



## Effective Response & Identification of Strangulation

in association with



Wednesday, June 28, 2017

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location:

Cumberland County Dept. of Social Services  
1225 Ramsey Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Target Audience

This program is designed for mental health professionals, nurses, psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, counselors, child advocacy centers, department of social services, law enforcement investigators, and other professionals.

## Program Description

On a daily basis, police departments across the country receive a constant stream of emergency domestic violence calls where victims report being threatened, pushed, slapped, kicked, punched, choked, stabbed or even shot. Strangulation is a topic of great interest because of the importance of the issue today, particularly in the light of the high lethality of these cases. Most victims lacked physical evidence of being strangled. They either had no visible injury or their injuries were too minor to photograph. This training is recommended for professionals interested in learning the basics about the investigation, documentation, prosecution and advocacy of non-fatal strangulation cases. Within this program, participants will discuss how to develop an integrated approach to responding to non-fatal strangulation cases.

## Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Discuss research on strangulation and non-strangulation cases;
- Review anatomy and medical aspects of surviving and non-surviving victims;
- Identify investigation and documentation;
- Review the legal perspective;
- Discuss victim safety through trauma-informed advocacy services; and
- Review community partnerships, resources, and supports.

## Agenda

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	Because We Didn't Know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The History</li><li>• The Need for Strangulation Training</li><li>• Understanding the Lethality of Strangulation</li></ul>
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 – 11:30 a.m.	All Things Medical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding the Anatomy</li><li>• Identifying the Signs and Symptoms of Strangulation Cases</li><li>• Loss of Consciousness</li><li>• Lessons Learned from Fatal Strangulation Cases</li><li>• Short &amp; Long Term Consequences</li></ul>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	How Do You Know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying and Documenting Strangulation Cases</li><li>• Distinguishing Non-Fatal and Near-Fatal Strangulation Cases</li></ul>
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	All Things Legal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Law</li><li>• The Defenses</li><li>• Identification of the Dominant Aggressor</li><li>• Legal Consideration in Court</li><li>• Use of Experts</li></ul>
2:45 – 3 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 3:45 p.m.	They Have a Right to Know – Victim Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding Trauma</li><li>• Use of Lethality Assessment Tools</li><li>• Role of Advocates in and out of the courtroom</li><li>• Educating Victims – Right to Know</li></ul>
3:45 – 5 p.m.	Best Practices, Resources, Questions and Next Step

## Fee

There is no fee for this program.

## Speaker

Gael Strack, Esq., Chief Executive Officer is the CEO of Alliance for HOPE International and oversees the Alliance's Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention. She is a former prosecutor and the founding Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center. She spearheaded much of the initial work and research on strangulation crimes from a prosecutor's perspective.

The Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (Institute) is a program of Alliance for HOPE International. The Institute was launched with support from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. The Institute provides consulting, training, resources, and support services to professionals working in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Institute provides the most current and up-to-date curriculum on strangulation crimes from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Our trainings have been recognized throughout the country as the premier source for information related to strangulation and we have been featured for our work in dozens of articles and media outlets from the New York Times, USA Today, Cosmopolitan Magazine, the Domestic Violence Report and more!

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# Registration Form

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