



DV NEWS

*A Newsletter of the Domestic Violence Program
of*

**Catholic Charities
of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties**

Domestic Violence And Other Issues Impacting Families Today



July 19, 2019
Cobleskill –Richmondville High School
1353 NY-7, Richmondville



8:00 am Registration and Exhibitor Fair opens

8:30 am Opening remarks

8:45am—10:15 am “**Surviving the Work: Preventing and Healing from Vicarious Trauma**” presented by Bonnie Allen, Domestic Violence Program Administrator, New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

10:30 am—12:00pm “**The Illusive Façade of Domestic Violence**” presented by Nicole Sharp, *Heather Hurley Foundation for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*

12:00pm Lunch

1pm -- 2pm Breakout Session I

2:15pm - 3:15pm Breakout Session II

Each Topic (A,B,C below) will be offered at each Breakout Session, attendees will select one course for each session on the registration form.

- A) “*Mustang Love*”, Mary DeBonis Mustang Valley Ranch and Mustangs and Heroes
- B) “*On the Verge: Unleashing Human Potential by Healing the Effects of ACEs*”, Christina Beauchemin
- C) “*Survival & Healing: Navigating Situational and Generational Influences, System Barriers, and Societal Stigmas*”, Pat MacLeod, Domestic Violence Program and Crime Victims Advocate, Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties
- D) “*Custody 101*”, Veronica Fallarino-Barber, Susan Gagnon Legal Aid Society

Register today at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/76CR86L>
\$15 Registration fee includes buffet lunch from Justine’s of Cobleskill

Presented by:
The Child At Risk Response Team (CARRT) Domestic Violence Task Force



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NNEDV's 13th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey

The NNEDV's Annual Survey took place on September 13, 2018. The recently released summary indicates that 98% of New York shelters participated in the survey. **Results indicate that for 4th year in a row New York State had the highest demand for domestic violence in the United States.** On that one day 7,518 victims were served. **4,013** domestic violence victims found refuge in **emergency shelters** or **transitional housing** provided by local domestic violence programs. **3,505 adults and children** received **non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.**

In addition, on that one day **1,753** individuals attended training sessions provided by local DV programs gaining information on DV Prevention and early intervention.

There were 801 requests for services including shelter, housing transportation, child care, legal representation, and more that could not be provided due to lack of available program resources.



This spring Governor Cuomo signed into law the Domestic violence Survivor Justice Act. This law permits judges to grant alternative sentences to a survivor defendant if, at the time of the offense, the defendant was a victim of domestic violence, the abuse was a "significant contributing factor" to the defendant's participation in the crime, and a sentence under current law would be "unduly harsh." The legislation also permits judges to grant alternative sentences to a defendant if their abusers forced them to commit the crimes (e.g., forgery, robbery, burglary, drug sales and prostitution) and provides already incarcerated victims of domestic violence the opportunity to apply for resentencing.

Governor Cuomo said in a press release about the bill, "The vast majority of incarcerated women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, and too often these women wind up in prison in the first place because they're protecting themselves from an abuser. By signing this critical piece of our 2019 women's justice agenda, we can help ensure the criminal justice system takes into account that reality and empowers vulnerable New Yorkers rather than just putting them behind bars."