



**WORKING FOR CHANGE: *Understanding the Philosophical Framework  
for Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence***  
February 25-28, 2020

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**Registration: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Dinner: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**12:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

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Topics to be covered:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Understanding the Socio-cultural Roots of Violence Against Women
- Achieving Justice
- Domestic Violence Perpetrator Dynamics (Power & Control)

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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Topics to be covered:

- Sexual Assault Perpetrator Dynamics (Power & Control)
- Effects of Sexual Assault and Abuse on Children
- Working with Children Living with Domestic Violence
- Understanding Survivors' Experiences: The Evolution of Trauma Victim Response Theories

**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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Topics to be covered:

- Understanding Survivors' Experiences: The Evolution of Trauma Victim Response Theories *continued*
- Empowerment: Survivor-centered Advocacy
- Effective Communication
- Ethics and Confidentiality

**Friday, February 28, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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Topics to be covered:

- Conflict Resolution/De-escalation/Problem Solving
- Safety Options & Crisis Intervention
- The Role of Programs in Ending Violence Against Women
- Trauma-informed Advocacy and Self-care

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**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!



**DANIELLE CHAUVIN** is a Program Manager at the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. She started at the Coalition in June 2019, with seven years of experience working directly with survivors of DV/SA, and their families. Danielle has helped survivors at the intersection of homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health. She has worked with communities in mid-Michigan, to provide education on how individuals can better support survivors and the agencies that serve them.

With her Bachelors of Art in Journalism, Danielle is passionate about communication and sharing information with others. She has helped DV/SA agencies explore options for engaging their community in activism, particularly via social media. She's collaborated with community stakeholders and other activists to create dynamic, sharable social media content.

As a Volunteer Coordinator, she trained new volunteers and staff, encouraging life-long, and collaborative learning. Danielle enjoys having conversations with new advocates that focus on empowering survivors and include discussions of trauma-informed care.



**PHALGUNA SIDDAPUREDDY** is the Community Organizer in the city of Detroit. She has a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from India. She started her career in 2010 as clinical support at Natural Balance Wellness Center in Ann Arbor where she worked for three years. She then joined the DV advocacy movement through her work at Mai Family Services, a nonprofit agency serving South Asians in Michigan. There she served as an intake worker & office manager and later was promoted as the executive director where she worked for five and half years. Phalguna joined MCEDSV in 2018. She has avidly advocated for survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and non-judgmental support for survivors both within the agency and externally. Through the years, she developed various policies and procedures for direct services, accounting, and administration. She has worked with board, staff, and volunteers to host the fundraisers and various prevention and awareness workshops for the community and other professional partners. She has conducted culturally-specific awareness workshops for DV advocates, law enforcement, and other community partners. She has participated in Coordinated Response teams to advocate for survivors and address their barriers and needs. She enjoys building community relationships with both traditional and non-traditional agencies to bridge the gaps for survivors.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, listening to music, and watching Indian movies and serials. She enjoys volunteering regularly as a spiritual education teacher for children at her spiritual center, as well as with Gleaners Food Bank and Cass Community Soup Kitchen in Detroit.



**CHÉREE THOMAS** is the Hotline Director of the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Chéree brings both direct service and non-profit management experience. She is a graduate of the University of Toledo where she earned a Masters in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Diversity and Multicultural Studies, a Bachelors in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Women and Disability, an Associates in Correctional Technology and a Certification in Diversity Management. Her leadership experience includes Executive Director, Program Manager and Senior Director of Programs in several non-profits. In 2011, she authored a book entitled, "See Me for Who I Am" that addresses sexual assault issues faced by African American women. Chéree served as board chair for the Society for History and Racial Equity and was featured in an exhibit at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum called, "Voices for Social Justice." Her passion lies in providing equitable services that are accessible for

communities.



**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.



**LISA WINCHELL-CALDWELL** is Deputy Director with the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV). She brings experience in public policy, HMIS, HUD and MSHDA grant applications and policy, economic abuse and empowerment for survivors, and engaging and developing youth leadership. Previously as the DELTA FOCUS Project Manager, Ms. Winchell-Caldwell's focus was on the primary prevention of domestic and sexual violence. She is also co-coordinator of the MCEDSV Mobilizing Men in Michigan (M3) Initiative on engaging men as allies, and previously co-coordinator of Project Connect, a collaborative effort between domestic and sexual violence, adolescent health (AH) and maternal and child health (MCH) programs to improve services provided to all women and youth in our state. Ms. Winchell-Caldwell has been working and volunteering in the movement for fifteen years in a variety of roles including a campus sexual assault advocate and at her local domestic violence shelter.



**MERKEB YOHANNES** joined MCEDSV in 2017 and is a Senior Program Director. She joins MCEDSV after nearly 10 years of working in advocacy and program management at a non-profit organization serving those with disabilities. Prior to that she lived in Atlanta, Georgia primarily working in social services amongst Immigrant and Refugee families and was an active member of various social justice community groups. Merkeb has vast experience working in developing countries with international non-profit organizations, local governments and faith-based organizations in areas of woman and girl empowerment, grant management, HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention, media material development for public health issues, and workforce training and development. As a Lansing resident, she continues to volunteer in her community with local agencies that advocate and support survivors as well as with the Refugee community.