

## **Culturally Specific Approaches to Trauma and Domestic Violence**

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Carole Warshaw, MD, is the Director of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health and the Executive Director of the Domestic Violence & Mental Health Policy Initiative. Dr. Warshaw chaired the committee that wrote the AMA Guidelines on Domestic Violence and has served on the National Research Council Committee on the Assessment of Family Violence Interventions, the Family Violence and Abuse and Childhood Trauma committees of the American Psychiatric Association, and the AMA National Advisory Council on Family Violence. She has been working closely with the advocacy community to improve the health and mental health system responses to domestic violence for over thirty years. Dr. Warshaw speaks about domestic violence, trauma, mental health and psychiatric disabilities both nationally and internationally and has published numerous articles and chapters on these issues. She is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois.

#### **Kathy Wan Povi Sanchez**

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Kathy Wan Povi Sanchez MA, is a native spirit-rooted social activist, community educator, and traditional black ware potter from the Tewa Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico. Kathy is currently the Environmental Health and Justice Program Manager for Tewa Women United (TWU). She is also the project manager for TWU's HIV-AIDS Awareness Program. TWU conducts Native Women Speaking retreats supported by the National Native American Aids Prevention Center. Her work also includes developing a transformative tool for cross-cultural communications called the Butterfly Model for transformative change. Kathy is instrumental in doing trainings, program development which are culturally appropriate from a Native women's perspective for over 20 years.

**Gwendolyn Packard (Ihanktonwan Dakota)**

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Gwendolyn Packard (Ihanktonwan Dakota), Program Specialist, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, has worked for many years in Indian country, both at the national and tribal level. She has worked for the National Congress of American Indians, the National Tribal Chairman's Association and has developed programs and organized trainings for the National American Indian Court Judges Association. She has served as editor for six national Indian publications. In 1990, she was instrumental in founding the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS). For ten years, she served as the Executive Director for Morning Star House, a program that works with off reservation Indian women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She was Executive Director of the NM Suicide Prevention Coalition, where she set up suicide prevention trainings and promoted public awareness all aimed at reducing the rate of suicide in New Mexico. She is founder and Co-Chair of Rain Cloud, the off reservation behavioral health collaborative in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a grass roots organizer and community activist. She has made a commitment to social change in working to address social and economic justice issues that affect the health and well-being of Indian people as documented in her work experience. She is the mother of three grown children, Brian, Genny and Rita and a sweet little Corgi named Roxy. She is a survivor of domestic violence.

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Umi Hankins has nearly 40 years of leadership experience in the anti-violence against women field as she has sought to empower and uplift the status of women and girls. Twenty-one years ago she co-founded and is currently the Co-Executive Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community at the University of Minnesota. Before assuming her current position, Ms. Hankins held leadership positions with domestic violence non-profit community programs, state government departments, and a for-profit agency.

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Julie Avalos is a licensed social worker who has over 12 years of experience of experience working within the Latino Community at Congreso de Latinos Unidos. As the Vice President of Health Promotion and Wellness she provides leadership and guidance for programs that focus on several public health areas, including: services for domestic violence survivors and their children, maternal infant and child health services, drug and alcohol use, HIV/STD prevention, cardiovascular disease prevention, and access to health care. Julie is a known trainer on public health topics, including domestic violence and trauma. She sits on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence.