

Cultivating Rest and Renewal

Monday, October 28th, 10:15-11:45am

Great Hall

This will be a time to connect with your body and the community through light movement practices, self-reflective exercises, and journaling. Stress can show up in many different ways in our bodies and movement of any kind can help release tension. Please bring a journal that you use regularly if you have one and wear comfortable clothing that allows you to move freely.

Presented by:

Trisha Fey (she/they)

Oregon Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Administrative and Project Associate

Trisha Fey, Admin & Project Associate of OCADSV is a professional dancer, movement instructor, and trauma educator based in Los Angeles. She is passionate about supporting the trauma healing of survivors, healing practitioners, and communities from marginalized backgrounds.

As a movement artist she believes in the healing power of creative expression in working through trauma. She has more than 7 years of experience teaching yoga and movement from a trauma-informed lens.

Trauma Generacional: Navegando dinámicas de familia

Monday, October 28th, 10:15-11:45am (Spanish)

Heritage 2

This seminar will be conducted in Spanish, centering on the topic of generational trauma within survivor advocacy. We'll explore the cultural and internal ramifications this brings for survivors, highlighting safety planning as a powerful support mechanism.

Presented by:

Andoeni Verdugo (ella/she/her)

Sexual Assault Support Services, Latine Community Coordinator

Andoeni is the daughter of immigrants who was born in Los Angeles, CA but grew up most of her life in Chandler, AZ. She majored in Indigenous, Race and Ethnic Studies at the University of Oregon, and whose focus has always been around forming community, expanding educational outreach to underserved populations, and being involved in the anti-violence movement. She is currently the Latine Community Coordinator at Sexual Assault Support Services in Eugene, OR and runs workshops and support groups in Spanish for survivors and providers. Andoeni enjoys spending time with her beloved family, friends, and lil dog Haru.

Gisela Cerratos (ella/she/her)

Sexual Assault Support Services, Survivor Access Coordinator

A little bit about me. My name is Gisela, born and raised in Eugene, OR with Mexican roots. In my time of professional development I have explored various avenues of collaboration to enforce accessible services to different populations in the community with minorities being a priority. Outside of my professional life I consider myself a busy gal. I love spending time in the kitchen and as of 5 years ago I

made it a goal to stay as active as possible whether that be a hike with my furry child or training at my local boxing gym.

Crowdsourced stalking and its intersection with tech safety

Monday, October 28th, 10:15-11:45am

Landmark

This session will focus on the poorly-understood, often-neglected topic of crowdsourced stalking – the use of connections or networks to stalk a person or people – and its intersection with tech safety. In addition to an overview of the dynamics of stalking in general and crowdsourced stalking in particular, the presenter will provide real examples from the news that illustrate what this form of coercive control can look like. The presenter will also discuss safety and privacy strategies for survivors. This curriculum was developed in collaboration with the Stalking Awareness and Prevention Resource Center (SPARC).

Presented by:

Jessie Lowell (they/she)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), Technology and Safety Specialist

Dr. Jessie Lowell (they or she) joined NNEDV as a Technology Safety Specialist in July 2022. They were previously a Housing Pathways advocate at The Network/La Red, a domestic violence program serving LGBTQ+, polyamorous, and BDSM communities. They were a hotline volunteer there from 2014-2020 and 2022- 2023. Jessie volunteered previously with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center as an advocate/trainer, and Operation: Safe Escape as the open-source intelligence lead/a digital safety advocate. Since 2018, they have assisted journalists, activists, musicians, librarians, and more, with security and digital privacy. Jessie is an IAPP Certified Information Privacy Technologist (CIPT). They have a PhD in computer science from Brandeis University, and completed a computational epidemiology postdoc at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. At NNEDV they assist gender-based violence programs throughout the US. They participate in multiple technology standards bodies and have advised UNFPA on technology standards strategy for combatting gender-based violence

Come take a Walk in our Shoes: Deaf Culture and Communication

Monday, October 28th, 10:15-11:45am

Heritage 1

Monday, October 28th, 1:00-2:30pm

Heritage 1

There is one in four Oregonians who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing and have related disabilities. Many people in this community experience significant disparity in receiving social and support services. They may experience language deprivation, and are more likely to have an additional diagnosis, i.e., developmental disabilities. These factors contribute to additional layers of barriers in getting care and service. Case managers who work with this unique language and cultural minority community often face challenges due to limited availability of information, resources and services. Does

this sound familiar to you? This workshop will provide guidance to Services Coordinators and Personal Agents to help you address the multiple layers of challenges in working with Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing and those with additional disabilities.

Presented by:

Chad A Ludwig (he/him)

Bridges Oregon, Founder and Executive Director

Chad moved to Oregon from New York in 2012 to be closer to family. Since August 2018, he has been the Director of the Regional Resource Center on Deafness at Western Oregon University. Previously, Chad worked as an analyst for Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services at the Department of Human Services. He holds a Bachelor's in Social Work from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Master's from East Carolina University. Chad is a certified ADA Coordinator and a freelance Certified Deaf and DeafBlind Interpreter. He enjoys traveling, camping in his VW Vanagon, hiking, swimming, biking, gardening, cooking, and wine.

Complicating Consent: Moving from Extraction to Embodiment

Monday, October 28th, 1:00-2:30pm (Part 1)*

Heritage 2

Monday, October 28th, 3:00-4:30pm (Part 2)*

Heritage 2

*Facemasks will be required and provided onsite

For years, preventionists and sex educators have leaned heavily on the FRIES consent model, emphasizing a binary of yes and no. But where does curiosity, hesitation, or relationality fit? This workshop offers a container to move consent education from a deficit, risk-reduction model to one of pleasure, care, and maybe even liberation!

Presented by:

Sarah Ferrato (she/they)

Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Manager of Sexual Violence Prevention & Public Health Initiatives

Sarah Ferrato (she/they) is the Manager of Sexual Violence Prevention and Public Health Initiatives at the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and has worked in the anti-violence movement professionally and unprofessionally for almost a decade. They provide training and technical assistance on primary prevention, non-carceral forms of justice, peer education, curricula development, conflict engagement, disability justice, pleasure-centered prevention education, and more. Sarah co-parents three chaotic cats with their beloved partner in Cleveland Heights, Ohio on Erie and Mississauga land. They are a novice urban forager, impulsive book-buyer, and community organizer.

Oregon Gender Justice Now: Mapping the Present

Monday, October 28th, 1:00-2:30pm (Part 1)

Great Hall

This workshop dives into the current state of the gender justice movement in Oregon, using key data from the Gender Justice Navigator. Participants will explore critical findings on the representation of BIPOC communities, identifying gaps in access and equity, and discussing challenges faced by women, girls, and LGBTQIA2S+ individuals across the state. We will also discuss the importance of the DVSA field and where it fits in the landscape. This session provides a foundation for understanding the landscape and the issues that need immediate attention.

Building Tomorrow: Shaping the Future of Gender Justice in Oregon

Monday, October 28th, 3:00-4:30pm (Part 2)

Great Hall

Looking ahead, this workshop will focus on what's next for gender justice in Oregon. Participants will engage in dynamic discussions about the resources, policies, and strategies needed to ensure the field continues to evolve and center BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ communities. We will also discuss the critical role DVSA organizations and advocates will play in shaping the future of gender justice in Oregon. Guided by the findings from the Gender Justice Navigator, the session will address opportunities for growth and collaboration to create lasting, systemic change.

Presented by:

Sirius Bonner (she/her)

INTERSECT NW, Executive Director

Sirius Bonner (she/her) is the Executive Director of INTERSECT. As a Black, fat, queer, cis-woman, Sirius stands at the intersections of many identities. Her passions for Black liberation and racial justice, gender justice, and fat liberation all stem from her experience navigating oppressive systems. Through these experiences, she sharpened her intersectional analysis and dedicated herself to the fight for social justice and liberation for all. Sirius co-hosts The Body Trust Podcast. Across the country, Sirius is a noted speaker, trainer, and facilitator. Previously, Sirius brought her leadership and expertise to her role as Vice President of Equity and Inclusion at Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette. Sirius has led institutional equity work in higher education and consulted with a diverse group of organizations. Sirius gained her bachelor's and Master's degrees from Reed College. She currently serves on the board of the North by Northeast Clinic.

Emily Evans (she/her)

INTERSECT NW, Senior Trainer

Born and raised in Ashland, Oregon, Emily Evans (she/her) has dedicated her career to unearthing and dismantling the many ways in which injustice harms us all. From 2014-2021, Emily served as Executive Director of the Women's Foundation of Oregon. In that role, she brought her passion for dismantling sexism, racism, and other forms of oppression, back home to the Pacific Northwest, to help create true

and lasting gender justice in our region. Before leading the Women's Foundation, Emily worked for several think tanks on the east coast, with an abiding focus on gender justice and multi-sector systemic change. Over the past two decades, Emily has given hundreds of keynotes, trainings, and workshops across the country. She's a frequent guest speaker for outlets like City Club, OPB, KBOO, KOBI, KGW, and X-RAYFM. Emily is also the author of several articles, Op-Eds, reports, and other resources, including the groundbreaking Count Her In report and companion policy briefs. Emily holds a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College and a Master's in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She lives with her wonderful wife, their two terrific kids, and their two sweet doggies in NW Portland. Selected accolades, press clippings, previous work, and testimonials are available at evanspractice.com.

Cultural Considerations in working with Tribal Communities

Monday, October 28th, 1:00-2:30pm (Part 1)

Landmark

This session will be an overview of working with Tribal Communities and the impact of historical and intergenerational trauma on tribal people and how cultures is prevention, how culture is medicine.

Cultural Connectedness: Healing with the ancestors, the land and culture

Monday, October 28th, 3:00-4:30pm (Part 2)

Landmark

Key Native teachings share that we are responsible for all of life; for being a good relative to others; for stewarding the land (Mother Earth); and for their ancestors, past, present, and future (Seventh Generation). Everyone was meant to have a family; everyone is meant to be in a community. We knew that we were sacred. In this session there will be an overview of cultural connectedness with opportunities for experiential learning of healing with ancestors, the land and culture.

Presented by:

Danica Love Brown (she/her)

Kaufmann Consulting, VP Behavioral Health Transformations

Danica Love Brown, MSW, CACIII, PhD, is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma born and raised in Northern New Mexico. Danica is the Vice President for Behavioral Health Transformations at Kauffman and Associates, Inc. and has worked as a mental health and substance use counselor, social worker, and youth advocate for 30 years. She is an Indigenous Wellness Research Institute ISMART fellow alumni, Council of Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program fellow alumni, and Northwest Native American Research Center for Health fellow alumni. Her research has focused on Indigenous Ways of Knowing and decolonizing methodologies to address historical trauma and health disparities in Tribal communities.

Advocacy for Advocates: How to advance the interests of survivors at the state legislature

Monday, October 28th, 3:00-4:30pm

Heritage 1

We will discuss the myriad ways that Survivor Advocates can participate in the advancing of the interests of survivors at the state legislature. Review of the issues we expect on the agenda this session, goals and objectives for survivor advocates, and how to get engaged. We will save plenty of time for Q and A!

Presented by:

Sybil Hebb (she/her)

Oregon Law Center, Director of Advocacy

Sybil Hebb, JD, is the Director of Legislative and Policy Advocacy at the Oregon Law Center (OLC), a statewide non-profit law firm providing free civil legal assistance and access to justice to low-income Oregonians. Prior to her work as a policy advocate, she practiced law with a focus on domestic and sexual violence as well as housing issues for 9 years, first as an Americorps volunteer attorney, then as a staff attorney for Legal Aid Services of Oregon. In her work as a legislative advocate, Sybil works with many community partners to advance safety and security for low-income Oregonians, with a focus on issues such as gender-based violence prevention, survivor protection, tenant protection, homelessness prevention, and fair housing protections. Ms. Hebb is a member of the Attorney General's Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division Advisory Committee, and is on the steering committee of the Oregon Legislative Alliance to End Violence Against Women. Sybil is a proud member of the Advisory Board for Street Roots, Portland's award-winning weekly street newspaper, and for Oregon Consumer Justice, advancing consumer justice for all Oregonians.

Niki Terzieff (she/her)

Leading Edge Public Affairs, Director

Founder Nicholina Terzieff has been able to distill the secrets of success through hard work, smart approaches and strong relationships over the last decade. Niki's skills and expertise in the political and legislative arenas make her a leader in Oregon politics and bring about results.

Stone Soup: A Collaborative Prevention Resource Library

Tuesday, October 29th, 10:15-11:45am

Heritage 2

This interactive workshop invites new and experienced prevention educators to collaborate on creating localized violence prevention curriculum. Attendees will review available resources regarding state standards, pedagogical approaches, and existing prevention curriculum, and have an opportunity to draft a unique lesson plan in a small group. Finally, attendees will be invited to share individual lesson plans and activities to create a network of statewide peer support.

Presented by:

Jessica Beatty (she/they)

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Prevention Specialist

Jessica worked for three years as a violence prevention educator and confidential advocate for youth at a community-based organization in Portland, Oregon before joining OCADSV staff as a prevention specialist. As a professional, she is passionate about primary prevention tactics, fostering youth engagement, and community spaces.

Deliberate Steps of Inclusion of First Nations Voices

Tuesday, October 29th, 10:15-11:45am

Landmark

Participants will discuss how to develop or strengthen collaborative partnerships between Tribal Nations and their tribal community victim service programs. Join Desireé Coyote and Diana Fleming as we explore practical advocate/victim scenarios from the lens of underserved tribal communities. Participants will be invited to assess their organizations practices and use of staff when it comes to these partnerships.

Presented by:

Diana Fleming (she/her)

Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim & Survivor Services Program Analyst, VAWA Lead

Diana Fleming has over 24 years' experience managing federal grant awards to organizations that serve victims of crime across the state. She has been the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Coordinator for the State of Oregon since January 2009. In 2010, she began working closely with all nine federally recognized Oregon Tribes along with Desireé Coyote. The work (and focus) is always on building a collaborative partnership model which has been continuously strengthened with statewide goals and objectives in the VAWA Implementation Plan. CVSSD prioritizes ongoing relationship building that includes all partners in a coordinated community response.

Desireé Coyote (she/her)

Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Family Violence Services Program Manager

Desireé is the Family Violence Services Program Manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Since 2013, Desireé remains a member with the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Advisory Committee including their Diversity Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee. Maintaining and enhancing sovereignty is foundational for individuals working with and for Tribal Nations. Desireé is proud of being one of the original people of this land and is affiliated with the Umatilla, Walla Walla and Cayuse nations on her mother's side and Nez Perce on her father's side.

Financial Grants Management: Resources and Tools for EDs who act as CFO Financial Workshop

Tuesday, October 29th, 10:15-11:45am (Part 1)

Heritage 1

Tuesday, October 29th, 1:00-2:30pm (Part 2)

Heritage 1

This workshop discusses the role of the ED as the chief financial officer of their agency. This is not an accounting related workshop, but a discussion about grants management, sustainable systems, and sharing of tools and resources. Julie will share her experience in learning “the hard way” how to manage the very specific multiple funding sources and compliance pieces associated with running a D/SV organization. She will share concrete tools that have helped with this process. Some of the tools: Grants Budget to Actual spreadsheet, Allowable cheat sheet, Sample grant-time record/timesheet, ED contract and evaluation tool and policy.

Presented by:

Julie Weismann (she/her)

Hope & Safety Alliance, Executive Director

Julie is a "Jane of All Trades." She has been the ED of Hope & Safety Alliance for 7 years but before that she sat on numerous boards, was an operations director, business owner, sales manager, and development director -- over 30 years in nonprofit work. She leveraged all her prior experience when she joined Hope & Safety Alliance to wrap her head around managing our complex funding sources. She is delighted to have the opportunity to share what worked for her and to facilitate peer connection and discussion around the unique and challenging experience of running a community-based D/SV program.

When Relating Becomes Deflating: Sustainability for Helpers with Lived Experience

Tuesday, October 29th, 1:00-2:30pm

Great Hall

A lot of us find ourselves in this work because we want to help others within our own communities, especially when the greater society misunderstands, stigmatizes, oppresses, and overlooks us. Relating to our clients is why we're so good at our jobs- but how can we do this without re-traumatizing ourselves? Where does our story end and our client's begin? In this workshop, we will discuss not only how to set boundaries with our clients, but also ourselves when it comes to how much of our own story we share and how much of others' stories we take on. We will also discuss what "countertransference" is and how to identify and control when we relate to our clients a little too well.

Presented by:

Alice Johnson (she/they)

New Avenues for Youth, New Day Therapist

Alice Johnson, MSW, CSWA, is a community mental health therapist serving survivors of sex trafficking and young people impacted by the sex trades. Combining her experiences in social services, mutual aid, and in the sex industry, she has over ten years of experience supporting survivors and sex workers. Alice is passionate about harm reduction and liberation psychology. Alice is white, queer, neurodivergent, and a survivor of interpersonal violence. When Alice is not a therapist, she enjoys volunteering, thrifting, dancing and drag.

¿Porque no hablamos?

Tuesday, October 29th, 1:00-2:30pm (Spanish)

Heritage 2

This workshop will be in Spanish - ¿Porque no hablamos? En este taller hablaremos de cómo hemos estado guiando conversaciones difíciles con jóvenes y familias a través de un lente culturalmente específico. Temas incluirán la importancia de cómo estas conversaciones contribuyen a la prevención de la violencia sexual y la trata de jóvenes.

Presented by:

Michelle Carmen Fisher (she/her/ella)

El Programa Hispano/ UNICA, Youth Prevention Advocate

Michelle Carmen Fisher (She/Her/Ella) is the Youth Prevention Education Advocate at El Programa Hispano Proyecto ÚNICA. In her role Michelle works with youth on holding conversations around sexual violence prevention. Michelle carries out prevention base trainings and works with youth 1:1 to incorporate an anti-violence lens in their own personal relationships. Michelle grew up in Portland, she was raised in a Peruvian household but was adopted from Honduras. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Portland State University and plans to continue her education for her masters degree in Social Work.

Nazareth Chavarria-Anzo (she/her/ella)

El Programa Hispano/UNICA, SUN Extended Day Coordinator

Nazareth Chavarria-Anzo is a Latina woman who is very passionate about supporting the community. Nazareth has volunteered in numerous roles and has worked as a case manager for the step program, a program that supports students with basic needs and educational access. She has worked as a resources navigator at Portland State University. She founded the Rising Bags Project, a community group that does outreach for the houseless population and provides essential needs to this community. Nazareth was an extended day coordinator at El Programa Hispano and recently joined the UNICA team as the Youth Mentor for Trafficking Survivors. She holds a bachelor's degree in social work and foresees graduating in spring of 2025 with her Masters at Portland State University. In her free time Nazareth likes to work out, binge watch scary movies and create art.

Victim-Advocate Privilege in Oregon: A Closer Look

Tuesday, October 29th, 1:00-2:30pm (Part 1)

Landmark

Tuesday, October 29th, 3:00-4:30pm (Part 2)

Landmark

Come and learn how Oregon's victim-advocate privilege protects the confidential communications and records of Oregon survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This extended and interactive workshop will explore how that privilege works, when it applies (or does not apply), and how it might be waived. We will give focused attention to subpoenas – including possible and best responses to them. We will discuss relevant state and federal statutes and case law, including the advocate privilege case that is currently before the Oregon Supreme Court.

Presented by:

Debra Dority (she/her)

Oregon Law Center, State Support Unit Attorney

Debra Dority (she/her) is a State Support Unit (SSU) Attorney at the Oregon Law Center (OLC) and provides mentoring and technical assistance on family law and domestic violence to attorneys at the OLC and Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO). Before joining the SSU, Debra worked at the Pendleton LASO office and the Hillsboro OLC office. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, she has been a legal aid lawyer since 2005. Throughout her legal career, Debra's practice focused on providing legal services to rural victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in protective order and family law cases. She has also represented clients in a Title IX sexual discrimination case and an international child abduction case. Debra's move to the SSU has allowed her work on a statewide policy issues related to domestic and sexual abuse and stalking. Debra is the Vice Chair of the State Family Law Advisory Committee, co-chairing its Domestic Violence Subcommittee, and is a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's Law and Policy Work Group. Debra is also a member of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force.

Carol Schrader (she/her)

Victim Rights' Law Center, National Technical Assistance Senior Attorney

Carol Schrader, Esq., (she/her) is a senior attorney on the Victim Rights' Law Center's national technical assistance and training team. She helps OVW-funded attorneys and other victim service providers across the country provide legal advocacy for and protect the confidentiality of survivors of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. Carol has advocated for survivors of gender-based violence throughout her career including as a legal aid attorney, executive director of a nonprofit working to end domestic violence and sexual assault, manager of the Oregon DOJ Crime Victims' Rights Compliance Project, National Crime Victim Law Institute attorney, project manager for the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center, and, most recently, as an advocate for survivors in Antarctica. Her community-care includes hikes with friends and her book group.

Economic Justice: Deepening Our Work

Tuesday, October 29th, 3:00-4:30pm

Great Hall

This workshop will take a deeper dive into connecting finances and safety. Will explore historic and current public policy impact on survivor financial wellbeing, as well as support advocate financial self-care.

Presented by:

Kim Pentico (she/her)

National Network to End Domestic Violence, Economic Justice Senior Director

Kim Pentico, Economic Justice Senior Director Kim has been working with and on behalf of survivors of sexual and domestic violence since 1990. She first spent over seven years working for a local domestic violence program in Kansas and another seven years at the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. She has also worked for the STOP Technical Assistance Project in Washington, DC. Kim works to ensure and enhance survivor access to economic justice and long-term safety.

Technology-Facilitated Abuse: Assessment

Tuesday, October 29th, 3:00-4:30pm

Heritage 1

Unsure what to do when a survivor tells you their phone is being monitored? Overwhelmed by the possibilities for abusers to misuse tech? Feel like you're "not techie" enough to incorporate tech safety into your safety planning? Join the Safety Net Project of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) for this session on tech abuse assessment and tech safety planning. Tech expertise is not required.

Presented by:

Jessie Lowell (they/she)

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Kinship is the Key: Building Friendship and Solidarity with Youth

Tuesday, October 29th, 3:00-4:30pm

Heritage 2

Most violence prevention is implemented in highly boundaried and professionalized spaces such as schools and social service nonprofits, even though we know that adultism, isolation and power-hoarding are causes and symptoms of violence culture. This workshop will share youth- and relationship-centered alternatives to traditional youth programming models. Through discussion, activities and storytelling, participants will learn skills to build true solidarity and kinship with young people.

Presented by:

Ash Martin (they/them)

Brown Girl Rise Program Coordinator

Ash Martin is a lifelong Portlander with a passion for community organizing. They have worked with youth since they were a youth themselves. 7 years ago they were able to combine their love of community building and youth advocacy when they worked together alongside other portlanders to create Brown Girl Rise. Since starting BGR, they have been able to make a career move from nanny to full time community organizer as BGR's program coordinator. Through their lived experience as a multiracial queer person in Portland, they have been able to shape and collaborate with the youth of Portland to bring robust and exciting programming to the community.

claire barrera (they/them)

Brown Girl Rise Auntie

claire barrera is an organizer, educator and artist based in Portland, Oregon. They have worked in violence prevention and intervention for over 20 years, especially in Latinx and activist communities. Currently they are the Sex Trafficking Specialist and Multnomah County, and are an Auntie with Brown Girl Rise.