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**Ask the Expert:**

***What Does it Mean to be  
Victim-Centered?***

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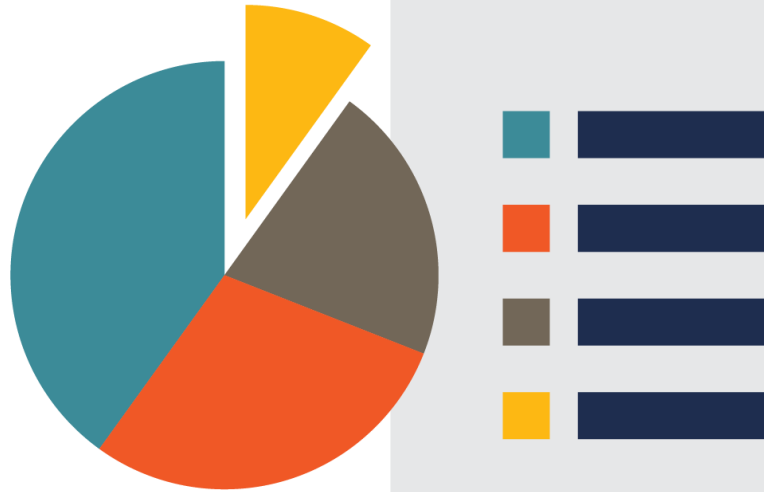
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# Learning Objectives

- ✓ Explain the concept of victim/survivor centered approaches
- ✓ Describe the fundamental goals of being victim/survivor centered
- ✓ Identify best and promising practices in the field

# POLL



## Which of the following best describes your role?

- Victim Services / Victim Advocate
- Probation / Community Corrections
- Law Enforcement
- CAC Worker, Social Worker, Mental Health Worker
- Other

# Ask the Expert



## ***Please submit your questions!***

The panelists will be taking your questions after a brief introduction. Submit your questions via the question box in the control panel.



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**Robyn Mazur**

Robyn Mazur is the Director of Gender and Family Justice Initiatives at the Center for Court Innovation in New York City. In this capacity, Robyn provides assistance and strategic planning advice to courts and communities who are interested in enhancing their response to gender-based violence by sharing research and best practices, reviewing policies and protocols, conducting needs assessments and providing ongoing consultation. Robyn also coordinates and provides training to judges and community leaders across the U.S. and internationally on the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and barriers faced by justice involved women and families. Robyn is an attorney and has extensive experience in the field of intimate partner violence, procedural fairness and access to justice. Before joining the Center, Robyn worked at the National Network to End Domestic Violence in Washington, DC and the House of Ruth in Baltimore, MD. Robyn enjoys sharing her passions for food, travel, movies and social, racial and gender justice with her husband and two teenage sons.



**Rebecca Thomforde Hauser**

Rebecca Thomforde Hauser is the Associate Director of Gender and Family Justice Programs at the Center for Court Innovation in New York, NY. Working from a perspective of social justice and grounded in collaboration, Rebecca assists jurisdictions nationally to enhance their court and community response to domestic and sexual violence. Rebecca engages communities to identify internal strengths and challenges in their efforts to address domestic and sexual violence, abusive partner intervention and engagement, provides on-going support in those efforts, including training to judges and court stakeholders on a variety of domestic violence issues, focusing on evidence-based best practices, risk needs assessment, abusive partner intervention and engagement and victim safety.



**Denise Metz**

Denise Metz is the current supervisor of the Sex Offender Unit with the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Probation Department. She began her career with Probation in Denver in 1999. She supervised Domestic Violence offenders and then transitioned into the sex offender caseload in 2005. Denise is a state certified trainer in the VASOR and SOTIPS sex offender risk assessment instruments as well as a High Risk Victim Offender Dialogue (HRVOD) facilitator. She has presented at the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board's (SOMB) yearly conference and was recently accepted to present at this year's ATSA (Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers) conference. Denise graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and went on to earn her master's degree from the Monterey Institute of International Policy Studies. Denise enjoys travelling internationally and hiking with her significant other (they have hiked all of CO's 58 14,000 foot peaks), spending time with their two dogs and is a big time sports fan. Denise is an associate for the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College.



**Danielle Fagan**

Danielle Fagan is the Victim Assistant Coordinator for the Boulder County Probation department and sits on the Colorado State Restorative Justice Council. She has been serving victims as an advocate for almost 20 years and is passionately committed to integrating victim centered restorative justice practices into her work. She began her career in victim services in 1998 at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office working with victims during the Columbine shooting. Following that, she worked as a Victim Witness Specialist for the Jefferson County District's Attorney for 6 years. Currently, she facilitates restorative justice processes, high risk victim offender dialogues and provides support and services to victims whose offenders are on probation. Danielle earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder and her master's degree in criminal justice at the University of Colorado in Denver. When she isn't at work, Danielle enjoys spending time with her two children, her Golden Retriever and being outside. Danielle is an associate for the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College.





**Marcie Howell**

Marcie Howell is an NCJTC associate. She has over 25 years of experience working in the field of sexual abuse intervention and treatment. She has worked as a victim specialist in the District Attorney's Office, the Client Service Director at a Child Advocacy Center, and was the Victim Representative on the Colorado SOMB for three years. She is currently in private practice as a therapist treating sexual abuse and is working as the Victim Representative on both a juvenile and adult sexual offense treatment and supervision teams. She has been a trainer and presenter on many facets of working in this field over the course of her career.



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victim-centered?*

Panelists will provide their  
perspective, benefits, challenges  
and discuss best practices.





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- ✓ *Ask the Expert Session 3: Attending Risk and Needs in Treatment*
- ✓ *Neurobiology Applications for Community Supervision Professionals in Interpersonal Violence*
- ✓ *Ask the Expert Session 4: Trauma-Informed Care*
- ✓ *Managing Sex Offender Caseloads: A Victim-Centered Approach*
- ✓ *Being Victim/Survivor-Centered: Working with Sexual Abusers*
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