

Implementing Court Practices that are Culturally Responsive to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Immigrant and Refugee Communities

**October 22, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn
Freeport, Maine
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**



The Maine Judicial Branch is pleased to present this educational program featuring national and local experts on cultural aspects of domestic violence and sexual assault in Maine's immigrant and refugee communities. The focus is on developing a greater understanding of cultural differences to help court service providers and staff respond effectively to parties and families in court cases. The program is funded by a STOP grant.

This program is offered by invitation only and at no charge to CADRES and FDP mediators, CASA guardians ad litem, rostered guardians ad litem, Maine Judicial Branch court interpreters, court clerks, and other court personnel.

GAL continuing education and CLE credits are pending.

Presenters:

- **Olga Trujillo, keynote speaker.** Olga Trujillo is Director of Education and Social Change at Latinos United for Peace and Equity, a project of Caminar Latino. An attorney, trainer, international speaker, and author, she has devoted her career to helping advocates, first responders, and others in the field better understand the importance of culturally-responsive, trauma-informed responses and services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and human trafficking.
- **Center for Court Innovation.** Darren Walker and Nida Abbasi of the Center for Court Innovation will present a scenario-based interactive plenary session to identify obstacles to safety and justice for immigrant and refugee survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and human trafficking, and then explore best practices to help overcome those obstacles.
- **Panel of Maine-Based Presenters:**
 - **Alice Barakagwira**, Through These Doors
 - **Fatuma Hussein**, Immigrant Resource Center of Maine
 - **Maha Jaber**, Court interpreter
 - **Faye Luppi**, Violence Intervention Partnership, Cumberland County
 - **Ian Yaffe**, Mano en Mano
 - **Nida Abbasi**, Center for Court Innovation, moderator

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REGISTRATION

You must register to attend. Space is limited, and registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis. If necessary, a waiting list will be created. In the event that you register but are unable to attend the program, please notify the registration email address as soon as possible so that a person on the waiting list may be included.

Your registration form is attached in a fillable PDF and may be submitted via email to 2019registration@courts.maine.gov or by mail to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Attention: Alex Beach
P.O. Box 4820
Portland, ME 04112-4820

YOUR REGISTRATION IS DUE BY OCTOBER 8, 2019, at 4:00 PM
You will receive an email confirmation of your registration.

To register by email:

1. Download the fillable PDF;
2. Enter text into the applicable input fields on the form;
3. Save the completed form to your computer, using your name as the new file name; and
4. Attach the new PDF document from your computer to your email message and send to: 2019registration@courts.maine.gov

For more information, please contact:
Caroline Jova at caroline.jova@courts.maine.gov or (207) 822-3211

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM AGENDA

8:00 am Registration opens; coffee and networking
8:55 am Plenary: Olga Trujillo, keynote speaker
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Plenary: Center for Court Innovation

Noon **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN** (no lunch provided)

1:15 pm Plenary: Panel of Maine-based presenters
2:30 pm Break
2:45 pm Breakout sessions for clerks, GALs, interpreters, and mediators
3:45 pm Evaluations and closing
4:00 pm Adjourn



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Bios of Program Presenters

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Olga Trujillo

Olga Trujillo is an internationally renowned speaker and author who has devoted her career to helping advocates, first responders and others in the field better understand the impact of trauma on survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking. Her memoir, the "The Sum of My Parts," for New Harbinger Publications, was released in October 2011, has sold more than 10,000 copies, and has been translated to Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish. Olga holds the distinct position of being one of only a handful of speakers in the United States to address the issue of Dissociative Identity Disorder (a condition formerly known as multiple personality disorder) from a lived experience of diagnoses and healing.

Over a thirty-five-year career, Olga worked on Capitol Hill for Senator Charles McC. Mathias, in private practice for the law firm of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather and Geraldson, at the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) where she served as the General Counsel of the Office of Justice Programs, and as the Legal Counsel and then Director of the Special Projects Division for the Office for Victims of Crime. Since leaving the DOJ in 2001, Olga has consulted with hundreds of national, state and local organizations addressing gender-based violence and has traveled to 49 states, 4 US territories, and 3 countries to deliver presentations and provide training on the impact of physical and sexual violence. A staple of her work, Olga weaves the role of culture, and in particular Latino culture, into every presentation, training and technical assistance opportunity.

Olga is on McLean Hospital's Childhood Abuse Related Dissociative Disorders (CARDD) Steering Committee and has been a consultant for the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health and serves on their National Advisory Committee and Legal Work Group. She has authored a number of articles and publications including co-authoring a Handbook for Attorneys Representing Domestic Violence Survivors Who Are Also Experiencing Trauma and Mental Health Challenges released in January 2012.

Olga received her JD from George Washington University Law School.

Center for Court Innovation

Originally founded as a public/private partnership between the New York State Unified Court System and the Fund for the City of New York, the Center for Court Innovation creates operating programs to test new ideas and solve problems, performs original research to determine what works (and what doesn't), and provides expert assistance to justice reformers

around the world. The Center focuses on aiding survivors, engaging communities, preventing crime, and improving decision-making.

Nida Abbasi

As coordinator for the Center's domestic violence programs, Nida Abbasi provides expert assistance to courts and communities seeking to enhance their approach to domestic and sexual violence. Prior to joining the Center, Ms. Abbasi worked as a civil legal aid attorney in Illinois and represented domestic violence survivors on orders of protection and family law matters. She has also worked on policy reform and gender-based violence issues in Detroit, Chicago, and Cape Town. Ms. Abbasi holds a B.A from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

Darren Mitchell

Darren Mitchell is the co-executive director of the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women (LRC) and a consultant on domestic violence issues. The LRC, based in Takoma Park, Maryland, is a national nonprofit that provides training and technical assistance to attorneys and others who assist survivors of domestic violence in complex interstate custody cases. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Mitchell managed the National Center on Full Faith and Credit (NCFFC), a Washington, DC-based national training and technical assistance project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Prior to that, he was a staff attorney with the NCFFC, a consumer advocate, litigator in private practice, and a clerk to a federal district court judge. Mr. Mitchell's areas of expertise include protection order issuance and enforcement, full faith and credit, firearms and domestic violence, and interstate custody. Over the past nine years, he has trained judges, attorneys, advocates, and other professionals and has published various papers on these topics. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Stanford Law School (J.D. 1995), Harvard University (M.A. 2001), and UCLA (B.S. 1988).

Alice Bakagwira

Alice Bakagwira is a Portland Site Advocate for Through These Doors, which serves as the domestic violence resource center for Cumberland County. She is responsible for providing direct service and advocacy to victim/survivors of to domestic and sexual violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking. She provides safety planning, support, court advocacy, crisis intervention, information, and referrals to community resources for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking. Alice has significant experience working with victims of violence through her work at the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, and she has worked in many capacities providing community outreach to New Mainers and underserved populations.

Fatuma Hussein

Fatuma Hussein was born in Mogadishu and came to the United States at the age of 12, after living in a Kenyan refugee camp due to the civil war in her home country. She co-founded the United Somali Women of Maine and the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine to help her fellow Somali refugees make an easier transition to their new homes.

Maha Jaber

Maha Jaber serves as a rostered court interpreter and as a medical interpreter and cultural liaison for Maine Medical Center. She also works with the Red Cross as a Disaster Action Team member, providing casework and recovery planning services to those who have been affected by major disasters such as fire, hurricane, and flooding. Maha has extensive experience providing culturally-sensitive case management and conflict resolution services.

Faye Luppi

Attorney Faye Luppi is the Project Director of Cumberland County's Violence Intervention Partnership. She received her law degree from the University of Maine School of Law, followed by a clerkship with the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, and several years as a prosecutor. She also taught Juvenile Law as an adjunct instructor at the Law School. She serves on the boards of Project Safe Neighborhoods, Partners of the Americas, Tree Street Youth, and the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Assault. Faye provides national training on risk assessment and coordinated community response to domestic violence.

Ian Yaffe

Ian is Executive Director of Mano en Mano. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 2009 with a degree in Latin American Studies and Education. Since joining Mano en Mano's staff in 2010, Ian has led efforts to build affordable housing for farmworkers in Washington County, partnered with the Maine Department of Education on statewide services for migrant children/youth as well as the annual Blueberry Harvest School, and facilitated implementation of Mano en Mano's strategic plan alongside the Board of Directors. Outside of Mano en Mano, Ian is a Boatswain's Mate 1st Class in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. Ian also serves on the Boards of Directors of CEI and the Maine Philanthropy Center.