



Pennsylvania Coalition to
Advance Respect

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Please Join us for a Two-Part Live Webinar on July 11 and 18, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“Without a Trace of Evidence: The Powerful Control of Strangulation”

Course Description:

What impact does the traumatizing and terrifying nature of strangulation have on the initiation, identification, investigation, and prosecution of a criminal case? This powerful and escalated form of violence is a vivid preview to show a victim the fate they face if they do not comply.

Although dangerous and sometimes deadly, victims of strangulation frequently lack obvious signs of external injury, often leaving marks on the perpetrator as they fight for their life. Without proper understanding of these injuries, investigations are often misdirected and can result in a failed prosecution or the arrest of a victim. This training will provide guidance on how to identify and document valuable evidence often overlooked by law enforcement and prosecutors.

Part one will give the audience a lens into the mind of an abuser. As a result, practitioners will be better equipped to understand the motives and strategies that perpetrators use to manipulate victims and the criminal justice system.

Part two will discuss the impact that strangulation has on a victim as they experience an assault as well as the control that surrounds their journey into the criminal system. As a result, practitioners will be able to overcome common challenges, prioritize victim safety, and hold offenders accountable.

Speakers:

Kelsey McKay trains and consults nationally to strengthen how communities collaborate, investigate, and prosecute strangulation, sexual violence, intimate partner abuse and other power-based abuse. As a former prosecutor, she’s handled thousands of strangulation cases and developed protocols to implement successful ways to improve how communities respond to these difficult cases. Over the last seven years, Ms. McKay has written curriculums, developed trainings, and consulted on asphyxiation cases across the world. As a victims-rights attorney, she has represented victims and consulted with attorneys in family court, civil court, Title IX and the criminal legal system. She has served as an attorney and consultant on multiple cases where a victim of intimate partner abuse is criminally charged for killing an abuser. In February 2023 a jury acquitted her client of murder, finding that she had acted in self-defense.

Dr. Scott Hampton has been working with batterers, sex offenders, victims and children exposed to violence for over 30 years. As the Director of Ending the Violence, he provides community and jail-based educational classes to perpetrators. Dr. Hampton is also the Project Coordinator of Strafford County’s Supervised Visitation Center, a past president of the National Supervised Visitation Network, a peer reviewer for the U.S. Dept. of Justice and is a founding member of New Hampshire’s Fatality Review Committee. Dr. Hampton is frequently called upon to provide expert witness testimony in court and writes and speaks frequently on issues related to interpersonal violence, having provided over 500 trainings in North America, Asia and Europe. His 2010 book, “Tolerant oppression: How Tolerance Undermines Our Quest for Equality and What We Should Do Instead” addresses the intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, racism and other forms of oppression.

There is no cost to attend.

Registration Information to Follow in May

PCAR will be applying for CLEs for attorneys and CE for EMS