



Expanding Our Focus: Considerations for Inclusive Trauma Sensitive Family-Centered Transformative Justice Approaches to Couple and Family Violence

The violence that occurs in families and couples is heterogeneous with complex interconnections between all forms of violence which impact all members of the family. Furthermore, families are situated within communities and societies replete with historical and current systemic and interpersonal oppression and violence. Yet, most interventions to support families to live without violence (e.g., child welfare, IPV victim and perpetrator services) are siloed and embedded in Eurocentric retributive justice systems which perpetuate oppression, discrimination, and chronic over-representation of BIPOC and other equity-seeking group members families. This participatory workshop will explore a trauma sensitive approach to transforming interventions to support families to live violence free. Commonly held beliefs about family violence engagement and impact will be examined using the lens of trauma-informed theories of intergenerational transmission of family violence. Attendees will engage interactively with practice-focused evidence that supports the need to reframe interventions to address the heterogeneity of family violence, particularly those for couple violence. Participants will explore insights from the transformative justice movement to re- envision supporting families and communities to end violence, as well as expand the range of family violence interventions from a focus on individuals to integrate the impact of broader systemic issues on families and communities.

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