



Announcing next quarter's...

Rural Routes to Change

Monthly phone conversations to strengthen interagency responses to battering

Designed as networking forums for existing and new CCR coordinators and advocates working for systems change, these discussions can be a valuable tool for collective problem-solving, strategizing with peers, and reducing feelings of isolation.

January - March, 2010
Third Wednesday of each month
2:00-3:15 pm Central
512-623-5114: access code 52533#
Registration is not required



January 20

Arrest Rates of Battered Women

As communities have sought to increase arrests in domestic assault cases, there has been an increase in the arrest of victims using self-defense or other attempts to stop their own victimization. This call will discuss various aspects of this problem, including:

- Overview of research on women's use of violence
- How to determine when an arrest is inappropriate
- The role of the advocate, law enforcement, prosecutor, and public defender when victims are arrested
- Addressing the problem as a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) coordinator

February 17

Getting buy-in and keeping it

Some communities are just starting to think about getting people to participate in a Coordinated Community Response (CCR). Others are constantly re-establishing partnerships due to high turnover or have had a CCR in place for a while but are losing momentum. Regardless of how long your CCR has been around, this networking call will examine how to get buy-in by discussing how to:

- Talk to the community about the need for a CCR and developing a public relations strategy
- Meet with key people to solicit their initial and ongoing involvement
- Identify common ground, mutual interest, and shared meaning
- Develop a plan of action

March 17

Starting a CCR in very rural, isolated areas

Starting a CCR in an isolated area can present many challenges; new ideas may be viewed with cynicism; resources, including people's time and commitment, can be scarce; relationships formed over generations can be strained. By the same token, circumstances of very rural areas can present unique opportunities not present in larger areas. In this session, we will:

- Identify rural challenges in general and specific to your community
- Develop strategies for overcoming problems
- Talk about approaching and influencing those who have the power to implement change, and
- Consider how to develop and execute a plan of action

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