

The Domestic Violence Prevention Centre GC Inc welcomes you to:

# Safe After Separation Symposium

11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

QT Surfers Paradise



## Registration and Networking from 8.15 am

9.00 -910	WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING  <b>Rosemary O'Malley</b> CEO – Domestic Violence Prevention Centre GC Inc.	QT BALLROOM
9.15- 9.30	WELCOME TO COUNTRY	QT BALLROOM
9.30 -11.00 am	PLENARY SESSION  <i>Innovative Family Court Approaches to Addressing Post-Separation Violence - An overview of 2 approaches from the USA</i>  This session will provide an overview of two new and innovative strategies, SAFeR Family Court Framework and Addressing Fatherhood with Men Who Batter, that enhance safety for victims of domestic violence and increase accountability for men who batter, along with an opportunity for them to become non-violent fathers.  <b>Melissa Scaia &amp; Gabby Davis</b>	QT BALLROOM
11.00 -11.30	MORNING TEA	BALLROOM FOYER
11.30 -1.00 pm	SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS – SESSION 1	QT BALLROOM PIPELINE ROOM MAUI ROOM CLOUDBREAK ROOM
1.00 -1.45	LUNCH AND NETWORKING	
1.45 -3.15	SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS -SESSION 2	QT BALLROOM PIPELINE ROOM MAUI ROOM CLOUDBREAK ROOM
3.15 -3.45	AFTERNOON TEA	BALLROOM FOYER
3.45 -4.45	PANEL DISCUSSION – WHERE TO FROM HERE – OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE?  <b>Panel includes presenters, representatives from Southport DV Specialist Court, Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service</b>	QT BALLROOM
4.45 -5.00	EVENT CLOSURE	QT BALLROOM

This conference was made possible by a grant from the Queensland Government, Department of Justice and Attorney General through Victims Assist Queensland.

## SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS – SESSION 1

### **Centring Safety and Respect in Conversations with Children Affected by Family Violence**

This workshop will explore some dilemmas and possibilities for enhancing children's safety and wellbeing in family violence support work. This session will focus on the 'how' of having conversations with children and the theoretical and practice issues for supportive counselling conversations with children.

**Dr Tracy Castelino**

QT BALLROOM

### **Technology Safety Training**

This training will help increase participants knowledge about how technology-facilitated abuse occurs in domestic violence, particularly when a survivor has separated from the abusive partner. Focus will be given to technology that allows an abusive person to monitor and stalk the victim. The presentation will include tips and strategies to support survivor manage this type of technology-facilitated abuse, and how survivors can increase the security and privacy of their technology

**WESNET**

PIPELINE ROOM

### **Addressing Fatherhood with Men Who Batter**

This approach and intervention was created as an addendum to the Duluth Model *Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter* for interveners to be able to better assess parenting by men who batter and their change process. This approach is used by practitioners who want to gain the skills to screen for fathers who batter and to work with them in a format that addresses their role as a co/parallel parent and father to their children. This approach has four parts: 1) Examining men who batter's childhood experiences with their own father; 2) The impact on children of men's battering; 3) Becoming a more nurturing, child-centered father; and 4) Examining how men who batter can be respectful, non-violent and more supportive of their children's mother and of the mother-child relationship

**Melissa Scaia**

MAUI ROOM

### **The tools, methods and worksheets used in SAFeR.**

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**Gabby Davis**

CLOUDBREAK ROOM

## SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS – SESSION 2

### **Yes to Support and No to System Intervention - Supporting women who are not ready or willing to engage with systems agencies**

This workshop will explore some dilemmas and possibilities for working with women who may experience barriers to engaging with domestic violence systems. This session will explore some of the challenges and barriers that women may experience and focus on the 'how' of having dignifying and safety conversations with women about their everyday realities of risk and wellbeing.

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## SAFE AFTER SEPERATION SYMPOSIUM PRESENTERS:

### Dr Tracy Castelino -Founder ShantiWorks

Dr Castelino has been working in the field of violence against women for more than 20 years. This has included direct service and management roles with women and children's services and men's family violence prevention and intervention services. She is currently engaged with several primary prevention projects which utilises her gender violence prevention and intervention expertise. She continues to work with women and children who have been subjected to violence in their homes and provides supervision to domestic violence and men's family violence teams. Dr Castelino continues to provide counselling and group work as this grounds her knowledge and skills in providing supervision and training. She is regularly called upon to facilitate partnership work, within organisations and across multi-sectoral collaborations. She is skilled in working with the local politics and taking care of people and process to bring forward positive outcomes.



### WESNET

WESNET is a national women's peak body that promotes policy, legislative and programmatic responses relevant to women and children who have experienced domestic or family violence. Its Safety Net Australia project focuses on the intersection of technology and gendered violence, and advances responses that increase the safety, security and privacy of victim-survivors. WESNET delivers training to practitioners under the Commonwealth \$100m Women's Safety package; provides expert advice on technology safety; and, in partnership with Telstra, provides new smartphones to women experiencing gendered violence, through a network of participating frontline agencies.



### Melissa Sciaia M.P.A. -Director of International Training for Global Rights for Women (GRW)

In her position at GRW, Melissa brings a wealth of experience as the former executive director of Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP), also known as "the Duluth Model." Prior to working in Duluth she was the executive director of Advocates for Family Peace (AFFP) for 17 years, a local domestic violence advocacy program. She has also led and organized two Coordinated Community Responses (CCR) to address domestic violence in Minnesota, as well as co-facilitating groups for men who batter and women who use violence.

Melissa is also a consulting trainer for a number of national training organizations on domestic violence and child abuse, including Battered Women's Justice Project and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. As a qualified expert in the state of Minnesota she testifies as an expert witness on domestic violence in criminal court cases.

She wrote her master's thesis on the effects of domestic violence on children and wrote her doctoral dissertation proposal to address supervised visitation, children and domestic violence. She has contributed to numerous publications related to supervised visitation, children, and domestic violence. Recently she co-wrote a curriculum and DVD for working with men who batter as fathers entitled, *Addressing Fatherhood with Men Who Batter*. She also co-authored a curriculum and DVD with Ellen Pence, PhD and Laura Connelly for working with women who have used violence in intimate relationships entitled, *Turning Points: A Nonviolence Curriculum for Women*.



### Gabby Davis - Legal & Policy Advisor with the Battered Women's Justice Project

Before joining BWJP, Gabrielle was a Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Toledo College of Law where she founded and directed a domestic violence clinic, developed curricula, and taught courses in gender violence and feminist legal theory.

She chaired the local DV coordinated community response and fatality review teams, conducted community-based research, and helped shape local domestic violence policy and practice in the civil and criminal justice systems.

She has published extensively in the field and currently serves on the editorial review board of the *Family Court Review*. She co-developed the SAFeR model for DV-informed decisionmaking, as well as training curricula to support its broad implementation, and regularly presents to local, state, national, and international audiences. Her community work has been recognized by numerous awards and commendations including a 2009 Jefferson Award for Public Service.

