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Recognizing and Responding to Strangulation and Brain Injury among Victim/Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence



ZOOM WEBINAR

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Up to 92% of female survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) may have experienced an IPV-related brain injury (BI). BI may result from head trauma caused by blunt force (e.g., punches, objects being thrown), violent shaking, or strangulation. Strangulation and BI can be life-threatening experiences that contribute to ongoing physical and mental health consequences, affecting quality of life and general wellbeing. Despite their traumatic effects, injuries from strangulation or BI are often not externally visible. The lack of visibility, compounded by an absence of training on these issues leads to a lack of detection among first responders and service providers and missed opportunities for early intervention and appropriate medical care.

Dr. McCormick and colleagues with the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research at the University of the Fraser Valley in British Columbia have conducted several studies concerning the criminal justice system recognition and response to strangulation and BI among survivors of IPV. This presentation will address why strangulation and BI are important factors for service providers to receive training on, review key findings from their studies regarding the current challenges with recognizing and responding to strangulation and BI among survivors of IPV, and provide recommendations to enhance practice.

Dr. McCormick is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, a Research Associate with the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research, and the Commitment Leader for the Peace and Reconciliation Centre's Community of Practice in Domestic Violence Reduction. Dr. McCormick has conducted numerous studies on gender-based violence, with a focus on the police response to intimate partner violence (IPV) files. Recent studies include strangulation and brain injury in IPV, harassment-related IPV investigations, elder abuse, and dating violence prevention programming. Dr. McCormick's research supports the development of evidence-based practices and policies to reduce IPV and enhance the community and justice system responses to gender-based violence.

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