



## **Hidden in Plain Sight: The Role of Domestic Violence, Traumatic Stress, and Brain Injury in Behavioral Health**

### **Event Topic**

[Brain Injury](#)

### **Date / Time**

Wed, Sep 13, 2023

11:00am - 12:00pm

### **Location**

Virtual

## **Description**

Domestic violence is a traumatic experience that changes a person's life forever. The coercion and control can have far reaching consequences, including having a significant impact on behavioral health through mental health and substance use coercion. And when relationships become physically violence, violence is often directed at the head, neck and face—through blows to the head or strangulation that can cause brain injuries. The traumatic, personal cause of this brain injury causes significant psychological and neurological trauma. It is rarely identified and almost never immediately treated, and results in short and long-term physical, emotional, and cognitive consequences that are often misattributed to behavioral health concerns. Brain injury can impact every area of a person's life--including their ability to successfully access and participate in your agency's services. This session will introduce CARE, an innovative framework to address brain injury that includes practical, hands-on tools available to assist you in raising awareness on brain injury with survivors and within your organization.

## **Objectives**

- Participants will learn at least three ways domestic violence can impact a survivor's behavioral health.
- Participants will identify at least three ways in domestic violence victims can acquire a head injury.

- Participants will learn how the CARE framework can help them educate on brain injury while assessing for and providing accommodations for potential brain injury.

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### **Presenter(s)**

## **Rachel Ramirez (Ohio Domestic Violence Network)**

Rachel Ramirez, LISW-S, RASS, is the Director of Health and Disability Programs and the Founder of The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury at The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN). In this role, she oversees several initiatives on the intersection of domestic violence, disability, behavioral health and health access, with a focus on trauma-informed services and partner-inflicted brain injury. She also provides extensive statewide, national, and international training, consultation, technical assistance, and program support. Rachel has been with ODVN for 15 years and has co-authored several peer reviewed journal articles, as well as been featured on National Public Radio, The New York Times Magazine, and The Washington Post discussing brain injury and domestic violence. Rachel is a dedicated and passionate advocate for survivors of abuse and works to prepare systems to provide trauma and brain injury informed services.

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Director of Health and Disability Programs and the Founder of The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury at The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN)

## **Cheryl Stahl (Ohio Domestic Violence Network)**

Cheryl Stahl, LPCC is the Substance Use and Mental Health Program Director with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. In her role, she works with domestic violence programs to enhance access to services for survivors who use substances and/or have mental health conditions. Cheryl began her career volunteering on a crisis line and then went to as a Victim Advocate, Prevention Educator, Crisis Line Volunteer Training Coordinator and finally as a counselor in outpatient services. Prior to joining ODVN, Cheryl worked in both an outpatient setting and as the Program Manager for the Portage Area Recovery Center (PARC), a 23 bed women's residential recovery housing program which Cheryl was responsible for creating from its inception. Cheryl has a great passion for working with the substance using/dependent population and continues to work to reduce the stigma associated with addiction and mental health.

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Substance Use and Mental Health Program Director with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network

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