Monthly Update

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Find out more at https://www.nsvrc.org/saam. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has created resources for COVID-19 response, available here.

Stay at home orders can adversely impact survivors of domestic violence. In a pandemic, abusers may feel powerless, putting their intimate partners at risk. As courts limit their operations to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the needs and safety of victims of domestic violence must be considered. Please see NCSC’s Coronavirus & the Courts: Survivors of Domestic Violence resource for more information (below).

Upcoming training opportunities

Staying Centered: A Virtual Breather for People Supporting Survivors

Every Wednesday from 4—4:45 p.m. EST hosted by The National Resource Center for Reaching Victims

A Perpetrator Pattern-based Approach to Improve Child Welfare’s Response to Domestic Violence

Webinar on 4/28 from 2—3:30 p.m. EST hosted by National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Tools for Advocates Responding to COVID-19 and Domestic Violence

Webinar on 4/28 from 1—2 p.m. EST hosted by BWJP

New resources

Coronavirus & the Courts: Survivors of Domestic Violence

This pandemic resource from NCSC contains the common practices that state courts are taking to support survivors of domestic violence during COVID-19. For more information on court responses during a pandemic, see NCSC’s Coronavirus and the Courts.

Responding to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault through Court Watch: A Collaborative Approach

In Practice Podcast—Courts Respond as COVID-19 Fuels Rise in Domestic Violence