

The Center on Domestic Violence presents...

Understanding the Latina Experience

with Gender-Based Violence

Presenter: **Lu Rocha**, MSW, MA

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Registration: 8:15 a.m.

Workshop 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Cajetan's on Auraria Campus
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Denver, Colorado 80204



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Workshop Description

This workshop will provide helpful techniques on how to better serve and advocate for Latina survivors of domestic violence (DV) from a cultural perspective. The presenter will provide a brief overview of the Latino culture, migration history and the current condition of Latinos. Participants will become familiar with domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence within the Latino community. Presenter will share lessons learned from her experience of working with the Latino community and from her book *Nuestras Historias/Our Stories*; a compilation of true stories of Latinas who have experienced gender-based violence.

Participants will gain knowledge of the culture; be able to identify the types of abuse a survivor may experience and the effects. Participants will be able to articulate barriers, red flags (warning signs), and possible cultural explanations for a survivor's behavior.

By the end of the workshop, participants will learn best practices when serving Latina survivors and improved advocacy techniques. Finally, participants will be able to use information from this workshop to better serve the Latino community.

Workshop Agenda

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| 8:15 Registration | 12:45 Lessons Learned <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura & Sandra's stories• Applying knowledge |
| 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks | |
| 9:15 Overview of Latino Culture: Terminology, Migration history, Statistics | 2:20 Moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best practices when working with Latina survivors• Current political environment & policies |
| 10:45 Domestic Violence (DV) in the Latino Community | |
| 12:00 Lunch (Provided) | 3:50 Closing and Evaluation |

Workshop Objectives

By the close of this workshop, participants will:

- Gain knowledge of the Latino migration history and culture
- Be able to identify the types of abuse a survivor of may experience
- Articulate the effects of DV
- Identify types of DV abuse within the Latino community
- Articulate possible cultural explanations for a survivor's behavior and choices
- Have a better understanding of best practices when working with Latina DV survivors

Presenter Biography

Lu Rocha, MSW, MA

Lu Rocha has been an advocate for survivors and victims of gender-based violence for over 20 years. She has a Master of Social Work from the Jane Addams School of Social Work at University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Master of Arts from De Paul University, in Women's Issues and Violence Against Women. She has worked as a bilingual trauma therapist with survivors/victims of sexual abuse/violence. She has collaborated with women's organizations from a variety of cultural backgrounds to help establish programs that reflect their community's needs and cultural values. As a therapist in private practice, Ms. Rocha provides culturally accessible mental health services to members of underserved communities and supervises programs that provide services for Latino youth at a Chicagoland not-for-profit organization. She operates her own consulting business assisting service providers gain the tools necessary to deliver culturally accessible services and in 2016 co-authored a book, *Nuestras Historias/Our Stories*, that documents the experiences of Latinas with gender-based violence.

Continuing Education Credits

A Certificate of Attendance will be provided all participants in this workshop for use in application for continuing education unit credit.