

Domestic Violence: Psychological Impact and Treatment for Victims

The field of domestic violence has been evolving over the past thirty plus years as the knowledge base has increased and new assessment and intervention techniques offer assistance to the families in which it occurs. This Webinar will begin by reviewing identification and assessment tools for victims, perpetrators, and children that can assist mental health professionals. We will then review the field of trauma and the psychological impact on victims. Finally, we will look at one specific treatment program that can be used with victims of domestic violence and other gender-based trauma.

Target Audience

Psychologist Social Workers Counselors
Nurses Therapists Case Managers
Marriage and Family Therapists Addiction Counselors
This seminar is for intermediate to advanced level clinicians

Learning Objectives

- At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:
1. Identify victims, perpetrators, and children who have lived in families where there is domestic violence.
 2. Demonstrate the use of one assessment tool to assess PTSD
 3. Explain the importance of assessing for health consequences for domestic violence
 4. Describe the gender basis for the psychological impact of domestic violence.
 5. Define "battered woman syndrome" and how it can be measured.

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Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

Definition
Perpetrators
Victims
Dynamics

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Battered Woman Syndrome
PTSD
Interventions
Self-Care

End 4:15 PM ET



The Presenter

Lenore Walker received her doctorate at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in 1972 and immediately went on the psychiatry faculty at the then CMDNJ Rutgers Medical School where she began her research about the psychological effects of domestic violence on women and children. In 1978 Walker received an RO1 research grant from NIMH to study what she named "Battered Woman Syndrome". She continued that research on the faculty of Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies where she is the Coordinator of the Clinical Forensic Psychology Concentration in the doctoral program and Director of the Masters in Forensic Psychology program. During the almost forty years, Walker has engaged in clinical and forensic practice and policy issues around the world in the area of gender violence, published twenty books and authored numerous chapters and articles, and is working on the fourth edition of The Battered Woman Syndrome. She is known internationally for her keynote speeches and workshops to professionals as well as expert witness testimony in high publicity legal cases.

Webinar Schedule

This webinar runs from 1-4:15 ET.

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