

Victims, Trauma, and You

A Two-part, Lunch-time Training Series

Co-sponsored by the NH Attorney General's Office and the NH SART Program

February 22 and March 5, 2021

PART ONE: Understanding the Impact Traumatic Stress has on the Investigation and Prosecution of a Criminal Case

February 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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Traumatic stress, similar to all other forms of stress, impacts the way in which victims interact with others. Understanding the stress response provides opportunities for making the most of difficult interactions in a way that promotes effective communication. *Effective communication with victims of crime is one of the keys to a comprehensive investigation and powerful prosecution.* **Join Jennifer Schirmer, LCMHC NCC CCTP, and the N.H. Disaster Behavioral Health Coordinator**, to build awareness of the types of stress (including traumatic stress and cumulative or chronic stress), to gain an understanding of the stress response of victims, and to identify strategies to recognize and manage a victim's stress for the investigation and prosecution of crime.

PART TWO: Debriefing and Working with Victims: The Art of Getting Important Information and Building Trust While “Doing No Harm”

March 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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Trauma experienced by victims of crime will often impact their ability to provide important information to first responders, investigators, and prosecutors, which may create barriers to conducting successful investigations and prosecutions. The manner and language in which you interact with, question and address victims can negatively affect a victim's desire to participate in an investigation and prosecution and may intensify their pain, anxiety and/or re-traumatize them. **Join Jennifer Schirmer, LCMHC NCC CCTP, and the N.H. Disaster Behavioral Health Coordinator**, to better understand how to successfully communicate with victims to more effectively gather information, prosecute these difficult cases, and minimize trauma to the victim.

These workshops are open to all first responders, investigators, victims' assistance providers, prosecutors, and Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) members and all attendees are encouraged to enjoy their lunch while watching these presentations.