



FREE TRAINING

## NJCA Presents an MDT Training Event on The Impact of Domestic Violence On Children

**9 - 10:30 AM**

### The Children are Not Okay: Impact of Domestic Violence

Presented by Jane Straub, The Zero Abuse Project

Children are not immune or shielded from the violence. Not only do millions of children witness the abuse of their mother, but many experience child abuse themselves. This session will discuss the prevalence of DV, the intersection of DV and child maltreatment and how these behaviors permeate the day to day climate of the home which leads to the cycle of abuse being handed down from generation to generation. Identification of harm will be discussed as well as strategies to support the mother and the children. Skill building and increasing resiliency will be presented.

**10:45 - 12:15 PM**

### Child Sexual Abuse Evaluations in the Context of Domestic Violence Situations

Presented by Dr. DeBellis

The presence of domestic violence increases risk for child maltreatment, including physical and sexual abuse. The goals of this presentation are to review the purpose of medical evaluations in the context of domestic violence situations, recognize how preconceived notions and myths impact our understanding of child sexual abuse, and discuss the meaning of a normal anogenital examination and normal anatomy.

**12:15 - 1:00 PM**

Lunch Break

**1:00 - 2:30 PM**

### Domestic Violence and Lethality Assessments

Presented by Jane Straub, The Zero Abuse Project

This presentation will discuss abusive behaviors, the cycle of violence, barriers to safety and the emotional, physical and mental impact of the victim. Introduction and discussion around assessing lethality will be covered. Working with and engaging survivors to identify escalation and threats to safety are crucial to reducing the chance of homicide for victims, children and the abuser in DV cases. The goals of the presentation are to increase your knowledge of Domestic Violence, be able to identify abusive relationships, improve your understanding of lethality and to engage survivors in safety planning and strategies to leave abusive relationships safely.

**2:45 - 4:15 PM**

### Child Abuse and Domestic Violence: When Systems Collide

Presented by Amy Russell

Research shows that there is a definite link between DV and child abuse: child abuse is 15 times more likely to occur in households where DV is present. This workshop will focus on the effects and impact of domestic violence on children, and explore the efficacy of current interventions. Understanding the impact of DV on children can increase appropriate professional response to both victims of DV and child abuse, and enable professionals to better empower victims of DV to support their children.

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Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance for entire program

When: June 3, 2021

Where: Virtual

Target Audience:  
All MDT disciplines and  
partner agencies  
welcome to attend

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