

# ***Enhancing Services to Male Survivors***

## ***Part II: Voices from the Field***



**Breckan Winters:** Welcome to today's webinar! I'm Breckan from NRCDV, joining from Harrisburg, PA. I'll be moderating the chat box this afternoon

**Breckan Winters:** The webinar will begin at 3. In the meantime, feel free to introduce yourself here in the chat - name, organization, role

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**Jennifer Radcliffe-Jones:** Hi. I am Jennifer Radcliffe, Victim Advocate with The Purple Door in Kingsville, TX

**Toby Fraser, he/him 2:** Hi everyone! This is Toby, he/him, here in Philly. Manager of Community Education for Lutheran Settlement House.

**Breckan Winters:** Welcome, everyone!

**NRCDV Admin 2:** Hi, this is Ivonne today's moderator, thanks for joining today!

**Nathan Hawkins:** Hi everyone! My name is Nathan Hawkins and I am the Program Director of the Family Place's Men's Shelter in Dallas, Texas

**Sean Whiteman:** Hi all I'm Sean, and I work with Toby at Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia as a counselor and community educator

**Xiani Williams:** Hello, my name is Xiani Williams she/her/hers. I am the Program Director at Restorative Justice Mediation Program in San Diego, CA

**Breckan Winters:** Welcome! We're excited to spend some time with you this afternoon!

**NRCDV Admin:** Hello everyone, this is Justine Robillard, she/her/hers. I am the Senior Communications Specialist at the NRCDV and I will be your tech support today. So excited for today's topic!

**Deborah Stewart:** Hi everyone! My name is Deborah Stewart. I am in Dallas with The Family Place.

**Breckan Winters:** We'll be getting started shortly. Feel free to continue with introductions here in the chat - name, org, and role!

**Lisa Quinto:** Greetings from San Diego, CA! Lisa Quinto, hotline/shelter volunteer, Center for Community Solutions

**Rebecca Demars:** Becca Demars here, Superior, WI with CASDA and I am the Triage advocate

**Smita Koshy:** Good afternoon! This is Smita Koshy with The Family Place.

**Morgan Dewey:** Morgan Dewey here from NRCDV! So excited to be here with y'all. We'll be live tweeting some highlights and resources using #NRCDVlive. Feel free to follow along there or tweet using the #NRCDVlive/@NRCDV. We'll retweet you!

**Vicki Wulfsohn 2:** Hi! Daniela Marez from The Family Place here in Dallas, TX!

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TIFFANIE YOUNG: Hi community Educator and Trainer from TX

Amber Shepard: Amber, from beautiful Michigan.

shawnice stratford: hello! I'm Shawnice and I'm a part of the charmeck domestic violence speakers bureau here in charlotte, NC

Pooja Pathak: This is an incredible statement

Kathy Moore: Kathy Moore, Director of Safe Housing Initiatives @ NRCDV (based in Portland, OR)

Pooja Pathak: Pooja, Staff Attorney with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas who works closely with The Family Place

**Breckan Winters:** Welcome, everyone!

**Breckan Winters:** Feel free to continue with intros, and be sure to share any questions for the presenters here in the chat!

**Breckan Winters:** The webinar recording and related materials will be available on VAWnet.org: <https://vawnet.org/material/webinar-enhancing-services-male-survivors-part-ii-voices-field>

Louise Zavala: Louise Zavala, County of San Diego, Behavioral Health Services

Michelle Tibbits-McClellan: Campus Advocate at Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida

**Breckan Winters:** Welcome!

Kathy Moore: General question for the speakers: I'd love to hear your perspectives, experiences & suggestions around male survivors' experiences with housing stability. So post-shelter, what are the needs & experiences accessing housing resources (e.g., transitional housing, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing). Any thoughts on how the coordinated entry processes have been for male survivors (via local Continuums of Care)?

**Breckan Winters:** Awesome question, Kathy! Thank you. We will share that with the presenters!

Kathy Moore: Thx Breckan - whenever it makes sense

Pooja Pathak: I would love to hear how you screen for male victims differently than from female victims

**Breckan Winters:** Great question, Pooja! We will pose that to the presenters too :)

Pooja Pathak: Thank you. I am really loving this platform for meetings

**Breckan Winters:** Awesome! We're so glad to have you here with us this afternoon!

Cynthia Alvarado: Hello! I'm Cynthia from Michigan. I'm the Sexual Assault Victim Specialist at Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence :)

Pooja Pathak: Would there be an efficient way for us to all share our contact information?

Pooja Pathak: I love the ability to come together with people in this field from all over the nation.

**NRCDV Admin:** R.E.A.C.H. respect, empathy, accountability, communication, and humor

**Breckan Winters:** Please share here about what your org does to serve male survivors!

**Breckan Winters:** And Pooja, you can share contact info in the survey that will pop up at the end of the webinar!

**Pooja Pathak:** At LANWT we want to give men an equal opportunity to have access to services, but something that I personally find difficult and some other attorneys also find difficult is properly screening men.

**Pooja Pathak:** To determine if men are the victims or are the abusers trying to come and conflict out their victims.

**Pooja Pathak:** Great! Thanks, Breckan

**Sean Whiteman:** Pooja great question and we'll spend some time on assessment when we present

**Jennifer Radcliffe-Jones:** The agency I work for serves anyone that has been a victim. We assess to ensure the person are eligible for services and if so, the person is enrolled. Our shelter allows men, men with children, families, women, and women with children.

**Jennifer Radcliffe-Jones:** Let me change that to females and males to be inclusive

**Brenda McAfee:** At what age are men allowed into the shelter.

**Bennie Williams:** Greetings! I'm Bennie Williams, a media personality and artist building content to help other men as I've just exited a relationship of mental and physical abuse. On the artistry end I'm a poet and just released an album dedicated to men called HOPE (Holding on Positive Energy). My main goal now is to find my voice and courage to speak on my story of abuse so other men can feel empowered to not feel "weak" and bring awareness.

**Breckan Winters:** Welcome, Bennie! Thank you so much for sharing. We're so glad to have you here with us this afternoon.

**Xiani Williams:** Our organization just launched a pilot program that aims to provide vide-based dialogues between offenders and survivors. This would be compliant with No contact orders. The purpose of these dialogues is to address financial and emotional damages. It is essentially a mediation to address any financial restitution and agreements would take place of a court order.

**Xiani Williams:** Can you speak about the financial impact you have identified in male survivors? Is financial abuse as common in male survivors as it is in women?

**Breckan Winters:** Great question, Xiani! We'll share that with the presenters

**Pooja Pathak:** Xiani that sounds so innovative, I would love to learn more.

**Lisa Quinto:** Are trans survivors able to be housed in accordance with their gender identification at your shelter?

**Breckan Winters:** Great question, Lisa!

**Sonia Stovall:** Sonia Stovall here

**Sonia Stovall:** I serve as the Hotline Coordinator for Brighter Tomorrows in Dallas Co.

**Breckan Winters:** For more advice on serving male survivors, check out NRCDV's TA guidance document: <https://vawnet.org/material/serving-male-identified-survivors-intimate-partner-violence>

**Breckan Winters:** Thanks, Xiani!

**Dr. Debra Johnson:** Good afternoon. I am Dr. Johnson with Voices of Tamar| Our Voices Our Stories in Austin, TX. Thank you so much for this platform! Our organization serves as a resource for individuals and families

impacted by domestic violence within our communities. We annually host the Purple Ribbons of Hope in October.

**Breckan Winters:** Thanks for joining us this afternoon, Dr. Johnson!

Paige Flink: This is Paige Flink of The Family Place. Trans survivors are housed in accordance with their gender identification.

**Breckan Winters:** Thanks, Paige!

**Breckan Winters:** Feel free to share what feelings come up for you here in the chat!

**Toby Fraser, he/him 2:** So not what the client may feel, but you as an advocate :)

Alice Wang: I'd feel nervous and sad as an advocate hearing this.

Kris Wilde: sad and wondering how to keep him safe when she doesn't seem like logic plays any part

Pooja Pathak: Sad

Alice Wang: I'd feel angry that he didn't get the support he asked for from the police.

Xiani Williams: I am thinking that sadly it is so common for police to do that.

Alice Wang: Yes

Melissa Hernandez: The police already had preconceived idea about who was the "offender" before they arrived and were biased

**Breckan Winters:** Thank you for sharing, everyone

shawnice stratford: I would keep the texts for court

shawnice stratford: I would tell him to keep the texts\*

Amanda Smith: validating Adam through all of this

**Morgan Dewey:** I so appreciate your vulnerability and transparency around working with survivors who are men within systems of patriarchy and misogyny. It can be difficult as an advocate. Thank you for acknowledging that!

shawnice stratford: yes initially I thought Beth might've been dealing with postpartum but as it went along I started to believe it was more than that

**Toby Fraser, he/him 2:** Definitely Morgan. The systems that plague our society live in us, and can be present in the ways we do this work. Openly acknowledging and grappling with those realities can be hard, but I think makes us better advocates.

**Breckan Winters:** Yes! Thank you for that

Pooja Pathak: I think that goes both ways.

**Toby Fraser, he/him 2:** Pooja, would you mind saying a bit more? I could make a guess, but I don't want to get it wrong.

Pooja Pathak: Oh sure. So I think that we need to apply that standard to women as well when they have certain expectations based on gender norms. And also, that victims could also have certain expectations for themselves that may be unfair to them.

**Toby Fraser, he/him 2:** Oh most definitely! That has not come up much at all today and is so true!

**Breckan Winters:** This screening tool is great!

Pooja Pathak: These are great short questions that should give the screener a lot of insight. Thank you for sharing!

Amanda Smith: I may have missed this but will there be a handout given over everything today?

Kris Wilde: May we have this presentation sent to us as well as Part 1?

Breckan Winters: Yes! A Follow up email will be sent with materials from the webinar

Breckan Winters: Everything will also be available on VAWnet: <https://vawnet.org/material/webinar-enhancing-services-male-survivors-part-ii-voices-field>

Amanda Smith: Thank you so much

Lisa Quinto: I think that holds for women, as well

Kris Wilde: Thank you :)

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sheryl vaughan: Hi everyone.

Breckan Winters: Thanks so much for joining us for a great webinar this afternoon, everyone! Please be sure to complete a brief survey upon logging out

Pooja Pathak: Will do

Breckan Winters: And stay tuned for more trainings from NRCDV: <https://nrcdv.org/trainings>

sheryl vaughan: Sheryl from Safer Path Family Violence Shelter in TX. We deal with male and female survivors but since it is primarily female survivors that we see, this is very helpful.

Pooja Pathak: Something that I think that we should be aware of as female advocates is that we can inadvertently trigger our male survivors

Xiani Williams: Thank you so much

Breckan Winters: Feel free to share any last minute questions here!

Lisa Quinto: Thank you very much!

Breckan Winters: Thank you so much for joining us today!

Pooja Pathak: Yes! I'm sorry

Yolanda Toral: Thank you!

Vicki Wulfsohn: Great webinar...Thanks.

Pooja Pathak: It is very hard in this context to step away from speaking about this with heteronormative vocabulary.

Brenda McAfee: Do you find that your victims have been in DV relationship before...?

Breckan Winters: Good question, Brenda!

Pooja Pathak: Exactly why this training has been so amazing and valuable. It is such a necessary discussion. For those of us that have been working in the DV field for a while, for years and years we have been using certain vocabulary.

shawnice stratford: I live in charlotte, NC. I don't believe we have shelters dedicated to men so should I recommend they reach out to the one's we do have for access to something else?

Breckan Winters: Thanks for raising that, Shawnice

shawnice stratford: ok, thank you

Pooja Pathak: Thank you! This was a great presentation.

Breckan Winters: Thanks so much for joining us today, everyone!

Bennie Williams: Thank you so much!!

Paige Flink: well done everyone

Toby Fraser, he/him 2: Thank you all! For being here, the work you're doing, helpful questions, and helpful pushes for us to grapple with!

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Debra Mitchell-Ibe: Great presentation!