

Not Neutral: The Impact of Mandatory Reporting on Domestic Violence Survivors



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Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:31) Welcome to today's webinar! I'm Breckan from NRC DV, and I'll be moderating the chat box throughout the webinar

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Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:32) If you have not already done so, please dial 1-877-594-8353, pass code: 527-89-148# for audio. You may also listen through your computer.

Laura Wallace: (14:39) Laura Wallace, legal advocate w/ Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center in Central Texas

Shanda Johnson: (14:41) I am the family service coordinator at a Domestic Violence Shelter in NYC

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:41) Welcome! So happy to be spending time with you today!

Shanda Johnson: (14:42) :)

Angie Linsenman: (14:44) Hi! Angie Linsenman from Petoskey Michigan. Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

Stephanie Varble: (14:45) Good afternoon, I'm Stephanie Varble, Family Case Manager for Safe Passage in Batesville, Indiana.

Amber Killian: (14:46) Hello everyone, Amber Killian, Domestic Violence Program Manager at Freedom House in Princeton IL

Carolyn Sohn: (14:46) Hello everyone, great to join the space with you all! My name is Carolyn and I'm a campus advocate for DV/SV at a public university in CA.

Stephanie Varble: (14:47) Mine is jumping as well.

Ashley Ruderman-Looff: (14:47) Hi! I'm Ashley Ruderman-Looff, and I'm faculty in the Crime & Justice Studies Department at UMass Dartmouth. Joining from snowy Rhode Island :)

Stevi Gray: (14:47) Hello from SARA House in Fort Morgan, Colorado!

Rebecca Salmon: (14:48) Hello from Wisconsin

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:48) Welcome, everyone! I'm Breckan from NRC DV, joining from Kalamazoo, MI. I'll be moderating the chat during today's webinar. We'll be getting started at 3pm EST!

Ivonne: (14:49) Hello everyone! I am Ivonne Ortiz your host. Thank you for joining us today.

Sandra Guerra: (14:49) Good afternoon from the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas

Sandra Guerra: (14:49) Gloria C. Cortez, Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

Martha Snyder: (14:50) Martha Snyder (she/her) Voices Against Violence VT

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:51) Welcome, everyone! So excited to be spending time with you this afternoon

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Crystal Sorrow: (14:52) Good Afternoon, I'm Crystal, Education and Prevention Coordinator at Peaceful Paths, Domestic Abuse Network in Gainesville, Florida

Catherine Hodes 2: (14:55) Catherine Hodes, Community Programs Director from Safe Passage, Northampton, Massachusetts

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:56) Welcome, everyone! We'll be getting started in just a few minutes

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:56) While we wait to get started, feel free to introduce yourself here in the chat!

Morgan Dewey: (14:56) Hi all, Morgan here from NRCDV. We'll be live tweeting using #NRCDVlive! Join in the conversation and we'll retweet you!

Holly Wilson: (14:57) Holly Wilson, Director of Client Services at Safe Haven in Grand Rapids, MI.

Jenny Stasio: (14:57) Good Afternoon- Jenny Stasio from Through These Doors in Maine.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:57) Hi Holly! I'm in Kalamazoo - we're so close!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:57) Welcome, everyone!

Vanessa Weekly: (14:57) Hi from Vanessa Weekly Victim/Witness Coordinator Evanston, WY

Holly Wilson: (14:57) Yes we are! Hello Breckan!

Alena Aguilar: (14:57) Alena Aguilar, LMSW from Bronx Legal Services Family and Immigration Unit. Bronx, NY

Samatha Anderson: (14:57) Samatha she/her/hers Washington state

Christy McMillan: (14:58) hello everyone from victim Fort Rucker Alabama. I'm a DV advocate

Daniella dwornik: (14:58) Hello from Dallas, Texas! I'm Daniella from the Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (14:58) Welcome, all! We'll be getting started in just a few minutes. So excited for this great webinar today!

Jessica Pinkham: (14:58) Hi all! I am a DV advocate from the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati. I'm not sure if I've officially joined the meeting.

Michelle Blackman: (14:58) Hello from. DC! Community Health Worker/Domestic Violence Advocate.

Maura Duenas: (14:59) Hello everybody! Maura Duenas from Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. in Florida

LaRae Oberloh: (14:59) LaRae Oberloh, Transition Specialist for Runaway & Homeless Youth in South Dakota

Romana Zamora 2: (15:00) Celina Bryant: Good afternoon. I am an executive director of a DV agency in NM.

Janice Podzimek: (15:00) Hello everyone! Janice Podzimek, Interpersonal Violence Liaison with the Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona

Kelley McGuier: (15:00) HI Everyone: I'm Kelley McGuier, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator at Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA.

Lee Copenhagen: (15:00) Hi, I am checking in from Montana :)

Jamie R. Wright: (15:00) Happy Tuesday! My name is Jamie Wright and I am a survivor of domestic violence and former client at the Houston Area Women's Center in Houston, Texas!

Samatha Anderson: (15:00) Hi Jamie

Teri Schoonover: (15:00) Good Afternoon. Teri from Macomb IL Victim Services

Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:01) Lisa Sloyer, Clinical Director at HopeWorks of Howard County in Columbia, MD

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:01) Welcome, everyone!

Mary Jo Vasquez: (15:01) Hello, Mary Jo Bilingual Advocate from Safe Shelter of St Vrain in Longmont Colo

Lynn Kimbrell: (15:01) hello

Rebecca Teston: (15:01) Rebecca Teston - I am in Lake County, FL and work with local DV center Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:02) We'll be getting started in just a few minutes. Looking forward to a great webinar!

Lori Rose-Henry: (15:02) Lori Rose-Henry the Lead Case Advocate for the YWCA of Greater Lafayette's Domestic Violence Intervention & Prevention Program (DVIPP)

Daniel Nelson: (15:03) ICU nurse and harm reduction services provider in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sabrina Chupp: (15:03) Sabrina Chupp of YWCA Dayton, Transitional Housing Case Manager

Bethany Greene 2: (15:03) Bethany, domestic violence advocate, from the YWCA Central Massachusetts.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:03) Welcome everyone! If you have not already done so, please dial 1-877-594-8353, pass code: 527-89-148# for audio. You may also listen through your computer.

Ramona Pierre: (15:03) Deputy Director Safe Horizon/Safe Way Forward (child welfare, survivor and persons causing harm)

Karen Ziegler: (15:03) Crime Victim Advocate Albany, NY

Janice Patch: (15:03) Good afternoon, from Colorado River Indian Tribes, Az

Jereica Kirby: (15:03) Jereica Kirby, SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition Victim Advocate, SC

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:04) Learn more about NRCDV here: <https://nrcdv.org/>

Caryn Burton: (15:04) Caryn Burton (she/her) Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence training coordinator

Raymond Garcia: (15:04) Good afternoon, all, I am Raymond Garcia with Peaceful Paths DV Network in Gainesville, FL

Tiffany Mills: (15:04) Tiffany Mills, Executive Director, HOPE, Craig, AK

Berenice Chávez: (15:04) Berenice Chavez - Victim Assistant at DANA Services in Alleghany County, NC.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:04) I'm Breckan from NRCDV, and I'll be moderating the chat throughout the webinar. Feel free to share any questions for the presenters here!

Derek Lynch: (15:04) Hi everyone! I'm Derek Lynch - Training & Outreach Coordinator at Day One, Providence RI.

Anna Clawson: (15:05) Anna Clawson A Safe Home For Everyone in Ashe County NC

Leslie McCoy: (15:05) Hello, I am Leslie. McCoy from Voices Against Violence in Vermont

Meg Barr 2: (15:05) Meg Barr, shelter advocate, Western MA, Safe Passage

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:05) Welcome, everyone!

Beth Schmis: (15:06) Beth, Advocate and Shelter staff coordinator

MAGGIE POPP: (15:06) Maggie cook county social services

Nadiyah Mohajir: (15:06) Navila Rashid, HEART (social worker)/outreach & community engagement manager, Brooklyn NY

Marianne Rosen: (15:06) Marianne Rosen, Chair of the Division of Family and Economic Security's Domestic Violence Task Force

Angela Kahan: (15:06) Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc. Lake County FL

Danielle Bennett: (15:07) Hello everyone! I am Danielle, volunteer coordinator and victim advocate, from the Violence Intervention Project in Algoma WI.

Marianne Rosen: (15:07) (Madison, WI)

Maria Rodriguez: (15:07) Maria, Child Advocate, Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties Inc, Lake County FL

Irma Chavez: (15:07) Good Afternoon, we are Irma Chavez and Maria Navarrete from Family Rescue in Chicago.

Liz Burnworth: (15:07) Liz Burnworth, Mental Health Counselor, Safe Passage

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:08) Carrie - will you talk about mandatory reporting of child abuse and impact on survivors?

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:08) Thanks for your question, Catherine! We'll share it with Carrie

Nikie Hicks: (15:08) Good afternoon, Nikie Hicks Wisconsin Child Support Trainer and member of the Division of Family and Economic Security's Domestic Violence Task Force

Christina Lester: (15:08) Christina Lester, Harbor Point Domestic Violence Shelter - Ohio Guidestone - Carrollton, OH

Nadiah Mohajir 2: (15:09) Nadiah Mohajir, ED, HEART, Chicago, IL

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:09) Please be sure to submit any questions for the presenters here in the chat! We'll share them with the presenters and will do our best to address them

Shari Uncapher: (15:09) Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus, OH

Kira-Lynn Ferderber: (15:09) I'm Kira from Safe Place & Rape Crisis Center/DV Agency in Sarasota FL. We currently have mandatory reporting in ERs for gunshot injuries. I'm wondering what the presenters think of places adding strangulation to the list of mandatory reporting from medical professionals. I know they are starting to talk about adding it in Newfoundland, Canada. It's being celebrated but I'm scared of what it means for sex workers and certain immigrants.

janisse Mendez: (15:10) FVOAP Advocate, Women's Resource Center, RI

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:10) Thanks so much for raising this, Kira! We will share that with the presenters

Carrie Eckerty: (15:10) Hi from Florida - yep the Florida with some serious child welfare and mandatory reporting issues. So excited to see this training come up

Kira-Lynn Ferderber: (15:10) Thanks Breckan! I know it's early for a question haha

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:11) No, it's never too early for questions! :)

e.v. yost: (15:12) Hello all! I'm E.V. Yost, (they/them), OSI-Baltimore Community fellow and TLGBQIA+ survivors rights attorney at ROAR in Baltimore, MD

Anamaria Feyervari: (15:12) Hi everyone! I'm Anamaria Feyervari from Medina, Ohio

Ashley Ruderman-Looff: (15:12) Higher Ed!

Samatha Anderson: (15:12) Survivor

Angela Duhon: (15:12) Hi from NOVA

Melissa Gant 2: (15:13) I'm a social work graduate student and intern at a DV law clinic

Stacey Beasley: (15:13) Social work student and survivor

Romana Zamora: (15:13) We provide services to adults and their families

Amanda Danison: (15:14) Hi, I work at The Center for Family Safety and Healing in Columbus Ohio

Nadiah Mohajir: (15:14) national non-profit, non direct service; however, we do work with individuals who disclose some form of GBV where we provide minimal case management and connect survivors to resources in their local communities.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:14) Welcome, all! So happy to be with this great group today

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:15) What was that experience like for you when you had to make a mandated report?

Angela Duhon: (15:15) frustrating

Carrie Eckerty: (15:15) scary

Lynnea Erickson Laskowski: (15:15) Frustrating

Molly Bryant: (15:15) icky

Stacey Padilla: (15:15) stressful
Catherine Hodes 2: (15:15) fraught
Melissa McGraw: (15:15) generally awful
Erin Kelly: (15:15) sucked
Stephanie Varble: (15:15) Heartbreaking
Janice Podzimek: (15:15) anxious
Bethany Greene 2: (15:15) heartbreaking
Erica Davis: (15:15) conflicting
Danielle Bennett: (15:15) nerve wracking
Romana Zamora 2: (15:15) Anxiety
Stevi Gray: (15:15) stressful
Lynda Gomez de la Vega 2: (15:15) confusing
Christine Alcorn: (15:15) concerning
Lori Rose-Henry: (15:15) Stressful
Allison Schild: (15:15) anxiety
Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:15) Very difficult as CPS is scary
Irma Chavez: (15:15) sad
Tiffany Mills: (15:15) frustrating
Morgan Dewey: (15:15) Guilt-ridden
LaRae Oberloh: (15:15) Easy
Amanda Danison: (15:15) disappointing
Casey Nelson: (15:15) Fine
Anna Clawson: (15:15) Sad
Melissa Gant 2: (15:15) deeply distressing
Ashley Ruderman-Looff: (15:15) Formality?
Susan Pieters 2: (15:15) scary
Catherine Hodes 2: (15:15) unjust
Ramona Pierre: (15:15) compromising
Teshazia George: (15:15) Anxious
Anamaria Feyervari: (15:15) stressful
Sarah Kinnane: (15:15) guilt-ridden
Elsa Swenson: (15:15) pointless
Romana Zamora 2: (15:15) Sad
Heather Cash: (15:15) anxious
Carrie Eckerty: (15:16) guilty
Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:16) abusive
Teri Schoonover: (15:16) worry

Caryn Burton: (15:16) Anxiety

Laura Wallace: (15:16) Pointless

Teshezia George: (15:16) sympathetic

Kellan Whitman: (15:16) conflicted

Elsa Swenson: (15:16) betrayal

Christy McMillan: (15:16) frustration

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:16) Hi all - for closed captioning services, please follow the link in the box to the right -->

Rachel Wilson: (15:17) Hello, my name is Rachel Wilson. I am the Prevention/Intervention Youth Advocate at Family Life Center in Flagler County, Florida.

Melina Perales: (15:18) Hi all, I'm Melina Perales. A DV advocate from Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center in Santa Cruz, CA!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:18) Welcome! Thanks for joining today's webinar. Please be sure to share any questions for the presenters here in the chat!

Samatha Anderson: (15:19) Washington State does

Katherine Brandt: (15:20) Ohio just made animal abuse a mandatory report for social workers and veterinarians

Haley Titus: (15:21) Will there be a recording sent out?

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:21) Hi Haley, yes! A recording of this webinar, in addition to copies of the PPT and related materials, will be posted on VAWnet: <https://vawnet.org/material/not-neutral-impact-mandatory-reporting-domestic-violence-survivors>

Haley Titus: (15:22) Thank you!!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:24) Please submit your questions for the presenters here in the public chat – we will do our best to pose them during our time together!

Angie Wilson: (15:24) Aloha Victim/Witness Counselor Honolulu Hawaii

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:24) The LGBTQ Institute's mandatory reporting report: http://lgbtqipv.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CBLC-Mandatory-Reporting_Final-Report.pdf

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:24) LGBTQ Institute's Mandatory reporting journal article: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10896-019-00103-w>

Kira-Lynn Ferderber: (15:28) WOW

Molly Bryant: (15:28) holy cow

Nadiyah Mohajir: (15:29) this is so fascinating

Samatha Anderson: (15:29) what about ethnic?

Jessica Pinkham: (15:29) Was it only adults who were surveyed or were children surveyed as well?

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:30) is the 50% made worse, broken down by race at all?

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:30) Thanks for your questions! We'll share them with presenters

cory hernandez: (15:30) was this survey of those who did the reporting, or of those about whom the report was made?

Nadiyah Mohajir 2: (15:30) will this webinar be sent out?

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Shannon Perez-Darby: (15:31) Cory, the report was from a survey of help seekers so of those about whom a report was made

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:31) The LGBTQ Institute's mandatory reporting report: http://lgbtqipv.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CBLC-Mandatory-Reporting_Final-Report.pdf

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:31) LGBTQ Institute's Mandatory reporting journal article: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10896-019-00103-w>

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:32) Thanks for your questions! Feel free to keep sharing
courtney hawes 2: (15:32) always

Janice Patch: (15:32) YES

Carrie Eckerty: (15:32) in Florida we have to tell everyone we are mandated reporters and remind them as we talk

Melissa Gant 2: (15:32) always inform upfront, don't inform after a disclosure until staffing

Caryn Burton: (15:33) It is a standard part of my introduction when talking with survivors

Crystal Sorrow: (15:33) we remind them at the beginning before talking

Luana Da Silva: (15:33) yes.

Romana Zamora: (15:33) Always let them know upfront

Melissa Gant 2: (15:33) before they start talking to me

Luana Da Silva: (15:33) always in the beginning

Amber Killian: (15:33) standard. right off the bat

Beth Schmis: (15:33) during intake.... standard procedure

LaRae Oberloh: (15:33) right away

Bethany Greene 2: (15:33) I let folks know right away.

Taylor Cobb: (15:33) at the very beginning

courtney hawes 2: (15:33) Before I let anyone disclose I explain mandated reporting and what I need to do by law

Danielle Drew: (15:33) beginning

Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:33) At the beginning and a reminder if the feeling goes towards disclosure

Stevi Gray: (15:33) Standard warning before talking about anything.

Nadiyah Mohajir: (15:33) when I used to be an advocate, it was the first thing I would mention

Carrie Eckerty: (15:33) At the beginning

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:33) standard AND specific

CITLALLI BRISENO: (15:33) the very beginning, with confidentiality disclosure

Janie Kampf: (15:33) right away so they have the choice to tell us more

Romana Zamora 2: (15:33) Standard during intake and then friendly reminder

kari nordstrom: (15:33) initial interview

Janice Podzimek: (15:33) Standard procedure

Liz Burnworth: (15:33) standard at the beginning of work together

Ashley Ruderman-Looff: (15:33) Beginning of interaction

Caitlin Burke 2: (15:33) Always before the started sharing, I've only worked with youth

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (15:33) at the beginning, and as the conversation comes up

Caryn Burton: (15:33) Standard part of my introduction before we get into any details

Carolyn Sohn: (15:33) Standard first appointment conversation

Kelley McGuier: (15:33) Standard...at the beginning

Christine Alcorn: (15:33) right off the bat as part of assessment

Amber Harchuk 3: (15:33) We give a warning when they start talking about DV and then when we have to report

janisse Mendez: (15:33) beginning

Maryann Clesceri: (15:33) Always in the beginning

Rebecah Farish: (15:33) during intake it's covered and also if they start disclosing information

Emily Durand: (15:33) In the beginning, as a standard, but also if the conversation veers in that direction (if it's a random conversation)

Janice Patch: (15:33) standard warning at the beginning of case

Molly Bryant: (15:33) Usually when it gets close or when I get a gut feeling

Rachel Wilson: (15:33) At the beginning while doing the intake. Just so they are aware from the beginning and are not taken by surprised.

Jennifer Benline: (15:33) during intake...standard part of informed consent

Tiffany Mills: (15:33) Before we get into any discussion. Once we know if there are children in the home

Danielle Bennett: (15:33) at the start as and providing information about our services

Rose Berkman: (15:33) upfront, sometimes later in

Stephanie Piper: (15:33) after introduction in the beginning

Linda Barnard: (15:33) standard warning and in specific situations

Amanda Danison: (15:33) everyone at start of services as part of informed consent; also reminder when topics seem to be heading in that direction

Cortney Kallenberger: (15:34) Immediately while discussing confidentiality

Laura Wallace: (15:34) yes

Erin Kelly: (15:34) intro to services and again if the conversation is going that way

Holly Wilson: (15:34) Normally at the beginning of connecting with client. Sometimes on hotline I have had to interrupt to inform a client of confidentiality limitations

Erica Davis: (15:34) In DE every adult is a mandated reporter. In our DV advocacy program we explained this limit to our confidentiality.

Caryn Burton: (15:34) Will often do a reminder as well when it feels appropriate

Raymond Garcia: (15:34) We let participants know under what circumstances we will need to report to DCF

Ana Trusty: (15:34) We are required at the beginning of the relationship building as well as if they start to share information that might require us to report

Hillary Hunter: (15:34) standard before we begin a conversation. we also try to include it when making presentations about our services

Irma Chavez: (15:34) yes

Berenice Chávez: (15:34) At the beginning of the provision of services.

Tanna Miller 2: (15:34) right before we start talking, after they ask if they can speak with me

Jhadira Sanchez Felizzola: (15:34) Yes, we informed.

sujatha baliga: (15:34) When I tell people that I may have to report, I think reduces the chances that they tell me what's really going on with them. I've worked in restorative justice, and when I tell them that the process is confidential, I tell them the one caveat to that is that I'm a mandated reporter.

Stephanie Varble: (15:34) As the conversation seems to be heading in a direction where someone may disclose something reportable.

Stacey Padilla: (15:34) Standard before any services, many reminders while talking (especially for teenagers), and clarifying that a report will be made if they share something reportable

Susan Pieters 2: (15:34) I usually say this to all clients in the beginning.

Kellan Whitman: (15:34) In person, it's included in our confidentiality form. Over phone, when conversation seems to be heading that direction.

Morgan Borchardt: (15:34) near the beginning of the conversation on the helpline and then again if I feel like they might share reportable info

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:34) Thanks so much for sharing, everyone!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:34) What was that experience like for you?

sujatha baliga: (15:34) I hate doing it.

Amber Killian: (15:34) felt like somewhat of a betrayal

Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:34) Necessary

Tiffany Mills: (15:34) Awkward

Danielle Drew: (15:34) nerves

Stephanie Varble: (15:34) frustrating

Melissa Gant 2: (15:34) I hate it

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:34) There are always questions about whether or not a hotline responder is a mandated reporter.

Beth Schmis: (15:35) awkward

Ashley Ruderman-Looff: (15:35) Shuts conversation down

Raymond Garcia: (15:35) Necessary

kari nordstrom: (15:35) uncomfortable

janisse Mendez: (15:35) uneasy

Caryn Burton: (15:35) Critical

Janice Podzimek: (15:35) relief

LaRae Oberloh: (15:35) necessary

Romana Zamora 2: (15:35) Serious

Linda Barnard: (15:35) good and necessary

Molly Bryant: (15:35) relief

Christine Alcorn: (15:35) like to get it out in the open so they choose what to say

Rose Berkman: (15:35) it never feels great

Tanna Miller 2: (15:35) feels impersonal

Emily Durand: (15:35) Necessary; gotten easier over time.

Amber Killian: (15:35) betrayal

Susan Pieters 2: (15:35) disempowering

Nadia Mohajir: (15:35) not a fan at all

Amber Harchuk 3: (15:35) trust

Stacey Padilla: (15:35) feels helpful to remind them that they can keep their information/details private

Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:35) It's their story

Rachel Wilson: (15:35) It was awkward but they understood.

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (15:35) it felt important and helpful so they can decide what to share

sujatha baliga: (15:35) It feels like telling people to not tell me the truth.

Stacey Padilla: (15:35) they don't owe us a disclosure!

Luana Da Silva: (15:35) disempowering

Samatha Anderson: (15:35) First time changed schools with child, that's all every administrator has ever said, since to this day years and years later.

Luana Da Silva: (15:35) oppressive

Bethany Greene 2: (15:35) ugh

Kellan Whitman: (15:35) Grants them choice in how/what they want to share.

kari nordstrom: (15:35) breach of trust

shanda johnson 2: (15:35) A part of me felt sad but I knew that I had to protect the child.

Jhadira Sanchez Felizzola: (15:36) Hard.

Erin Kelly: (15:36) uncomfortable, but can be "good" for survivors to maintain control over disclosure

Sarah Kinnane: (15:36) feels very formal when wanting to be authentic

Laura Wallace: (15:36) it allows time for the client to also decide if they want to report, times when client calls in first to report it helps their child & they are protective parent

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:36) binary of child vs. child

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:36) oops - child vs parent

Nadia Mohajir: (15:36) it's difficult to explain to immigrant survivors who may not understand the consequences of CPS involvement. Especially as they try to grasp all the systems that go into what is happening when they first disclose

Amber Killian: (15:37) they got scared

Tiffany Mills: (15:37) We try to encourage victims to report on themselves as we sit with them for support.

Beth Schmis: (15:37) intake of breath

Raymond Garcia: (15:37) Some got up and left

Ashley Ruderman-Looff: (15:37) hangups on hot lines

Meg Barr 2: (15:37) ruins the rapport

courtney hawes 2: (15:37) I've been hung up on

sujatha baliga: (15:37) I see people shut down.

Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:37) Felt empowered and thanked me

Linda Barnard: (15:37) they chose to tell me anyway

kari nordstrom: (15:37) angry

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (15:37) some shut down and triggered a trauma response in them

Jhadira Sanchez Felizzola: (15:37) They say they understand.

Bethany Greene 2: (15:37) I had someone that threatened me physically.

Stephanie Varble: (15:37) totally shut down

shanda johnson 2: (15:37) They became distant and stopped communicating with me

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:37) client feels we are choosing the child over them, abandoning them

Molly Bryant: (15:37) Mostly okay. I always encourage them do the report with me.

Janice Podzimek: (15:37) hesitant to provide necessary info to provide support

Erica Davis: (15:37) some were relieved because it took the burden of reporting out of their hands

Laura Wallace: (15:37) I always try & give client the option to also call & report... as this could help their case

Susan Pieters 2: (15:37) completely broken trust

Romana Zamora 2: (15:37) Nonchalant

Holly Wilson: (15:37) I honestly haven't had any super negative responses. Often they will continue to share because they are concerned too.

Carolyn Sohn: (15:37) felt clarity, empowered to share what they want, thanked me, felt encouraged when I offered option to share hypothetical questions/scenarios

Emily Durand: (15:38) Some have gotten creative about how they share information (saying it's a friend, using "hypotheticals," etc.)

Teri Schoonover: (15:38) I haven't had anyone not keep talking after I let them know I am a mandated reporter.

Bethany Greene 2: (15:38) Physically threatened

Caryn Burton: (15:38) Some become angry at the situation and felt like they had to choose between reaching out for help and possibly losing control of their situation

Kellan Whitman: (15:38) Fear/confusion. This gives an opportunity to talk through about what a report would look like if one had to be made, so that they felt they were a part of the process/had a say as well

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:38) Thank you so much for sharing, everyone!

Samatha Anderson: (15:38) I have had multiple times dv support constantly hang up on me or drop me because of a criminal history. numerus times and years upon years apart

Erin Kelly: (15:38) with reminders we could talk about hypothetical situations, def do report together, talk through process, rights, etc.

Stacey Padilla: (15:41) that's such a helpful distinction

Lisa Sloyer 2: (15:41) My agency believes that most of those systems are built on white supremacy and struggle with our relationships with them

Liz Coda: (15:41) Question: for states where all adults 18+ are mandated reporters, how are those people educated about being a mandated reporter? I've had to go through trainings for jobs, but how are people who don't work in social services told that they are mandated reporters, and given the information about how to report?

Samatha Anderson: (15:41) how do we support survivors with any sort of a criminal record?

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (15:42) we discuss the possibility of reporting together

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:42) Great questions! We'll share them with the presenters

Samatha Anderson: (15:42) esp survivors not in jail or prisons?

Nancy Lemon: (15:43) In California DV workers are NOT mandated reporters unless they are directly supervising children, like at a shelter they are the child advocate. There is a lot of confusion about this though, and many advocates were trained that they are mandated reporters. The law is clear that they are not.

Carolyn Sohn: (15:44) Absolutely contributes to burnout and desire to leave profession

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:44) That's a great point, Carolyn

Amber Killian: (15:44) we have to call when we get a report that a child was in the home while abuse occurred. even if they were not harmed. I always feel weird about that. one reason is because I have to call on things that I feel are not emergencies, and it creates issues for the client, but also it clogs the system for reports that should be made and followed up on.

Mary Jo Vasquez: (15:44) Kids are always harmed when they witness

Carrie Eckerty: (15:44) Amber, they want to do that in FL but we are fighting it

Mary Jo Vasquez: (15:45) It changes who they are

Romana Zamora 2: (15:45) The frustrating part is how long it takes CPS to actually conduct the investigation

sujatha baliga: (15:45) Every word of this, Shannon! I feel so grateful to not be a mandated reporter today. My experience has been that when I'm not a mandated reporter, people tell me so much more about what's really going on with them. And I feel like our connection is so much more empowering to them when I don't tell them there's something I might have to do their family.

Amber Killian: (15:46) I understand that there is harm for witnessing, but what annoys me is that DCFS has said that they do not do "preventative work" as far as long term effects of witnessing, but they still expect us to make the call

Molly Bryant: (15:46) Amber- yes! we have the same issue in Oklahoma

Amber Killian: (15:46) thank you! nice to know we aren't alone in that struggle

Molly Bryant: (15:47) It's the most frustrating! You aren't alone.

sujatha baliga: (15:47) Is there a link to your report so we can cite it?

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:47) Thanks for sharing, all! So frustrating

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:47) The LGBTQ Institute's mandatory reporting report: http://lgbtqipv.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CBLC-Mandatory-Reporting_Final-Report.pdf

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:47) LGBTQ Institute's Mandatory reporting journal article: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10896-019-00103-w>

Morgan Dewey: (15:48) Thank you for the space!

Carolyn Sohn: (15:48) Yes! Puppy pictures are a great break

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:49) Reporting child witnessing of abuse leads to charging battered mothers with "failing to protect." a neglect charge.

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:49) I wrote about this in NYS - in 2000, has not changed

Melissa Gant 2: (15:49) yes Catherine! I would love to talk about that. consequences fall on the abused parent and not the abuser

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:49) Yes, thanks for raising that Catherine!

Amber Killian: (15:50) I had a dcfs worker say "if he dad hits mom in front of the kid, mom has the ability to remove the child, and if she doesn't, we will indicate her for risk of harm"--exact words

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:51) Mostly workers do not think its benign. They are FEARFUL of harm to the child and of punitive response upon them and their jobs if they do not report.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:51) Ugh. Thanks for sharing that, Amber. So frustrating and not at all trauma-informed

Amber Killian: (15:52) I said "mom say not have the ability" and I was told "no matter what barriers she faces, she must protect the child, and if she doesn't make the decision, we will"

Romana Zamora 2: (15:54) NM now has a special access line for youth to report abuse

Nadiah Mohajir: (15:54) would you say that it's recommended to share these sentiments about mandatory reporting with individuals?

Catherine Hodes 2: (15:54) The frustrating part is that as workers we are caught between state mandates and the needs of our clients.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:55) Thanks for your question, Nadiah! We'll share with presenters. And yes Catherine - that is so frustrating and disheartening

Susan Pieters 2: (15:56) I agree that our being mandated reporters is problematic for so many reasons, but as long as we are by law, is warning clients still the best practice?

Caryn Burton: (15:56) As the state coalition, we regularly talk to our programs and advocates about what should be reported AND what needs to be said when making that report

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:56) Thanks for your question, Susan! We'll share it with the presenters

sujatha baliga: (15:56) This slide -- these words: involuntary disclosure -- is exactly what I was seeking to avoid by keeping my suffering silent when I was a child

Breckan Winters (she/her): (15:58) Thanks so much for sharing, sujatha

Caryn Burton: (15:58) This slide makes my eyeballs twitch... how is this trauma-informed or even taking circumstances into account??? Why are we punishing a survivor of a crime for not having access

Stevi Gray: (15:59) I agree, Caryn! It also upsets me that so many advocates are being trained to think that way. It's so against how I see DV advocacy.

Laura Wallace: (16:00) as far as car seat... how does the advocate not know the taxi furnished one and it was left in the taxi

sujatha baliga: (16:00) Exactly. So so deeply disempowering.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:00) Yes, absolutely

janisse Mendez: (16:02) it's a form of compounding conflicts on a victim that's already overwhelmed and under resourced

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:03) so much of what we do as DV advocates feels like that ---

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:04) it's part of a central issue/conflict in coming out of white/carceral feminism.

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:04) Yep! Absolutely, Catherine

courtney hawes 2: (16:04) I teach out volunteers who respond to victims but most people have no idea

Stevi Gray: (16:04) I am from Utah and most adults have no idea they are all mandatory reporters. I didn't know until I first became an advocate.

janisse Mendez: (16:05) Me too.

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:06) most state statutes trump VAWA confidentiality...

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:06) but there are many reasons to not over-report

sujatha baliga: (16:06) I've thought of doing a performance art piece to show the absurdity of this whole thing -- to return to my home in rural Pennsylvania and walk down the street with a bullhorn announcing that I was sexually abused by my now deceased father when I was a child, 35 years ago. Under PA law, every person who hears me is required to report -- to my understanding, even though my father is no longer alive...

Lisa Sloyer 2: (16:07) Wow, Sujatha. Thanks for being open to us.

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:07) Sujatha - we had CPS remove a child from our DV shelter due to disclosing abuse that occurred six years ago by an uncle that was now dead.

Amber Killian: (16:07) we JUST had a training with our staff on that. we can confirm or correct initial report information, but cannot share anything beyond that. my co manager just had a call yesterday from a DCFS worker who was IRATE that we would not share the OP paperwork with them, they asked to speak with our ED.

sujatha baliga: (16:08) Catherine, I'm hearing about these kinds of things, too. So deeply unfortunate and misguided.

Caitlin Burke 2: (16:08) No, if the boyfriend is under 18

Christine Alcorn: (16:08) in Illinois, yes

Elizabeth Rhodes: (16:08) no

Ana Trusty: (16:08) no

Beth Schmis: (16:08) no

Lisa Sloyer 2: (16:08) No

Janice Podzimek: (16:08) no

Danielle Klein: (16:08) No, it would not in NY

Carolyn Sohn: (16:08) not under my current role

Emma González: (16:08) no

Amber Killian: (16:08) In IL, yes

Ana Trusty: (16:08) WA state bi

Romana Zamora 2: (16:08) Need more information

Bethany Greene 2: (16:08) No.

Hillary Hunter: (16:08) no

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (16:08) no

Tiffany Mills: (16:09) No, because the abuse was not inflicted in the home

kari nordstrom: (16:09) not under my role

Rachel Wilson: (16:09) No, he isn't a parent or guardian

janisse Mendez: (16:09) yes

Ana Trusty: (16:09) no

Beth Schmis: (16:09) unless boyfriend is adult then yes

Jenny Stasio: (16:09) strangled not choked.

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:09) How old in bf?

MAGGIE POPP: (16:09) yes

Allison Schild: (16:09) no

Daisy Manriquez 2: (16:09) no

Kelley McGuier: (16:09) Not if the boyfriend is under 18.

Carrie Eckerty: (16:09) in Florida - yes

Elizabeth Rhodes: (16:09) we only report abuse/neglect from a caretaker. boyfriend is not caretaker

Nancy Lemon: (16:09) Not in CA unless you are a child advocate at a DV program

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (16:09) that would be dating violence

Janice Podzimek: (16:09) need more information and if she is currently safe

Erin Kelly: (16:09) no because not parent/teacher etc. If boyfriend not a minor that might chance

Maryann Clesceri: (16:09) Yes, but to the police

Laura Wallace: (16:09) depends on state laws

Christy McMillan: (16:09) report it to law enforcement

Jhadira Sanchez Felizzola: (16:10) The State Law is an important point.

Nancy Lemon: (16:10) Actually in CA if you are a health care provider you would be mandated to report this as intimate partner violence, if the patient is seeking help for the "choking"

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (16:10) we can encourage them to connect to the police

[Breckan Winters \(she/her\)](#): (16:10) Thank you for sharing, everyone!

Lisa Sloyer 2: (16:11) No

Stephanie Varble: (16:11) No

Romana Zamora 2: (16:11) No

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (16:11) no

Hillary Hunter: (16:11) no

Holly Wilson: (16:11) No

Rose Berkman: (16:11) no

Caryn Burton: (16:11) Nope

Kelley McGuier: (16:11) No

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:11) NO

Tiffany Mills: (16:11) Yes

Allison Schild: (16:11) yes

Carolyn Sohn: (16:11) not in my current role

courtney hawes 2: (16:11) yes

Romana Zamora: (16:11) No

Amanda Danison: (16:11) yes

Christine Alcorn: (16:11) no

janisse Mendez: (16:11) yes

Laura Wallace: (16:11) not in my state

Kellan Whitman: (16:11) No

Melissa Gant 2: (16:11) witnessing is not mandated to report in AZ

Nancy Lemon: (16:11) Not in California

Susan Pieters 2: (16:11) no

MAGGIE POPP: (16:11) yes

Mary-Margaret Chaffe: (16:11) yes

Maryann Clesceri: (16:11) No because I'm not working with the child

Cortney Kallenberger: (16:11) not in my role

Erin Kelly: (16:11) no but fuzzy in my state

Angel Floyd: (16:11) no

Rachel Wilson: (16:11) In current role, no. In a previous role, yes.

Janice Podzimek: (16:11) it could be with more information

Christy McMillan: (16:12) I still report it. whether they investigate or not

Carolyn Sohn: (16:12) nope

Hillary Hunter: (16:12) yes

Susan Pieters 2: (16:12) no

Rose Berkman: (16:12) no

Danielle Klein: (16:12) no

Carrie Eckerty: (16:12) yep

Catherine Hodes 2: (16:12) no

Mary-Margaret Chaffe: (16:12) no

Allison Schild: (16:12) no

Melissa Gant 2: (16:12) no

janisse Mendez: (16:12) yes

Daisy Manriquez 2: (16:12) no

Lisa Sloyer 2: (16:12) No

Rachel Wilson: (16:12) Yes.

Kelley McGuier: (16:12) no

e.v. yost: (16:12) no

courtney hawes 2: (16:12) no

Maryann Clesceri: (16:12) Yes

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (16:12) no

Angel Floyd: (16:12) yes

Christine Alcorn: (16:12) no

Romana Zamora 2: (16:12) yes

Erin Kelly: (16:12) not in my state

Bethany Greene 2: (16:12) yes

Beth Schmis: (16:12) yes

Ana Trusty: (16:12) WA yes

Romana Zamora: (16:12) Yes

Megan Purcell: (16:12) yes

Holly Wilson: (16:12) yes

Cortney Kallenberger: (16:12) not in my current role, but as a social worker yes

Janice Podzimek: (16:12) yes, and refer to resources and professionals

Tiffany Mills: (16:12) Yes, in Alaska

Nancy Lemon: (16:12) Not in CA unless you are a health care provider and the patient is seeking help for the assault

Maria Pinto: (16:12) yes

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:13) Thank you so much for sharing, all!

Caitlin Burke 2: (16:13) I think it's also important to understand that police are not the only option for help, too. Like going back to the community supports that Shannon mentioned. Just encouraging someone to go to the police instead of reporting yourself may not be the best option either.

Laura Wallace: (16:13) staff case w/ supervisor & other coworkers

Daisy Manriquez 2: (16:13) totally agree Caitlin!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:13) Great point, Caitlin!

Caryn Burton: (16:14) One issue that we see a lot is that there are varying interpretations as to what a mandatory report is. Our law is very general, but our DCS offices change their policies regularly as to what they believe. Because they are run county by county, it will change from program to program

Caryn Burton: (16:15) Even when we try to work with DCS on a state level, that work does not always trickle down

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:15) Thanks for sharing, Caryn. That's so frustrating

Nancy Lemon: (16:16) yes let's stop saying "take a stab" or "take a shot" at it!

Michelle Blackman 2: (16:16) yes

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:18) Yes! So many phrases in our daily lives are so violent

janisse Mendez: (16:18) Not knowing may be the reason for over reporting. What are the consequences for a worker not reporting something they should have?

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:19) Great question! We'll share that with the presenters to respond

Bethany Greene 2: (16:19) I agree Janisse. Some folks just aren't clear on the responsibilities.

Michelle Blackman 2: (16:20) What about Hairdressers and Barbers?

Jenny Stasio: (16:20) will you be sending out these slides?

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:20) Oh, good question Michelle! Jenny, a recording of this webinar, in addition to copies of the PPT and related materials, will be posted on VAWnet: <https://vawnet.org/material/not-neutral-impact-mandatory-reporting-domestic-violence-survivors>

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:21) We'll also send the links in a follow-up email

Tiffany Mills: (16:22) We do that!

Kellan Whitman: (16:23) We do that as well ~

Caryn Burton: (16:23) We highly encourage that as a best practice - support the survivor as the reporter

Amber Killian: (16:23) I wish we had a list of "call when..." " don't call when..."

Amber Killian: (16:23) if only it was that easy

Melissa Gant 2: (16:25) I'm working on a report advocating for DV advocates to be removed from the statute in my state

Shannon Perez-Darby: (16:25) Melissa I would be interested in that report if you were willing to share

Nancy Lemon: (16:25) Attorneys and those they supervise are often not mandatory reporters under their state laws - a place to get support and confidentiality.

Amber Killian: (16:26) it's so hard, going between impact of the victim vs impact on the child....I feel like I'm being pulled my both arms in different directions

shanda johnson: (16:27) Great info

Rose Berkman: (16:27) Yes!

Stevi Gray: (16:27) Yes!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:27) Thanks for sharing, Amber. So disheartening

Lynda Gomez de la Vega: (16:28) I strongly believe building relationships with CPS is important. The difference is huge when we have a working relationship with them. As advocates we have been able to share the safety concerns and can also advocate on behalf of the client whenever a safety plan from CPS May be dangerous for the survivor

MARSELA ROJAS Rojas-Salas: (16:28) "We are a movement, not just a set of services." Love that!

Carolyn Sohn: (16:28) I would love to hear more on programmatic support in our organizations to beginning these convos-- I think many advocates are in precarious positions with advocating for broader changes

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:28) Yes, Marsela!!

Carolyn Sohn: (16:29) I'm going to hold that quote close to my heart for resolve!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:29) Mandatory Reporting is Not Neutral
website: <https://www.mandatoryreportingisnotneutral.com>

Lynda Gomez de la Vega : (16:29) as advocates we can be agents of change and do antiviolence work

Kevin Carey: (16:29) this website created by Mariame Kaba has an abundance of resources around transformative justice <https://transformharm.org/>

Carrie Lippy (she/they): (16:29) clippy@nrcdv.org

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:30) Yes, love that website, Kevin! Such a great resource

Caryn Burton: (16:30) Thank you for a great discussion

Jessica Pinkham: (16:30) Thank you to everyone who shared their experiences!

Kellan Whitman: (16:30) Thank you!

Martha Snyder: (16:30) Thank you!

Holly Wilson: (16:30) Thank you!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:30) Thank you for joining today's session! Please be sure to respond to our brief survey upon logging out.

Christine Alcorn: (16:30) thank you for the thought provoking dialog

Kelley McGuier: (16:30) Thank you for a great discussion!

Carolyn Sohn: (16:30) THANK you! This was such a great conversation and full of resources.

Derek Lynch: (16:30) Thank you so much! This was great

Rebecca Salmon: (16:30) Thank you!!!

Rachel Wilson 2: (16:30) Thank you!

Daniel Nelson: (16:30) I love how harm reduction pops up in such surprising and dynamic ways.

Susan Pieters 2: (16:30) this was really a great discussion. Thanks

Crystal Sorrow: (16:30) really great, thanks

Beth Schmis: (16:30) thanks all

shanda johnson: (16:30) Great questions, awesome feedback

Daniel Nelson: (16:30) Thanks to everyone.

Nicolle Perras: (16:30) Thank you all!

janisse Mendez: (16:30) Thank you. This was much needed!

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:31) A recording of this webinar, in addition to copies of the PPT and related materials, will be posted on VAWnet: <https://vawnet.org/material/not-neutral-impact-mandatory-reporting-domestic-violence-survivors>

Breckan Winters (she/her): (16:31) Thanks so much for joining us today!

Erin Kelly: (16:31) thank you!!!

Michelle Blackman 2: (16:31) This was a great discussion! More please!

Amber Killian: (16:31) THANK YOU

Stephanie Varble: (16:31) Thank you

Teri Schoonover: (16:31) Thank you

Marianne Rosen: (16:31) Thank you so much.

shanda johnson: (16:31) Looking forward to the next webinar

Jhadira Sanchez Felizzola: (16:32) Thank you.

Lashawn Mitchell: (16:33) Thank You

Salote Salaba 2: (17:03) Thank you