

Breakout Session 1: 2:10-3:10pm

Protective Orders:

This session is about the different forms of protective orders available, the differences between these orders, how to obtain them, and how they are enforced. Also, the participants will gain an understanding of federal and state firearms laws in relation to protection orders and how firearms can be seized or surrendered when there is a qualifying protection order and relationship.

Effects of DV on Children and Families:

This is designed for professionals who work with children who may have experienced DV or have been witness to it in their homes. This session will go in greater detail regarding the symptoms of children who are in DV situations, how professionals can support these children, and local resources in the community.

How to Identify DV and Local Resources:

Participants in this session will learn how to recognize signs of abuse and discuss the barriers that surround victims of domestic violence. They will also learn about resources for domestic violence victims and their families that are available in the community and how to access them.

Breakout Session 2: 3:30-4:30pm

Law Enforcement-why they do/don't arrest:

This session will cover how a law enforcement officer approaches a domestic call, the various issues law enforcement deal with on-scene, and the criteria required to make an arrest. Participants will gain a better understanding of issues such as how officers identify primary aggressors, determine mutual combat, and mandatory arrest laws.

Multi-Discipline Panel Discussion:

This will be an open panel discussion to discuss how the system does or does not work together and each agency and organization's role. On the panel will be a Judge, Probation Officer, Prosecutor, Detective, System-based Advocate, Community-based Advocate, DHS caseworker, and a Batterer Intervention Program provider.

Domestic Violence and the Church:

This session will focus on the church's response to domestic violence and how churches can support victims and their families. It will look at how the church can use the Bible to promote healing in families and the church. It will also look at preventative measures that churches can take.