

Ask the Expert: What Does it Mean to be Victim-Centered?

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Danielle Fagan

Associate, National Criminal Justice Training Center



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

Associate, National Criminal Justice Training Center



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.

Robyn Mazur

Director of Gender and Justice Initiatives, Center For Court Innovation



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.

Denise Metz

Associate, National Criminal Justice Training Center



Denise Metz is the current supervisor of the Sex Offender Unit with the 20th 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.

Rebecca Thomforde Houser

Associate Director of Gender and Family Justice, Center For Court Innovation



Ms. 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.

Greg Brown

Program Manager, National Criminal Justice Training Center



Greg Brown is a Program Manager with the National Criminal Justice Training Center. He is involved in the management of NCJTC's TPA, OVW, and SMART grant awards. Prior to joining NCJTC, Greg was with the Colorado Judicial Branch since 1988, and acted as the supervisor for the Specialized Programs Unit with the Boulder Probation Department. Greg was responsible for supervising the Sex Offender Investigation Unit, Specialized Sex Offender Adult and Juvenile Supervision Units, Intensive Supervision Unit (ISP), and PACE program (a specialized mental health program). His responsibilities included specialized training in the treatment, containment, and management of high risk offenders and oversight

for approximately 350 high risk offenders. Greg also trained and provided field forensic computer examinations and installation of monitoring software for sex offenders in Boulder County. He coordinated services with professionals managing high risk offenders and develops private and public collaborations. Greg has provided training and consultation services to the National Institute of Corrections, The National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center, The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, The Colorado Sex Offender Management Board and he has served on numerous committees charged with developing or enhancing sex offender standards in Colorado. Greg is also the president of ERB consulting, a company providing training in the management of high risk offenders, specialized sex offender treatment and supervision field computer forensics and monitoring, leadership development, and grant writing. Greg is the co-founder and current Chairman/CFO for BP Inc., a non-profit organization providing educational services to at-risk youth. Greg is also an associate professor at Westwood College in Denver Colorado. He teaches undergraduate courses in the Criminal Justice Program.