about NRCDV's ACE-DV project here: <https://www.nrcdv.org/key-initiatives/ace-dv/>

Suzanne Kramer-Brenna: How do we join the ACE-DV Speakers Bureau? Send an email to one of you?

Casey Keene: Yes! Please email us at [nrcdvTA@nrcdv.org](mailto:nrcdvTA@nrcdv.org)

Mona Muro: How do you join the ACE-DV Speaker Bureau?

Suzanne Kramer-Brenna: Great, thanks!

Breckan Erdman: Be sure to email us with any questions or to get info on the speakers bureau at [nrcdvTA@nrcdv.org](mailto:nrcdvTA@nrcdv.org)

Teale Greylord: What is your FB handle?

Olga Trujillo: Thank you all so much

Suzanne Kramer Brenna: <https://www.facebook.com/aedvc/?fref=ts>

Teale Greylord: Thank you!

Keely Purscell: thank you!

Suzanne Kramer-Brenna: Thank you!

Francesca Gatuz: Thank you!

Victoria Morin: thank you!!!

Nikki Payton: Thank you!

Angelica Escalante: Thank you!

Carol Adams: thank you!

Casey Keene: Thanks to all of you for joining!!