

Guest Address

His History, Her Story: Positive Approaches to Relationships and Male Survivor Trauma

Per the Center for Disease Control in 2013, one in seven men age 18+ in the U.S. has been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in his lifetime. One in 10 men has experienced sexual assault, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner and before the age of 16; 1 out of 6 boys have had a childhood history of sexual abuse or trauma. Only 3.9% of victims of sexual assault report the crime to the police. Male survivors are often not taken seriously by law enforcement or the legal community, thus discouraging many from seeking support following violence or trauma. These negative life experiences can lead to a life of social withdrawal, poor relationships, and self-concept issues. Due to continuing, overwhelming community issues related to male survivors of trauma and violence, Dr. Warner will discuss this issue and interweave her life story of being married to a survivor of sexual abuse and provide case examples from the legal arena of correctional settings.



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Dr. Warner is currently a Full Professor for the Los Angeles campus of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's Psy.D. in Clinical Forensic Psychology. She has also served as Special Assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs: Diversity and Community Engagement and Lead Faculty for the Forensic Psychology department for Los Angeles and Irvine. Some of her other professional assignments have included the Department of Homeland Security, Los Angeles Police Department, C.U.R.E.-A Better Los Angeles, the Department of Defense, the Department of Corrections and Regional Center. For these assignments she designed the program elements related to community gang intervention, mental health and evaluation. Moreover, she served and clinical supervisor relating to human trafficking, trauma, PTSD and multicultural therapeutic techniques.

Currently, her research focuses on diversity issues connected to forensic community mental health and male survivor trauma. She has focused her career on assisting survivors with emotional issues related to trauma violence and abuse.

She currently is a peer reviewer on several academic journals and is part of the Medical Advisory Board for Quality Health. In 2015 she became a regular Tuesday night co-host of the weekly syndicated radio show Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) on Blog Talk Radio with Bill Murray. She served on the board of directors for The National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV) relating to public awareness and publicity. She has written a number of encyclopedia entries related to crime and justice for Sage publications (Encyclopedia of Transnational Crime and Justice and Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics). Her book about male survivor relationships with their significant others, "His History, Her Story" was released October 2017.