Webinar Course Description

Title: Domestic Violence 101: Understanding the Experience of Survivors

Using the Power and Control Wheel developed by Ellen Pence and Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack will interview four survivors from the National Family Justice Center Alliance VOICES Committee about their experiences with their abusers. This practical seminar will help police officers, prosecutors, and advocates in learning how to use the Power and Control Wheel to interview victims of domestic violence, strangulation, and spousal sexual assault.

Presenters:

Casey Gwinn, J.D., President, National Family Justice Center Alliance
Gael Strack, J.D., CEO, National Family Justice Center Alliance
VOICES Committee Members
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Panel Members

• Yvonne
• Jennica
• Nicole
• Lisbet
• Pam
What is a VOICES Committee?

- Survivors
  - Women and Men
  - Share their personal stories
  - Either what it was like before a FJC or after FJC opened
  - Educate staff and public
  - Available to speak to the media or not
  - Advocate for the local FJC and other allied agencies
Creating their own Website
Power and Control Wheel
Ellen Pence

- Co-creator of the Power and Control Wheel
- Great 5 minute video of Ellen Pence sharing how the wheel was created
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9dZOgr78eE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9dZOgr78eE)
Power and Control

• How is the Power and Control Wheel used?
• The wheel is used in many settings and can be found in manuals, books, articles, and on the walls of agencies that seek to prevent domestic violence.
• It has even been seen by millions on national television shows and soap operas!
• Many groups use the Power and Control Wheel in training
• The wheel is also used in counseling and education groups for men who batter to help group participants identify the tactics they use. By seeing that their behavior is not atypical for men who batter, there is an impetus (for those who are motivated to change) to explore the beliefs that contribute to their behavior.
• The Power and Control Wheel is used in concert with the Equality Wheel to help group participants see alternate ways of being in a relationship with a woman, free of violence and controlling behavior.
• The wheel is also used in a variety of settings to describe battering. For instance, in training for law enforcement or prosecutors, the wheel provides an explanation for why a victim might return to an abusive spouse or why victim is refusing to cooperate in a criminal prosecution.
• The wheel makes the pattern, intent and impact of violence visible.
• It is an excellent tool for law enforcement officers interviewing victims
Power and Control

- Intimidation
- Emotional Abuse
- Isolation
- Minimize, Deny and Blame
- Using Children
- Privilege
- Economic Abuse
- Coercion and Threats
Intimidation

• Making them afraid by using looks, actions or gestures
• Smashing things
• Destroying their property
• Abusing pets
• Displaying weapons
Emotional Abuse

• Putting them down
• Making them feel bad about themself
• Calling them names
• Making them think their crazy
• Playing mind games
• Humiliation
• Making them feel guilty
Isolation

• Controlling what they do, who they see and talk to, what they read and where they go
• Limiting outside involvement
• Using jealousy to justify actions
Minimizing, Denying, Blaming

• Making light of the abuse and not taking their concerns about it seriously
• Saying the abuse didn’t happen
• Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior
• Saying they caused it
Using Children

• Making them feel guilty about the children
• Using the children to relay messages
• Using visitation to harass her
• Threatening to take the children away
Male Privilege

- Treating her like a servant
- Making all the big decisions
- Acting like the “master of the castle”
- Being the one to define men’s and women’s roles
Economic Abuse

- Preventing them from getting or keeping a job
- Making them ask for money
- Giving them an allowance
- Taking their money
- Not letting them know about or have access to family income
Coercion and Threats

• Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt them
• Threatening to leave them, commit suicide, or report them to welfare
• Making them drop charges
• Making them do illegal things
Common Myths

• Why didn’t I just leave?

• A relationship with two different people in the same body

• When will this all go away?

• Will it all go away?

• Should it all go away?
Moving on is a Process

• What worked?

• Who helped?

• What did you need more of?

• How do we help others?
What helped or didn’t help?

• From local programs?
• From the Family Justice Center?
• From law enforcement?
• From prosecution?
• From the court system?
• From friends and family?
Question and Answers

- Questions for panel - the experts!
- Please submit your questions via your question feature on your toolbar
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The Why & the How

Dream Big, Start Small
How to Start and Sustain a Family Justice Center

Casey Gwinn
with Gael Strack

Gael Strack
and Casey Gwinn
Thank You

Thank you for joining today’s presentation

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Casey Gwinn, J.D. serves as the President of the Family Justice Center Alliance. Casey has been recognized by The American Lawyer magazine as one of the top 45 public lawyers in America.

Casey served for eight years as the elected City Attorney of San Diego from 1996 to 2004. Prior to entering elected office, Casey founded City Attorney’s Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit, leading the Unit from 1986 to 1996 – prosecuting both misdemeanor and felony cases. In 1993, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognized his Child Abuse/Domestic Violence Unit as the model domestic violence prosecution unit in the nation. During Casey’s tenure, the Unit's work was honored for playing a major role in the 90 percent drop in domestic violence homicides in the City of San Diego over the last twenty years. San Diego now has the lowest domestic violence homicide rate of any major city in the nation. In 1986, Casey co-founded the San Diego Task Force on Domestic Violence. In 1991, he founded the San Diego Domestic Violence Council.

In 2002, Casey saw his vision of a comprehensive, “one stop shop” for services to victims of family violence become a reality in San Diego. In partnership with former San Diego Police Chief David Bejarano and current Chief Bill Lansdowne, he led the effort to open the nationally acclaimed San Diego Family Justice Center. The Family Justice Center opened its doors in downtown San Diego on October 10, 2002. In January, 2003, Casey and the San Diego Family Justice Center were profiled on the Oprah Winfrey Show as leading the way for other communities in its coordinated approach to co-locating services for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault. In October, 2003, President George W. Bush announced a national initiative to begin creating Family Justice Centers across the country and asked Casey to provide leadership to the effort. Casey currently oversees a national technical assistance team that supports all existing and developing Family Justice Centers in the United States and around the world and speaks in communities across the United States.
Casey has served on the U.S. Attorney General’s National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women and the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. He chaired the California Attorney General’s Task Force on Domestic Violence. He also served on the congressionally created Department of Defense task force, studying the handling of family violence throughout the Department of Defense. He has authored a host of articles on domestic violence and has authored two books on the Family Justice Center movement and co-authored four more. The first book entitled “Hope for Hurting Families” calls for the creation of Family Justice Centers across America to help hurting and violent families. His second book, co-authored with Gael Strack, was released in April 2007, “Hope for Hurting Families II: How to Start a Family Justice Center in Your Community.” The first two books are available at www.familyjusticecenter.org. Gael and Casey authored a third on-line book, published in Arabic, focused on developing co-located service centers in the Middle East (www.familyjusticecenter.org/ebook). Casey’s book, “Dream Big: A Simple, Complicated Idea to Stop Family Violence” was published in 2010 by Wheatmark Press and is available on the Family Justice Center Alliance website and at www.amazon.com and many other retail outlets. Casey and Gael have authored one book in Spanish, “Como Iniciar Un Centro de Justicia Para Las Mujeres” (2012).

Casey has received many local and national awards, including the L. Anthony Sutin Civic Imagination Finalist Award, Stephen L. Lewis Lecturer of Merit Award from the National College of District Attorneys, the San Diego Domestic Violence Council’s Lifetime Achievement Award, the Women’s International Living Legacy Award, the Men’s Leadership Forum Hometown Hero Award, Sharp Healthcare’s Excellence in Education Award, the San Diego Press Club’s Diogenes Award, the San Diego Mediation Center’s Peacemaker Award, the San Diego Ecumenical Council’s Christian Unity Award, Lifetime Television’s Times Square Salute Award, Advocate of the Year Award presented on Disability Independence Day from the disabled community in San Diego, the California Peace Prize from the California Wellness Foundation, New York’s Abely Award for Leading Women and Children to Safety, and the Avon Foundation’s Community Advocate of the Year Award.

One of Casey’s great personal passions is Camp HOPE, the unique camping initiative he founded at the San Diego Family Justice Center. Camp HOPE is the first specialized camp in America focused exclusively on children exposed to domestic violence.

Casey and his wife, Beth, have three grown children: Kelly; Karianne; and Chris.

Casey is an honors graduate of Stanford University and UCLA School of Law.
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