

## Highlights of the March 7, 2018 Sierra Nevada Learning Community

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**Highlights of Nada Yorke’s presentation on ACES and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):**

Nada Yorke, LCSW and trainer from Yorke Consulting, asked participants to think about the terminology they use to describe their clients. How we refer to our clients can frequently impact the way we approach our work. Next, we looked at the impact of ACES on both the perpetrators of IPV, and those that have survived IPV.

Attendees were asked to estimate the impact of ACES on the people they serve. Overall, attendees estimated that 70-90% of their client population experienced at least 4 or more ACES. Clearly, as we work with IPV perpetrators and survivors, education on ACES and its impact would be beneficial. Attendees learned about IPV, power and control and stages of change. Access to resources to assist both perpetrators and survivors was discussed. Participants listed the following barriers to accessing services and holding batterers accountable:

**Issues in accessing services:**

Transportation

Stable housing

Stigma; shame

Language

Unaware of resources/lack of resources

Mistrust of system

Victim is still living with perpetrator

Judgmental staff /unwelcoming staff/ lack of coordination with other providers

**Barriers to Providing Culturally Competent Resources:**

Language

Family dynamics

Historical experience

Intergenerational trauma

Lack of funding

Lack of diversity in staff

Isolation/lack of resources

Biases

Immigration status

Cultural understanding/humility

Fear children will be removed

**Barriers to Holding Offenders Accountable:**

Fear of no action by system

Social norms that make IPV acceptable

Culture of victim blaming

Justice system response—who is the primary aggressor when there is “mutual combat”

Concerns about escalating violence by intervening

Charm of perpetrator

Lack of time for Law Enforcement

Funding for services

Not enough women in power

Perpetrator protected by the system

Lack of resources in jails

Victims concerned about loss

High profile offender

Higher income folks have resources to hide abuse

No follow-up for perpetrators and survivors

**Need partners to help address these issues. No one system can do it alone. Ideas to include:**

Peer support system

Mental health

Survivors

Substance abuse

Law enforcement

Corporations

Victim/Witness programs

Children’s Services including CASA

Court; DA; Probation and Parole

Beauty/Wellness-hair stylist, nail salons, wellness programs

Schools

Medical/ER

First responders (medical, fire, police)

Public health

Churches

Bartenders/hotel workers

Community Leaders and elected officials

Childcare providers

Girls and Boys Clubs

Coaches

**Next steps identified by participants:**

Reporting harm when they see it, listening and collaborating across systems.

Find out about batterer’s programs—where are they? Implement in jails

Learn about signs of IPV, implement healthy relationship class, provide more public information.

Outreach to the medical community.

Make sure to focus on IPV, not only addiction.

Training for staff that encounter potential victims and perpetrators.

Get decision makers to the table.

Reach out to hotel association and try to partner to provide housing for families waiting for space in a shelter.

**If you have not already, don’t forget to partner with your local library system to purchase the movie Resilience at the special library rate of $95. The movie is then accessible to anyone for free through the library circulation (El Dorado and Mono County have done this successfully).**