

# Finding the Middle Ground:

**Bridging the Gap between Victims of  
Domestic & Sexual Violence, Service  
Providers, and Law Enforcement**

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**April 9, 2010**

**8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.**

**Minnesota West  
Granite Falls Campus  
1593 11th Avenue  
Granite Falls, MN 56241**

**Registration**

(includes lunch)

**\$40.00**

(or use law enforcement slots)

**POST Credits**

5 Credits

**MN Board of Social Work**

6 CEU's

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6.6 Contact Hours

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In the one-day training event, "Finding the Middle Ground," we will be focusing on building and maintaining relationships throughout the criminal justice system and other community service providers. Included will be an examination of the ethical and professional responsibilities required to best serve victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We will also be looking at how we can optimally coordinate services for all persons involved with assisting victims and survivors. Law enforcement, social service providers, health care professionals, victim's services, court administration, advocates, and any person involved with serving victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence are invited to attend this training event.

## Register Now Online!

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Register by mail:

Pathways of West Central MN, Inc.

665 Hwy 212 West, Suite 5

Granite Falls, MN 56241

For more information call:

320.564.4894 or 320.564.2524

## Training Schedule :

8:15-8:45	Registration
8:45-9:00	Introduction
9:00-10:00	Office of Justice Programs-An Overview of the Criminal Justice System in Minnesota
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:15	Law Enforcement & Advocacy
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Alcohol & Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault False Reporting
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:30	Special Populations-Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults.

## Registration

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Organization\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Special Accommodations\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Law Enforcement Slot

# Presenter Bio's

**Alicia Nichols, LSW**- Alicia serves as the Training Coordinator with the Training and Communications Unit for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Ms. Nichols joined the staff of OJP in November 2007. Prior to her work with OJP she spent five years providing direct services to victims/survivors of sexual violence, providing outreach and community education on issues impacting underserved communities, and coordinated training and technical assistance to both sexual violence and domestic violence programs in her work with the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women. She has also spent time working in a variety of roles including family reunification and truancy with youth and families at the Bridge for Runaway Youth and Eden Prairie Public Schools. Ms. Nichols is a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minor in Human Relations and Multicultural Education. Ms. Nichols is a 2010 graduate of the National Victim Assistance Academy. Ms. Nichols is licensed by the State of Minnesota as a Social Worker and a Licensed School Social Worker.

**Sergeant Scott R. Jenkins**-Sergeant Scott R. Jenkins has been a police officer in Minnesota for 27 years working in two rural sheriff's departments. He is currently employed as a Supervisory Sergeant in the Organized Crime Bureau of the Duluth Police Department and as a field supervisor for the Lake Superior Drug & Gang Task Force. During the preceding 12 years, Sgt. Jenkins has worked as a consultant and national trainer on police and legal system response to domestic violence cases for the Battered Women's Justice Project, with the National Training Project of Minnesota Program Development in Duluth, Minnesota and with Praxis International. Sgt. Jenkins has trained police, prosecutors, judges, probation officers, corrections officers and advocates throughout the United States and Internationally. He has also assisted the Los Angeles Police Department and City Attorney's Office in the development of training of domestic violence response curriculum.

**Dani Lindner**-Dani earned a Master of Science Degree in Social Responsibility with an emphasis in Women's Studies at St. Cloud State University in May 2006. Her primary focus of study has been on interpersonal and intimate partner violence, with a particular focus on the crime of stalking. During her graduate work, Dani completed a needs assessment in the St. Cloud community to determine the system's response to victims of stalking. The work was done collaboratively with law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, victim service providers, educators, and victims of stalking to conduct this study. Dani has worked as a victim service provider through the Central MN Sexual Assault Center, St. Cloud State University Women's Center and Shelter House. She has worked in the field of victim services for seven years. She also contracts independently to conduct trainings on the crime of stalking. Dani has given many presentations and trainings on the topics of stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault to a variety of audiences including students, victim service providers, health care providers, law enforcement officers, probation officers, and prosecutors. Dani is an adjunct Instructor at St. Cloud State University teaching classes in victim services, sexual assault, and Human Relations.

**Julie Nelson, LSW, -Julie** serves as a Child Protection/Child Welfare Specialist for Yellow Medicine County Family Services and previously in Kandiyohi County. Prior to working in the area of Child Protection, Ms. Nelson was a woman's advocate/coordinator through Shelter House, Inc. serving Chippewa and Lac Qui Parle Counties. Ms. Nelson started her career by an internship and later employed with Pathways of Central MN, as a sexual assault advocate/coordinator of the Chippewa County Outreach Office. Ms. Nelson grew up in a rural Minnesota. Her father was in law enforcement and knew early on that she wanted to work in victim/survivor services. Julie has a bachelor's degree in Social Work and a minor in Human Relations from St. Cloud State University.

**Stephanie Olson, SW**-Stephanie serves as a foster care/minor parent/child welfare social worker in Yellow Medicine County. Stephanie worked in the area of child protection/child welfare for seven years before her current position. Prior to her employment with Yellow Medicine County Family Services, Stephanie worked as a School Prevention Worker through 6W Corrections. Stephanie earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minor in Child Welfare from Southwest Minnesota State University.