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RIT Inn & Conference Center
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- 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION
- 9:00 a.m. WELCOME
Rachel Hahn, Esq.
Coordinator, OCA Attorney for the Child Contracts
- 9:10 a.m. *The Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics*
Lundy Bancroft
Family Issues Specialist
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. *Post-Separation Parenting: Evaluating Batterers' Behavior and Assessing Parenting Plans*
Lundy Bancroft
- 12:00 n. *Ethical Considerations for Attorneys for Children in the DV Context*
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Tanya J. Conley, Esq.
Director of Training and Appeals
Legal Aid Society of Rochester
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- 12:50 p.m. Conclusion

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LUNDY BANCROFT

Lundy Bancroft has twenty years of experience specializing in interventions for abusive men and their families. He has authored four books in the field, including *Why Does He Do That*, the recently published *Should I Stay or Should I Go*, and the national prizewinner *The Batterer as Parent*. Lundy is a former Co-Director of Emerge, the nation's first counseling program for men who batter, and was involved in over 2000 cases as counselor and clinical supervisor. He has also served extensively as a custody evaluator, child abuse investigator, and expert witness. Lundy appears across the United States as a presenter for judges and other court personnel, child protective workers, therapists, law enforcement officials, and other audiences. He is the creator of the "Co-Counseling Alliance" approach to emotional healing. His blog is called "Healing and Hope".

THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ON FAMILY DYNAMICS

Lundy Bancroft

BATTERER PROFILE

Consistently true:

- Coercively controlling, intimidating, often including social isolation
- Entitled / Self-centered
- Believes **he** is the victim
- Manipulative / Good public image

BATTERER PROFILE

Consistently true:

- Disrespectful, Superior, Depersonalizing
- Punishes, retaliates
- Finds his abusive behavior rewarding
- Mentality of ownership, objectification

MYTHS ABOUT MEN WHO BATTER

- Skill deficits
- Psychopathology
- Poor, ethnic minority

Impact on Family Dynamics

- Undermining of mother's authority
- Interference with mother's parenting
- Use of the children as weapons
- Sowing of divisions

Batterers' Risk to Abuse Children

- **PHYSICAL ABUSE**
 - 49% of batterers
 - 7x more likely than a non-batterer
 - Correlated with level of physical abuse of partner
 - Other indicators; level of control, substance abuse, rigid belief system, abused as a child

Batterers' Risk to Abuse Children

- **SEXUAL ABUSE**

- 6x more likely than a non-batterer
- Correlated with presence of violence towards partner but not with severity
- Other indicators; high entitlement, self-centered, use of children to meet his own needs, manipulative, seeing children as personal possessions, substance abuse, low involvement in infant care

Batterers' Style with Children

- Authoritarian
- Under-involved, neglectful, reckless
- Good under observation
- Currying favor
- Psychologically abusive

Mothers' Protective Strategies

- Mark an X next to a strategy if you do not see how it could help protect, do not agree with its use, or have serious reservations about its use.
- Mark a check next to the ones you think are best.
- Mark a * next to strategies that you had never thought of before.

PRESENTATION TO OUTSIDERS

- Batterers
- Abused women
- Children exposed to domestic violence
