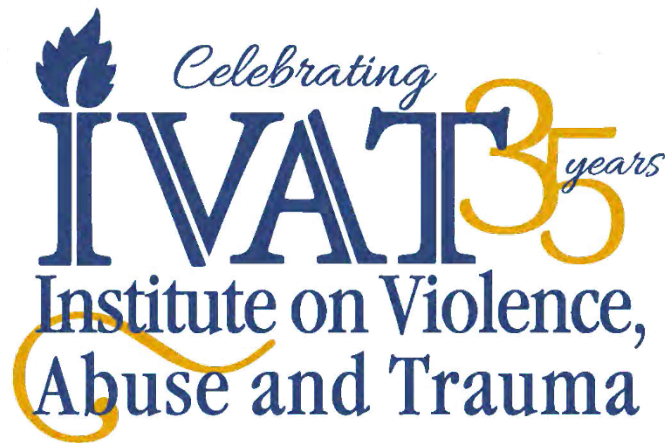


2020

# Annual Report



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# At a Glance

## How IVAT Helped End Violence in 2020

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**3,000** PROFESSIONALS  
TRAINED

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**760** PROFESSIONALS PROVIDED  
CONTINUING EDUCATION  
CREDITS

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**26** JOURNAL ISSUES  
PUBLISHED

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**1,000** HOURS OF TRAUMA  
INFORMED THERAPY  
SERVICES PROVIDED

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## Did you know?

IVAT's efforts to promote peaceful living don't end in the United States! Here are just some of the countries we reached with our training and services in 2020:

Argentina

Australia

Belgium

Canada

Georgia

Hungary

Iceland

Israel

Kenya

Lithuania

Malta

New Zealand

Rwanda

Taiwan (Republic of China)

U.S. Virgin Islands

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom

# About IVAT

## Our History

In 2020, together with our team and community, we celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> year as an Institute and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our San Diego Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma. The **Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI)**, as we were originally known, was founded in 1984 by Robert Geffner, Ph.D., ABN, ABPP. In 1991, the Institute became a registered non-profit 501(c)3 organization to deal with family violence and sexual assault issues. It gradually expanded its scope to include child, teen, and elder maltreatment. In 1999, the Institute relocated to San Diego and, in 2006, continued its work under the name IVAT-the **Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT)**.

### OUR MISSION

To promote violence-free living by improving the quality of life for individuals on local, national and international levels by sharing and disseminating vital information, improving cross-discipline collaborations, conducting research and trainings, and providing direct professional services, program evaluation, and consulting.

### OUR WORK

IVAT believes that collaboration across systems is key to ending violence and abuse. By bridging the gaps between research, practice, policy, and advocacy, IVAT serves as a one-stop shop to end interpersonal violence and abuse across the lifespan.

## IVAT Departments

Summits  
Professional Training  
Continuing Education &  
Certifications  
Professional Clinical & Forensic  
Services  
Stop the Silence®  
Ho`omaluhia  
Journals & Publications  
Research & Program Evaluation

*IVAT is also the Fiscal & Logistical agent for the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV)*

**Building a World Free from  
Violence, Abuse and Trauma.**



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# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

In 2020 IVAT continues its work on anti-racism and DEI. A work group has been formed to evaluate policies and identify short- and long-term action steps, and several internal trainings have been conducted. We continue to actively identify new speakers to add to our speaker's bureau for training throughout the year to IVAT's attendees on diverse issues and needs. Additional areas for expanding our DEI work will be included in Board discussions and strategic planning with all IVAT members.



## Hawai`i International Summit

The **17th Hawai`i International Summit on Preventing, Assessing, and Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan**, held April 14-17, 2020, was moved to a virtual platform due to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

The Summit included a total of **twelve tracks**: Adolescent Trauma and Youth Violence; Child Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences; Criminal and Civil Justice Issues: Violence and Trauma; Health Care Systems, Violence and Trauma; Intimate Partner Violence; Prevention and Early Intervention; Sex and Labor Trafficking; Sexual Victimization; Special Topics in Trauma; Trauma Among Military Personnel, Veterans, and their Families; Trauma and First Responders; and Vulnerable Adults and Elder Trauma.



**850**

Virtual Attendees

**36**

States and 4 Countries Represented

**12**

Co-Sponsors and 39 Collaborators

**136**

Professionals earning up to 18 CE Credits

**44**

Planning committee members and 8 volunteers

*"This training was outstanding!!! I will be back and plan to attend the training in San Diego, also." -17<sup>th</sup> Summit Attendee*

# San Diego International Summit

The theme of the **25th San Diego International Virtual Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan – Linking Research, Practice, Advocacy and Policy**, was **Transforming Trauma Into Triumph!** The Summit was held August 30 – September 2, 2020 and included presentations and symposia by researchers, practitioners, advocates, policymakers, and consumers/survivors across **twelve tracks** concerning intimate partner violence, child maltreatment and adverse childhood experiences, human and labor trafficking, elder abuse, youth violence, services for people with disabilities, trauma in the military, sexual violence, legal and criminal justice issues, healthcare, multicultural training, services for vulnerable populations, campus assault, primary prevention and early intervention and trauma in general.

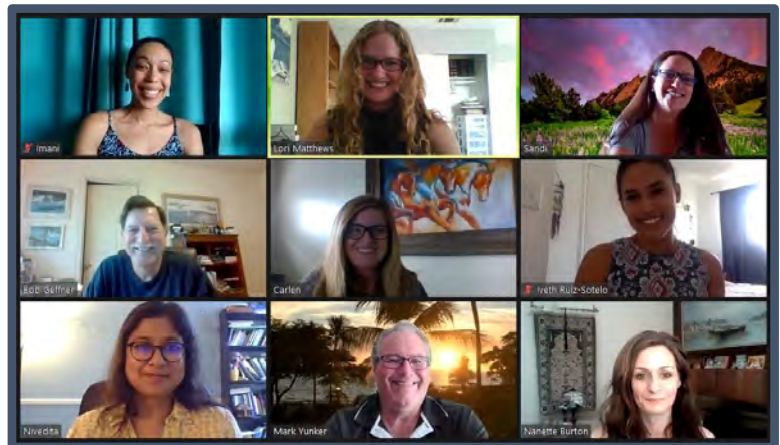


Photo: IVAT Summit Team

## Affiliated Trainings:

- ADVIP 2020 World Conference, Perpetrator Treatment in the New Decade – 8/29/20
- *MEGA<sup>s</sup>* - Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates for Assessing Sexually Abusive Children and Adolescents, between the ages of 4 and 19), Presented by L.C. Miccio-Fonseca, Ph.D. - 8/30/20

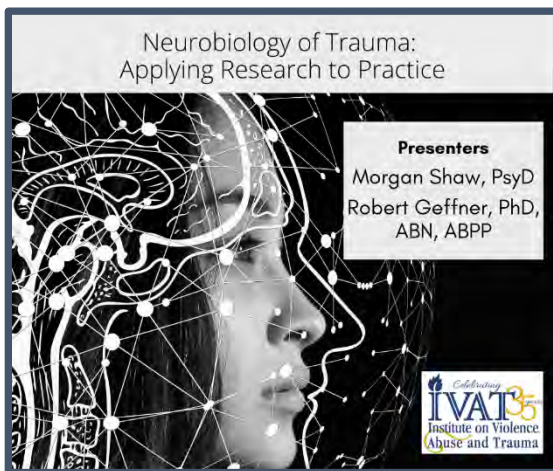
## By the Numbers

- Over **1,159** Virtual Attendees representing **49** states and **13** countries
- **168** submissions received worldwide
- **325** presenters involved: including **99** invited speakers & **17** international presenters
- **80** posters virtually presented - first poster session to be CE eligible
- Overall satisfaction high: **4.31** on a 5-point scale
- **134** collaborating organizations and agencies
- **11** Virtual Exhibitors
- **30** volunteers provided **180** hours of support
- **381** professionals received continuing education

# Training

2020 marked an exciting new year for IVAT's training department. Since the pandemic pushed all training to virtual platforms, starting 3 weeks before the Hawai'i Summit and continuing through the new year, IVAT built up its online training program into a powerful, impactful resource.

**3,000 people** were trained in 2020 between IVAT hosted events and co-sponsored trainings. Along with holding webinars available to the public, IVAT held trainings in conjunction with several local, government, and international organizations. CEO Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA, trained 35 professionals from **Scotland at the Future Generations Conference** on ACEs and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC). Director of Professional Services Morgan Shaw, PsyD, and Director of Forensic Training Diana Avalle, PsyD, trained 47 military personnel at the **Sheppard Air Force Base (TX)** on Compassion Fatigue. Locally, IVAT partnered with the San Diego **Family Justice Center**, the **Community Resource Center**, the **YWCA** of San Diego County, **Access**, Inc., and **VEBA** for additional training.



## ATTENDEE QUOTES

*"Excellent!"*

*"GREAT!!"*

*"I really enjoyed this training."*

*"Detailed information, knowledgeable presenters."*

## IVAT Online Training in 2020

- Working with Severe and Chronic Mental Illness (MI)
- Coping in the Time of COVID-19
- Overview of Trauma, ACEs, and Trauma-Informed Systems
- Children Exposed to Domestic Violence and ACEs
- Trauma, Trauma-Informed Care, and Vicarious Trauma
- Overview of Neurobiology of Trauma and Impact on the Developing Brain
- Trauma-Informed Treatment for Youth with Problematic Sexual Behavior
- Coping with Individual and Collective Experience of Stress and Trauma
- Managing Countertransference, Vicarious Trauma, and Self Care
- Conceptualization and Treatment of Suicidality from a CBT Perspective
- Providing Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Client Services Amidst a Pandemic
- *MEGA*<sup>+</sup> - Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates for Assessing Sexually Abusive Adolescents and Children (Ages 4-19)

## *IVAT as a Fiscal Sponsor: Beautiful Dying Expo*

IVAT continued its role as Fiscal Sponsor of the 2020 Beautiful Dying Virtual Expo, the second annual event for Beautiful Dying. Founded by Michele Little, Beautiful Dying Expo is an event created to expand awareness and encourage meaningful conversation, demystifying the process of dying and death by bringing industry experts together to share current tools, new ideas and resources with the public. During our two-year partnership, Beautiful Dying has expanded in exciting ways, building online resources and creating a membership-oriented video library through Facebook Live called *Insights*. These videos feature topics such as Financial & Estate Planning, Advance Health Care Planning, End of Life Care, Grief Support, and more. The 2020 Expo hosted over [500 attendees](#) and highlighted speakers from [35 countries](#).



## *Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Grant*

In 2019, IVAT began development of a curriculum to provide training funded by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), a \$200,000 award. The training, [More than Surviving: From Traumatic Stress to Wellness](#), is focused on officer wellness, notably after dealing with incident responses, organizational stress, and community confrontations. In 2020, five separate trainings were offered across the state. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IVAT team was able to transition the training format to a fully online platform and was able to recredential the online format as POST-certified. In 2020, almost 100 law enforcement officers across the state of California were trained, including several Chiefs of Police from different agencies. Work on the grant will continue through 2021.



*"It was different than any course I've attended in the past. A real recognition of how we need to take care of ourselves, and it delivers methods for us to get there."*

*-Police Chief Lori Luhnnow on [More than Surviving](#)*

## *National University Grant*

In a joint effort between IVAT and National University to promote organizational wellness among law enforcement entities, a distance-learning hybrid training program was created. Funding was made possible through POST. The program incorporates the use of self-paced and synchronous learning elements for law enforcement professionals and support staff. This program is designed to help law enforcement officers (LEOs) gain the necessary tools and information to spread [wellness](#) across law enforcement, implementing [self-regulation](#), [self-awareness](#), and [emotional intelligence](#) into agencies to build rational thinking and approaches to wellness. The first cohort of students is set to begin the course in January 2021.



# Continuing Education & Certifications

IVAT is approved by the [American Psychological Association](#) to sponsor continuing education for psychologists (IVAT maintains responsibility for this continuing education program and its content), [the State Bar of California](#) to offer Minimum Continuing Legal Education for Attorneys, the [California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals](#) to offer continuing education for certified alcohol and drug counselors, the [National Association of Social Workers](#) to offer continuing education for LCSWs, IMFs, and LPCCs, and the [California Board of Registered Nurses](#) to offer continuing education for nurses.

## Continuing Education in 2020

12

IVAT Sponsored  
conferences &  
workshops

760

Individuals  
provided CE  
Credits

125

Total Credit  
Hours

5

Accrediting  
Agencies  
Approving CEs

## IVAT-Sponsored Trainings for Continuing Education in 2020

- HT-RADAR 2020 Human Trafficking Research Conference
- Human Trafficking and the Drug Connection by My Sister's House
- ADVIP 2020 World Conference, Perpetrator Treatment in the New Decade
- One-Size Does Not Fit All! Incorporating "Principles of Effective Intervention" in Batterer Intervention
- Programs to Reduce Attrition and Recidivism, Yorke Consulting
- 2020 National Training Institute by the National Center for Victims of Crime
- *MEGA*<sup>℠</sup> - Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates for Assessing Sexually Abusive Children and Adolescents, between the ages of 4 and 19

### IVAT SPECIALTY CERTIFICATIONS

Domestic Violence Offender Treatment

Trauma Care

Child Custody Evaluations

Child and Adult Maltreatment (CAM, formerly CAAST)

*MEGA*<sup>℠</sup> - Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates for Assessing Sexually Abusive Children and Adolescents, ages 4 - 19



# Professional Clinical & Forensic Services

IVAT continues to serve the community by providing direct services through our Professional Clinical and Forensic Services (PCFS) department. Clinically, the PCFS team provides trauma focused [therapeutic services](#) to a wide range of child, adolescent, and adult clients. We serve all clients on a sliding scale fee structure dependent on income. IVAT clinicians also support the community through partnerships with local organizations where we provide trauma-informed training to staff and clinical services to their specific clients in need. Our current partners include: the [YWCA of San Diego County](#), the [Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition](#), and [Access, Inc.](#)

In the forensic arena, IVAT clinicians provide trauma-informed [psychological and neuropsychological evaluation](#) with the adult criminal, juvenile, civil, and family court systems. Our team also consults regularly with legal professionals and provides [expert witness testimony](#) on a wide range of topic areas including child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, and the impact of trauma. All of our forensic work is done on a sliding scale to help serve as many individuals and families as possible. Notably in 2020, PCFS expanded to include four licensed psychologists, the most ever on staff at IVAT, which allowed us the opportunity to provide increased services to the community.

## Clinical & Forensic Training Program

Over the past year, PCFS has expanded the training program to include more clinicians and worked with several master, doctorate, and post-doctorate level students as part of its clinical and forensic training program. IVAT has ongoing partnerships with Alliant University and The Chicago School of Professional Psychology to accept students for this premier training program. IVAT also accepts students from international schools, such as the Maastricht University in the Netherlands.

Students in the program gain experience in three main areas, designed to sharpen their clinical skills, develop a solid forensic foundation, and become proficient in relevant psychological topics to train other professionals. In the [clinical portion](#) of their training in 2020, associates served almost 200 therapy clients, both in an outpatient private practice setting in the office as well as organizations in the community. [Forensically](#), students were exposed to criminal cases locally and nationally and civil cases including personal injury and family law matters (e.g. custody).

**1,000**

Hours of Trauma-Informed Therapy Provided

**200**

Therapy Clients Served

**53**

Psychological/Forensic Evaluations and Child Custody Evaluations

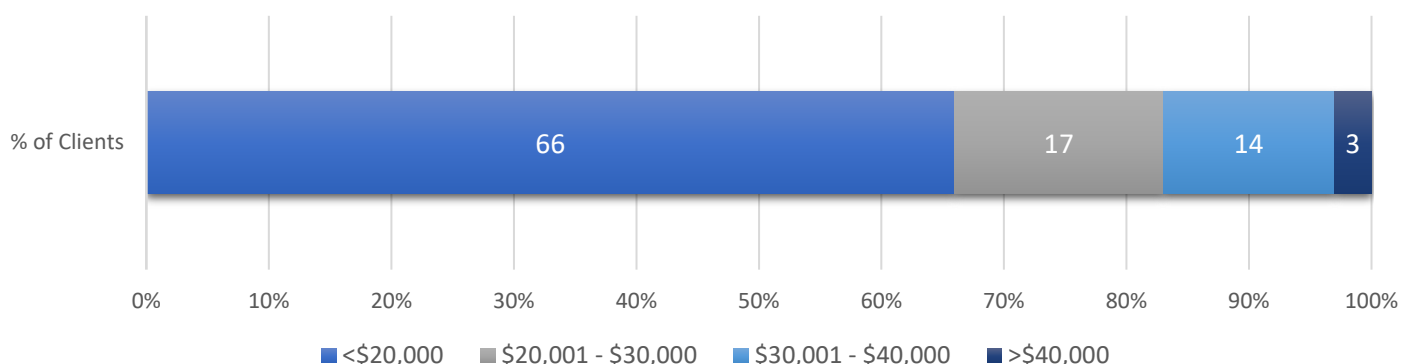
**\$60,800**

Offered in Discounted Forensic Services

**12**

Court Cases where IVAT Provided Expert Witness Testimony and Consultation

## Annual Household Income of Clients



# Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition Grant

During the first year of the grant period, IVAT worked collaboratively with the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (BSCC) to begin implementing trauma-informed direct services to the clients within their program, and to streamline and strengthen parts of their programming using a trauma-informed lens. IVAT was able to provide approximately 20 therapy sessions within the four-month period of service delivery and plan to far exceed that number in 2021 with an increase in in-person services. Additionally, IVAT completed its first forensic evaluation in December 2020 and plans to see a significant increase in evaluations in 2021.



## *Developing the Intake Process for Clients*

A big accomplishment of the first year of the grant award was the collaborative work done to streamline and strengthen the initial intake and biopsychosocial procedures that all clients will encounter. A three-step intake process was better developed utilizing up to date research on appropriate, client-centered intake strategies and utilizing a trauma-informed lens.

## *Training on a Trauma-Informed Approach*

IVAT has also been working with BSCC to strengthen their trauma-informed approach to client centered work, providing three trainings to the BSCC case managers on: Understanding trauma and trauma-informed systems; Neurobiology of trauma; and Vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, and burn-out. Additional training will be provided monthly.

## *Comprehensive Program Evaluation*

IVAT has been working with BSCC to develop the process for comprehensive program evaluation, which will include tracking demographics and victimology data, progress in treatment and programming, and specific assessment tools to measure a decrease in symptomology and an increase in positive coping strategies.

# Stop the Silence®



2020 laid the groundwork for an exciting new stage in the long-term collaboration between IVAT and Stop the Silence®: Stop Child Sexual Abuse, Inc., a Maryland-based nonprofit founded by Dr. Pamela J. Pine with a 20-year history of working to expose and stop child sexual abuse and help survivors worldwide.

As of January 1, 2021, Stop the Silence® has officially become a department of IVAT with Dr. Pine as the Director.

**Stop the Silence®: A Department of the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma** is committed to prevention, treatment, and mitigation of **Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)**, other **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**, and related **interpersonal trauma**. We provide help and resources through comprehensive programming with awareness, education/outreach, training, policy development and reform. We work to address the relationships between childhood trauma and the broader issues of overall family and community violence, and violence within and between communities.

## *Did you know?*

IVAT is a Certified No-Hit Zone Advocate. We are proud to support an end to child abuse social-norms of corporal punishment. [ivatcenters.org/donate](http://ivatcenters.org/donate)



# Ho`omaluhia

*A Center of Excellence where East meets West, where indigenous voices are valued and diversity is honored, Ho`omaluhia is the Hawai`i-Pacific branch of (IVAT).*

In 2020, the Ho`omaluhia Advisory Council, which consists of 42 representatives from various state agencies in Hawai`i and local nonprofit agencies, held quarterly meetings to review and assess the most effective ways to meet the needs of those on the islands with respect to integration of services and training. Representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Education, Kamehameha Schools among others continue work related to issues of homelessness and evaluation of mental health services for people with trauma histories. Additional priority areas consisted of suicide prevention training, social-emotional learning, anti-bullying education, racial equity, trauma informed care education, and sexual violence prevention. Ho`omaluhia also began hosting webinar trainings for our local and global community.



## Community Engagement

Presentations to the Ho`omaluhia Advisory Council:

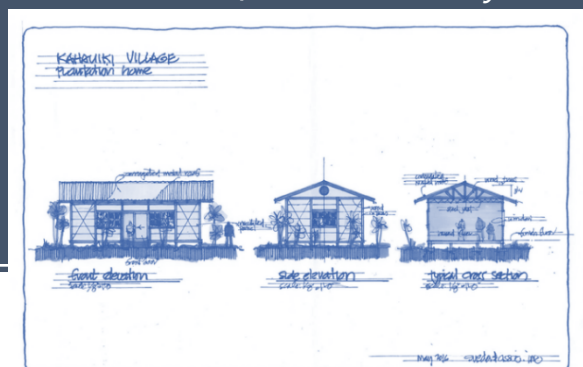
- [Safe Spaces & Workplaces, an initiative to end workplace sexual harassment in Hawai`i](#) by Rachael Wong, DrPH and Makana Risser Chai, JD.
- [How to Motivate Oneself and Others to Engage in Social Justice](#) by Marissa Pei, Ph.D.
- [Understanding Black Resilience as a Global Force for Change](#) by Akiemi Glenn, Ph.D., of The Pōpolo Project
- [Hawai`i's Response to the Covid-19 Crisis](#) by David Lopez of the Hawai`i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

In addition, four quarterly electronic newsletters were disseminated to increase awareness of resources, services and trainings on the islands.

### PROGRAM EVALUATION: KAHAIKI VILLAGE

*Kahauiki Village (KV) is a unique project from The Institute for Human Services (IHS) which hopes to build family resilience by growing a neighborhood culture that encourages more positive community experiences.*

*Ho`omaluhia has partnered with IHS to design and implement a program evaluation for KV where families and children share feedback to continuously improve client services and ensure they meet the needs of the community members. Dr. Robert Geffner, IVAT, and Dr. Lori Daniels, Hawai`i Pacific University (HPU), are overseeing the evaluation.*





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# Journals & Publications

The IVAT Journals department edits and is responsible for 4 Peer-Reviewed scholarly, internationally disseminated journals.

Published by Taylor & Francis:

*Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*

*Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*

*Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody, and Child Development*

Published by Springer Science:

*Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*

## JOURNALS IN 2020

4

Peer-Reviewed  
Journals

26

Issues Per  
Year

196

Articles

Dr. Bob Geffner, the founding editor of the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, rotated off as the managing editor for JCAT at the end of 2020. Many of the editorial board members for JCAT chose to transition to the editorial board for one of IVAT's other journals. In 2020, the Journal of Child Custody expanded both in title and focus to include Family Trauma and Child Development. As a result, the number of submissions has increased significantly in 2020 and are on track to continue to expand into 2021.

## 2020 Special Issues

*Impact of Child Maltreatment on Later Functioning* - Guest Editors: Nanette Burton and Morgan Shaw (JAMT)

*Adolescent Trauma and Youth Violence: Risk Factors, Protective Factors, and Later Functioning* - Guest Editors: Nanette Burton and Morgan Shaw (JAMT)

*Trauma Support for Healthcare Workers and Caregivers* - Guest Editor: Nanette Burton (JAMT)

*Violence Against Women: Sexual Trauma and Recovery* - Guest Editor: Nanette Burton (JAMT)

*Violence Against Women: International Experiences and Perspectives* - Guest Editor: Nanette Burton (JAMT)

*Offenders* - Guest Editors: Nanette Burton and Robert Geffner (JAMT)

*Special Section on Disclosure of Child Sexual Abuse, False Allegations and Suggestibility Issues* - Guest Editors: Kathleen Faller, Mark Everson, and Viola Vaughan-Eden (JCSA)

*PTSD* - Guest Editors: Eric Mendoza and Morgan Shaw (JCAT)

*Medical Neglect in Childhood* - Guest Editors: Barbara L. Knox, Randell C. Alexander, Francois M. Luyet, Debra D. Esernio-Jenssen (JCAT)

*Responding to Symptoms of Childhood Traumatic Events* - Guest Editors: Scarlett Yang, Nanette Burton, and Morgan Shaw (JCAT)



## Special Issues Coming Soon

*Abuse to Prison Pipeline: A Call for a Human Rights Approach* - Guest Editor: Alicia Brav (JAMT)

*Widening the Lens: Domestic Violence within Black Communities* - Guest Editors: Oliver Williams and Carolyn West (JAMT)

*Special Section on Institutional Betrayal and System Responses* - Guest Editor: Carly Smith (JCSA)

*Creative Innovative Assessment Tools and Therapeutic Interventions for Child Sexual Abuse Victims* - Guest Editors: Rachel Lev-Wiesel, Shir Daphna-Tekoah, & Limor Goldner (JCSA)

*Where are We Now? A Consolidation of the Research on Long-Term Impacts of Child Sexual Abuse* - Guest Editors: Heather B. MacIntosh & A. Dana Ménard (JCSA)

*Bullying, Victimization, and Resiliency* - Guest Editors: Scarlett Yang, Nanette Burton, and Robert Geffner (JCAT)

*Family Reunification in Family Court* - Guest Editors: Pearl Berman and Ethan Weisinger, in collaboration with the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (JFT)

*Assessment Issues and Techniques in Child Custody and Family Trauma Cases* - Guest Editor: Ronald Stolberg (JFT)

*Women who Kill* - Guest Editors: Lenore Walker, David Shapiro, Giselle Gaviria, and Amanda Temares (JAMT)

*A Systematic Response to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Healthcare: Examining IPV Programs for Veterans* - Guest Editors: Galina A. Portnoy, LeAnne E. Bruce, and Kelly E. Buckholdt (JAMT)

*Men as Victims of Violence and Abuse in Intimate Relationships* - Guest Editors: Wendell C. Wallace and Elizabeth Bates (JAMT)

## Bookstore

In 2020, IVAT launched its online bookstore at [ivatcenters.org/bookstore](http://ivatcenters.org/bookstore), with 180+ book titles and 860 total books in its inventory. The Bookstore includes texts to support professionals in the fields of violence, abuse and trauma, and includes books written by the nationally and internationally acclaimed speakers at our Summits.

### Books Published by IVAT

- MEGA<sup>+</sup> Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates for Assessing Sexually Abusive Children and Adolescents Ages 4-19 Training Manual
- Responsible Parenting Curriculum (RESPECTT)
- Treatment of Women Arrested for Domestic Violence (WEAVER Manual)
- Entendiendo Los Comportamientos Sexuales En La Ninez: Lo Que Es Natural Y Saludable
- Helping Children with Sexual Behavior Problems: A Guidebook for Professionals and Caregivers (Updated 2011) (4th Ed.)
- Sexuality Curriculum for Abused Children and Young Adolescents, and their Parents
- Treatment Exercises for Child Abuse Victims and Children with Sexual Behavioral Problems
- Understanding Children's Sexual Behaviors (updated 2015)

### Did you know?

IVAT sells books at up to 80% off! [ivatcenters.org/bookstore](http://ivatcenters.org/bookstore)

# Research

IVAT maintains several research databases that add to the publication and dissemination of literature in a number of topic areas. Our databases are comprised from data collected through the [forensic work](#) that the PCFS team has conducted over several decades, as well as from other [national practitioners](#) and [agencies](#) who have allowed us to store and use their data for research purposes. Dr. Geffner supervises a number of doctorate students as part of his role as Distinguished Research Professor at Alliant International University, and in that capacity works with the students in identifying research topics and questions to be answered using the databases housed at IVAT. In 2020, the research team expanded to include [2](#) lead research assistants and [12](#) volunteer coding assistants.

## *Databases Maintained by IVAT Include:*

*A juvenile database*

*An adult survivor of child sexual abuse database*

*A violent and nonviolent offender database*

*A brain injury database*

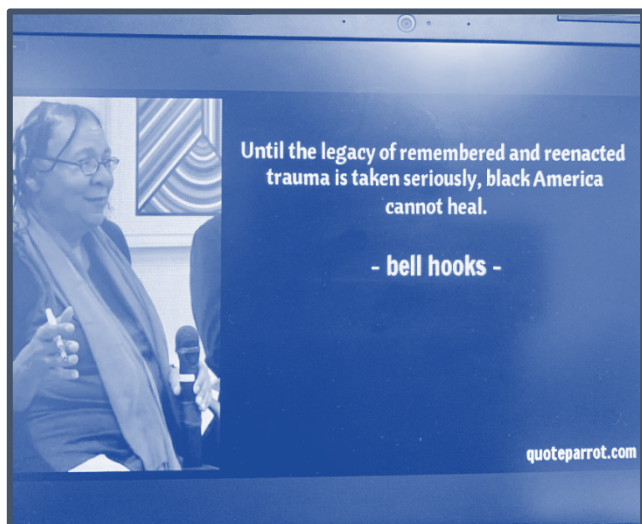
*A child custody database*

## *The National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan*

IVAT serves as the fiscal and logistical agent for the **National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV)**, a nonpartisan group of over [200](#) individuals, organizations, agencies, coalitions, and groups that embrace a national, multi-disciplinary and multicultural commitment to the [prevention of all forms of interpersonal violence](#). NPEIV is committed to [reducing interpersonal violence](#) and its consequences through scientific research and application of observed findings, with the overall mission of eliminating all forms of interpersonal violence, for [all people](#), in [all communities](#), at [all stages of life](#).

### *NPEIV Virtual Think Tank 2020*

NPEIV's annual Think Tank provides an excellent opportunity for networking with professionals from multiple disciplines who are dedicated to finding solutions to some of the most complex issues we face in addressing our mission to end interpersonal violence across the lifespan. This year, to help keep everyone healthy and safe during times of physical distancing, the Think Tank was held virtually with 70 people participating. In 2020, NPEIV had 114 active members.



The NPEIV Virtual Think Tank 2020 focused on supporting resilience as a mechanism for preventing violence. Our featured speaker, Dr. Carolyn West, spoke of how the wisdom of black women could be used to inform violence prevention. Dr. Tamara Hamai, NPEIV President-Elect, highlighted the findings from our year-long strategic planning initiative. Knowledge from our Action Teams was used to strengthen our goals and develop exciting plans for webinars, public awareness campaigns, global initiatives and more.

# NPEIV Action Teams

## Action Team 1

**Public Policy & Engagement** focuses on the coordination of educational efforts regarding the impact of public policy on individuals and communities, maximizing public policy efforts through public engagement, and developing evidence-based policy perspectives that target the reduction and elimination of interpersonal violence (IPV) and abuse across the lifespan.

## Action Team 2

**Training & Mentoring** is dedicated to using educational initiatives to end violence and addresses training and mentoring needs in various professions, including the development of curriculum and other types of educational initiatives.

## Action Team 3

**Practice** links research with policy and best practices to implement trauma-informed care, reducing the impact of previous trauma and breaking the cycle that perpetuates violence across the lifespan.

## Action Team 4

**Research & Dissemination** encourages useful research to further our understanding of the etiology, prevention, and treatment of IPV, and aims to reduce the effects of IPV by disseminating important findings to practitioners and policy makers, promoting the translation of research into practice.

## Action Team 5

**Global Peace** collaborates with allies internationally engaged in parallel efforts to address violence, focusing on initiatives that provide analysis, education, and resources to those working for peace.

## Action Team Accomplishments of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

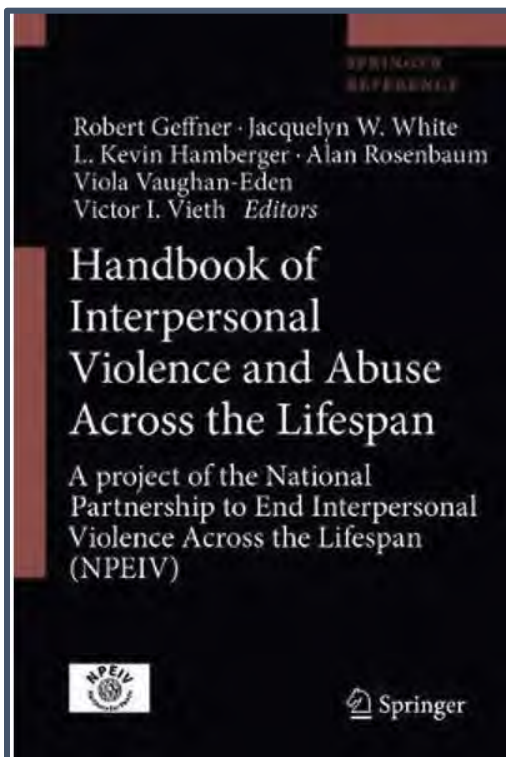
- **Action Team 1** increased public awareness of NPEIV through the release of 15 Media Rapid Response statements.
- **Action Team 2** promoted Child Advocacy Studies at universities and community colleges throughout the US and internationally. They collaborated with APSAC and Zero Abuse Project, developed Elder Abuse Curriculum and an Enhancing Mentoring Training Model. They provided webinars and started coordinating a regional violence education conference and mini-conferences regarding spiritual abuse and faith-based advocacy.
- **Action Team 3** developed goals, target audiences and core values for Trauma Resources Info Network, an online database of certified trauma informed providers. They also contributed a chapter on Trauma-Informed Care to the *Handbook on Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan*.
- **Action Team 4** developed and released Calls for Papers for two journal special issues. They completed reviews and will soon publish a new issue of the Violence Research Digest. Authors contributed chapters to the Handbook. Members started supporting the use of Research Gate as a hub for violence research.
- **Action Team 5** defined concepts such as “peace” and “global peace”. Members reached out and partnered with other peace-based organizations.

## Other 2020 Highlights for NPEIV

- Developed and implemented a new Strategic Plan 2020-2023
- In the Fall of 2020, NPEIV made a commitment to the No Hit Zone norms. NPEIV plans to work collaboratively to implement No Hit Zone advocacy and offer trainings that build on the No Hit Zone parenting techniques.
- Created and provided webinars and worldwide social gatherings to connect and discuss how the pandemic has shaped our prevention and treatment work.
  - "The Trauma of Racism: Talking to Children and Teens", presented by Dr. Kristin Washington and Dr. Pearl Berman
  - "Research and Evaluation as Tools for and Against Oppression", presented by Tamara Hamai, Ph.D.
- Released a public statement acknowledging racism and systemic violence against Black people and supporting the need for national policy reform.
- Disseminated resources and support through public statements drawing attention to the risks of violence in times of isolation and physical distancing (COVID-19 Series)

## *The Handbook of Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan*

***The Handbook of Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan*** is an official publication with Springer Science/Nature publishing the four volume Handbook (200+ chapters) in 2021. It will be available online as well as in print form. The handbook is a comprehensive state-of-the-science reference work for [researchers](#), [practitioners](#), and [policy makers](#). It is written from a trauma-informed perspective, utilizes adverse childhood experiences research and a social-ecological/biopsychosocial approach as its basic developmental framework along with the traumatic effects all forms of interpersonal violence and abuse tend to produce. With public health and social justice in mind, this [human-rights based](#) handbook also focuses on the overlap and continuum of the various types of interpersonal violence.



### *THIS FOUR-VOLUME HANDBOOK AIMS TO:*

- Acknowledge and understand the impact interpersonal violence and abuse has on individuals, families, communities, and society;
- Recognize the mental, physical, legal, social, and economic burden of interpersonal violence;
- Respect an individual's basic right to live without violence or abuse; value human dignity;
- Promote consensus-based practices while maintaining cultural sensitivity;
- Consider and address the unique needs of vulnerable populations.



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