
National Family Drug Court
Training and Technical Assistance Program
**Responding to Domestic Violence
in Family Drug Court**

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific Time)

- 10:00 – 10:05 am** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Theresa Lemus, MBA, BSN, LADC
- 10:05 – 10:15am** **Responding to DV in FDC – A Challenging Path**
Theresa Lemus, MBA, BSN, LADC
- 10:15 – 11:00 am** **DV: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral**
Larry Bennett, PhD, LCSW
- 11:00am – 11:25 am** **FDC Example: Santa Barbara Family Drug Treatment Court (CA)**
Julie DeFranco, MSW
Julie Borba, CATC
- 11:25 – 11:35 am** **Q&A and Discussion**
- 11:35 – 11:45 am** **Next Steps & Resources**
Theresa Lemus, MBA, BSN, LADC



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Presenters

Theresa Lemus, MBA, RN, LADC



Theresa Lemus has over 20 years of professional experience administering and providing direct services in the Health and Human Services field. Her background includes working with children, youth, adults, and the elderly in various settings including mental and physical healthcare, substance abuse prevention and treatment services, child welfare, and early care and education. She has extensive experience working with multidisciplinary teams in the development of problem solving courts and collaborative practice-based programs.

Ms. Lemus has worked for the past six years as a Performance Management Liaison (PML) for Children and Family Futures. In her current role Ms. Lemus serves as an expert advisor to Family Drug Court Programs and provides consultant support and various forms of technical assistance to grantees funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). In her work as a PML, Ms. Lemus consistently draws upon her knowledge of substance use and mental health prevention and treatment services, health care, child welfare and the courts to guide collaborative projects. She has extensive experience as a trainer and a facilitator and has assisted organizations in the areas of needs assessments, strategic planning, resource development, implementation of evidenced-based practices, sustainability, performance management and program evaluation.

Larry Bennett, PhD, LCSW



Larry Bennett is Professor, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois, Chicago. Prior to coming to UIC as an Assistant Professor in 1993, he worked for 20 years in community-based mental health settings and independent practice, specializing in court-ordered child custody evaluations. Dr. Bennett's scholarship focuses on the co-occurrence of substance abuse and domestic violence, and on the effectiveness of services designed to interrupt these conditions.

He works actively with a variety of local, state, and national groups addressing intimate partner violence and co-occurring conditions. He has published over 50 chapters and peer-reviewed articles on substance abuse and domestic violence, men who batter, peer sexual harassment, and batterer intervention programs. He is co-author of *Evaluation of Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault* (Sage Press, 2002) and was a work group leader for SAMHSA's Substance Abuse Treatment and Domestic Violence, which was published as part of the CSAT Treatment Improvement Protocol series. Dr. Bennett has served as Co-Director and Principal Investigator of the

Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC) since its inception 1998, and is an Associate of the UIC Interdisciplinary Research Center on Violence. He spent the 2012 academic year as a Fellow of the Great Cities Institute, where he conducted research on opportunities for screening, brief intervention, and referral of substance use problems in civil and criminal domestic violence court.

Julie DeFranco, MSW, ACSW



Julie DeFranco received her Bachelors' degree in business from Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in 2002 and her Master of Social Work from Sacramento State University, with a specialization in Child Welfare in 2006. Mrs. DeFranco has served in the human services profession for over 15 years and began working in Child Welfare Services in 2004 as an intern in Placer County. Mrs. DeFranco currently serves as the supervisor for Santa Barbara County Child Welfare Services' Countywide Court Services and Family Drug Treatment Court and has worked in a variety of worker and supervisory assignments including Assessments and Investigations, Ongoing, Voluntary Family Maintenance, and Adoptions. Mrs. DeFranco has provided international social work training to include travel to Sri Lanka in 2007 supporting clinical efforts of children abandoned/orphaned as a result of the tsunami.

Julie Borba, CATC



Julie Borba is currently working as a Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor at the Good Samaritan Perinatal program, Turning Point Perinatal Drug Treatment Program. She began using the Seeking Safety program in Good Samaritan Perinatal programs in 2005. With 6 years combined experience working in addiction counseling, she also served as Program Manager for Good Samaritans Recovery Point Detox program for 12 months. Previous experience with an internship and employment at Domestic Violence Solutions of Santa Barbara County provided valuable education and experience in serving victims of domestic violence. She completed Domestic Violence counselor training in 1999. Certification with California Association of Alcohol/Drug Educators, CAADE was awarded to her in 2005. She holds an Associate degree in Human services as well as a certificate in Addiction Studies.