

# TITLE IV-E COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS

## 2-Day Spousal/Partner Abuse, Detection, Intervention and Reporting

**Maureen Lowell, MFT** works in private practice in San Jose, working primarily with survivors and offenders of intimate partner violence. She graduated from Santa Clara University's Counseling Psychology program in 1988. She has worked in the field of family violence since 1985 beginning as a social worker with the Department of Social Services and specifically with intimate partner violence since 1993 when she began work with batterer intervention services.

During this time, she developed a curriculum for working with female offenders of domestic violence and developed the first Parenting without Violence program in the county. Since 1997, she has also conducted extensive training in domestic violence and since 2000 has taught a course at San Jose State on Family and Community Violence through the Justice Studies Department.

This course qualifies for 15 hours of continuing education. Continuing education (CE) hours are available to maintain the following licenses with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS): Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors.

West Valley College is an accredited post-secondary institution and is recognized by the BBS as an approved continuing education provider. The college is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges pursuant to Section 1887.4.3.

**Day 1-Thursday, February 7, 2019**  
8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

**Day 2-Friday, February 8, 2019**  
8:30 AM to 4:30

Registration 8:00 AM

West Valley Campbell Community Center  
One West Campbell Avenue, Campbell, CA  
**Room J69**

This two-day course will develop an understanding of intimate partner violence (IPV), its dynamics, effects, and sequelae to help guide the clinician in differential assessment and treatment planning and to learn how to effectively engage in a therapeutic alliance that increases safety, accountability and change. Intimate partner violence has been found to affect a significant number of men, women and children in our communities, the presence of which has been linked to many physical and mental health risks. Depression is the most common presenting clinical issue in female survivors of intimate partner violence; despite the link, partner abuse is seldom voluntarily disclosed at intake. Couples therapy is a commonly sought intervention in couples experiencing domestic violence with similarly low disclosure rates of the presence of IPV in the relationship. These clinical presentations make family therapists key service providers for issues of family violence; however, studies show that clinicians too often fail to adequately screen, assess and incorporate family violence treatment strategies into treatment plans. This course will help clinicians gain the confidence needed to effectively screen, assess, plan, and treat clients with histories of domestic violence and to understand and collaborate with the broader network of services available to support families beyond the treatment context.

### COURSE OUTCOMES:

- Recognize and understand dynamics of domestic violence as they relate to clinical practice
- Recognize indicators and presenting problems associated with IPV
- Utilize clinical interview, screening and assessment tools for effective treatment planning including use of the DSM axis system for clarifying clinical issues
- Evaluate trauma using a broader lens considering complex trauma both in children exposed to IPV and adult survivors
- Apply effective intervention strategies for working with individual victims, perpetrators and couples, including safety planning and referrals
- Apply state mandatory reporting requirements in clinical practice
- Create client centered treatment relationship that improves outcomes with IPC survivors and offenders
- Skills for using motivational interviewing to build effective therapeutic alliance
- How to effectively engage in interdisciplinary collaboration to improve treatment outcomes while maintaining confidentiality and therapeutic safety

### Eligible County Employees



For questions contact Staff Development & Training at [Rianna.Garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org](mailto:Rianna.Garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org)

*\*Must obtain Supervisor approval prior to registering\**

### Eligible Non-County Employees

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