

Activism Conservatory

Putting Theory into Practice: How to Maximize Prevention, Intervention & Community Organizing within an Anti-Oppression Framework

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Okemos Conference Center, MI

Description:

Join us for our annual three-day community organizing, prevention, and intervention conference at the Activism Conservatory! This free three-day training can be attended as a single day training, two-day training pair, or all three days, depending on your level of knowledge and expertise regarding prevention best practices, community organizing, and systems change work alongside your role within your community. This training navigates the continuum of prevention, its relationship with intervention efforts in our programs, and community organizing in order to move communities. This training provides ample time for practical application and attendees will leave with tools and resources for community-wide impact. The training is designed to open with a primer on primary prevention science including resources for improving understanding and engagement with an intersectional and inclusive version of primary prevention within our organizations and communities. Days two and three move further into a variety of community organizing strategies, discussion and practical application sessions, and expose participants to a national discussion on lessons learned and success stories.

Objectives:

1. *Participants will understand prevention best practices and be able to identify at least two ways that prevention, intervention, and community organizing can work together on a continuum of trauma-informed, survivor-focused services.*
2. *Participants will be able to provide three ways of further incorporating anti-oppression work into existing efforts within programs.*
3. *Participants will develop strategies to engage internal colleagues and community partners in reconsidering the scope, design, and implications of*

work already underway as a method for increasing equity in the work and expanding our impact.

Audience:

This training is designed to be applicable to multiple levels of skill and experience for advocates engaged with survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Participants will be encouraged to engage in open and honest discussion with a mind toward survivor-centered and trauma-informed policies, intersectionality, positive change, and future-oriented thinking.

Schedule and Agenda:

Day 1

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Training

Morning: Understanding the History of Social Change, Prevention, and Allyship

Lunch Break

- On your own
- 75 minutes

Afternoon: Prevention Best Practices and Effective Communication of Intersectional and Inclusive Prevention Work

Day 2

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Training

Morning: Community-Level Prevention, Social Norms, and Support for Survivors

Lunch Break

- On your own
- 75 minutes

Afternoon: Effective Community Engagement and Community Organizing Strategies

Day 3

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Training

Morning: Serving All Survivors and Prevention for All Ages

Lunch Break

- On your own
- 75 minutes

Afternoon: Practical Tools for Expanding Work and Sharing Impact

FACULTY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



LISA WINCHELL-CALDWELL is the **Deputy Director** at MCEDSV. She brings experience in violence prevention, domestic and sexual violence survivor services, housing and homelessness, public policy, grant writing and project management, economic justice, and engaging and developing youth leadership. Ms. Winchell-Caldwell has led several national demonstration projects on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence during her almost twelve years at MCEDSV and has implemented prevention and intervention services for survivors for two decades. Of particular note she has worked closely with the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention on researching and implementing primary prevention best practices for almost ten years. She has worked on prevention projects from pre-K to elder mentoring groups and been a part of implementation teams focused on everything from a single daycare to coordination of statewide efforts. She has been fortunate during her time in the field to be a part of various prevention collaboratives including adolescent health/school-based health centers, maternal and child health, school districts, neighborhood centers, law enforcement, college campuses, youth-serving non-profits, sports teams, and other diverse partners.



AMANDA BARRATT, LMSW, is a **Senior Program Manager** at MCEDSV. Amanda joined MCEDSV's staff in February of 2017 and is passionate about violence prevention and sexual health education. Amanda works under MCEDSV's prevention grants and does training and technical assistance. With her work rooted in empowerment theory, Amanda uses a strength-based approach to her work. Amanda believes that understanding how power, privilege, and oppression impact survivors is critical.

Amanda began her career serving as an advocate at Central Michigan University where she strove to end sexual violence by doing informational programming, advocacy, medical advocacy, and crisis work. During this time Amanda was also president of a mid-Michigan chapter of Take Back the Night. Amanda received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan in Interpersonal Practice and Management of Human Services. Amanda brings experience working within the mental health field as a trauma therapist and has received accreditation as a Parent Management Training-Oregon (PMTO) certified therapist. Amanda believes in lifelong education and completed continuing education at the University of Michigan for Comprehensive Sexuality Education & Sex Therapy to better serve survivors and prevent sexual violence. In addition to working at MCEDSV, Amanda is a sex & trauma therapist in private practice where she works with survivors and chairs the advocacy committee of a local non-profit that serves survivors of child sexual abuse.

Amanda considers herself a sexual health junkie, enjoys movement & meditation, Netflix, and desserts!



JESSICA EDEL HARRELSON, Ph.D., joined MCEDSV staff in 2018 as the **Empowerment Evaluator** and **Program Director** on the prevention team. Prior to that, she was the Executive Director of two-member programs, taught Social Psychology and Gender & Women’s Studies at Western Michigan University, and served on the MCEDSV Board of Directors. Her research focused on survivor identity and experiences with interpersonal violence, disparagement humor, and religious tolerance. Dr. Edel Harrelson has been involved in the domestic and sexual violence movement for over ten years. She brings experience in quantitative and qualitative methods of evaluation and research; intersectionality and inclusion; survivor-centered and trauma informed service provision; strategic planning; grant writing and compliance; MSHDA and HUD grant management and integration into IPV service agencies; Neurobiology of Trauma; IPV primary prevention; leadership development; and nonprofit management.

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