

From Family Violence Coordinating Council

## Project RADAR

**Intimate Partner Violence:  
Assessment,  
Intervention,  
Prevention  
And Resources**

Training for OB-GYN physicians, nurses,  
dentists, dental hygienists and other  
healthcare providers with an interest in  
Intimate Partner Violence

Wednesday April 21st  
10:30 am to 3:30 pm

\*Registration begins at 10:00 am



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Family Violence Coordinating Council  
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## Assessment, Intervention, Prevention, and Referrals - Assisting victims of Intimate Partner Violence

The Family Violence Coordinating Council of the Roanoke Valley (FVCC) is a standing committee of the Council of Community Services. The mission of the FVCC is to promote coordination among professionals; to plan and develop educational materials; to provide opportunities for training and conferences; and to support services to families that confront domestic violence. The Coordinating Council is part of the state-wide initiative to eliminate family violence, under the leadership of the Commission on Family Violence Prevention.

It is widely believed that health care providers play a critical role in the identification, assessment, and referral of Intimate Partner Violence. Unfortunately too little training is made available to many professionals in the health care industry and therefore regular screening for signs or symptoms of domestic violence are not performed.

According to Project RADAR, a Virginia Department of Health Initiative to promote Intimate Partner Assessment, Intervention and Prevention:

- 20-30% of women are abused by a partner at some point in their life
- IPV direct medical costs are approximately \$4 billion annually in our country
- It has been reported over 40% of female IPV homicides had been seen by a health care provider in the year prior to their death
- In the Roanoke Region family and intimate partner deaths have increased 120% from 2006 to 2008 according to the Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Surveillance Project
- All forms of domestic violence related cases at one Roanoke Hospital increased 36.8% comparing January 2008 to January 2009

### Training Highlights:

Defining Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

Learn specific screening assessments and intervention strategies

Identify and formulate responses to challenges specific to health care setting

Assess for intimate partner violence in reproductive health

Assess for intimate partner violence in dental health

Overview of local resources for victims of intimate partner violence

## Training Presenters:

### Melissa Ratcliff Harper, MSN, APRN, SANE-A, SANE-P

-Melissa has been a Registered Nurse since 1990, working as both an emergency and forensic nurse. She currently works as a full-time Forensic Nurse Examiner for the Carilion Clinic—Carilion Roanoke Memorial Emergency Department. She serves as adjunct faculty for both the nursing and paramedic programs at the Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

-She holds an MSN degree with a Clinical Nurse Specialist focus in forensic nursing from the University of Colorado. She is certified as both a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Adult/Adolescent (SANE-A) and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Pediatric (SANE-P). She is also certified as a Project RADAR trainer.

-She is a founding member of the Carilion Clinic Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in Roanoke, Virginia, as well as a founding member of the Nursing Honor Society of the Roanoke Valley-Tau Phi Chapter. She is a former volunteer with Roanoke Emergency Medical Services.

-Melissa also participates with numerous local community agencies and boards as a forensic nurse representative. She has presented greater than 100 lectures on a variety of forensic related topics at both the local, state and national level.

### Jennifer Bath, BSN, RN, SANE-A

-Jennifer has been a Registered Nurse since 1996, working as both an emergency and forensic nurse. She currently works as a full-time Forensic Nurse Examiner for the Carilion Clinic—Carilion Roanoke Memorial Emergency Department.

-She holds a BSN degree from Bloomsburg University Bloomsburg, PA. She is certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Adult/Adolescent (SANE-A). She is also certified as a Project RADAR trainer.

-She is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society, and the International Association of Forensic Nurses. She is a volunteer medic with Roanoke Emergency Medical Services.

-Jennifer also participates with numerous local community agencies as a forensic nurse representative. She has presented numerous lectures on a variety of forensic related topics at both the local and state level.

**Questions?** Call (540) 985-0131 ext 702 or email sarac@councilofcommunityservices.org

## Registration

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\*Registration confirmation and additional materials will be sent by email.

**Deadline April 14, 2010** No refunds after April 14th

**Check or money order for \$12 (payable to Council of Community Services) enclosed**

**Mail to:** Council of Community Services

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Training will be held at the

Community Room 4th Floor

Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital

27 Highland Avenue

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**Space is limited.**

**Pre-registration is required. Cost \$12 for lunch**

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