

Workshop Description

Custody courts developed practices to respond to domestic violence at a time when little research had been conducted on the issue. Now, the research is available and it demonstrates that the standard practices used by often unqualified professionals are working poorly for children. With thousands of children being sent to live with abusers, and too many children dying, urgency is needed for reforming a broken, custody court system.

Workshop Agenda

7:30	Registration	12:00	Lunch (Provided) and Book Signing
8:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks	1:15	Now that We Know the Custody Court System is Broken – Session II
8:45	Overcoming Abuser Legal Tactics		
10:45	Now that We Know the Custody Court System is Broken – Session I	3:00	Strategies and Solutions

Workshop Objectives

As a result of this workshop, participants will gain:

- Awareness of the crisis in the custody court system
- Understanding of the importance of using up-to-date research in custody decisions
- Use of critical thinking about domestic violence custody cases
- New strategies and potential solutions
- Appreciation for the role of new professionals in reforming the broken custody court system

Presenter Biographies

Featured Presenter—

Barry Goldstein has been part of the movement to end domestic violence since 1983 including 14 years on the board of My Sisters' Place. He has been an instructor and supervisor in a NY Model Batterer Program for ten years. Mr. Goldstein is the co-editor with Dr. Maureen Hannah of Domestic Violence, Abuse and Child Custody. The book includes chapters from over 25 of the leading experts in domestic violence including judges, lawyers, psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, journalists and domestic violence advocates and is expected to change the way professionals handle domestic violence custody cases so that children will not be forced to live with abusers. He is author of Scared to Leave Afraid to Stay. Barry Goldstein is a frequent presenter at judicial trainings and domestic violence workshops including the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Battered Mothers' Custody Conference. He has been qualified as an expert witness regarding domestic violence in California, North Dakota, New York and New Jersey.

Guest Presenter—

Sharon K. Araji received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. She completed a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Post-doctoral Research Fellowship at the Family Violence Research Center, University of New Hampshire, where she worked with internationally recognized scholars in domestic violence and sexual abuse, Murray Strauss and David Finkelhor. She was employed by the University of Alaska Anchorage from 1984 until 2008, at which time she became Professor and Chair in the Department of Sociology at UC Denver. Over the past 20 years she has been involved in research, teaching and publishing in the areas of domestic violence and sexual abuse including a focus on domestic violence victims in contested custody battles with their abusive partners.

Continuing Education Credits

This workshop may be applied to meet the Colorado Provider Requirements for continuing education and certification. The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) does not pre-approve classes. For more information contact DVOMB at cheryl.davis@cdps.state.co.us. Application has been made for Continuing Legal Education credits.

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Domestic Violence Custody Cases:

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Barry Goldstein J.D. and
Guest Presenter: **Dr. Sharon Araji**



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