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Service providers must consider unique challenges for responding to domestic violence with military personnel, veterans, and their families

Although most military personnel returning from combat zones do not become abusive to their loved ones, veterans suffering post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) report significantly higher rates of generally violent behavior than veterans without PTSD, according to a [study](#) by Dr. April Gerlock.

Because intimate partner violence (IPV) may result, it is imperative that community service providers consider the unique needs of veterans and their partners and work collaboratively with military and veteran system providers to appropriately address the situation. To assist in this endeavor, the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence is hosting a special training in Fallon with guest speaker Glenna Tinney.

What:

[Glenna Tinney](#), Military Advocacy Program Coordinator for the [Battered Women's Justice Project \(BWJP\)](#), will conduct a workshop—*Collaborating for Safety: Coordinating the Military & Civilian Response to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)*. Service providers from a broad range of disciplines will attend, including social workers, police officers, counselors, attorneys, and victim advocates. The workshop will address the following:

- Key areas to consider when working with military-related IPV victims, such as the intersection between combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and IPV.
- The unique issues and challenges involved when working with and advocating for military-related victims. These include frequent family separations, increased access to weapons, and isolation from familiar support systems.

- How to develop a coordinated community response to IPV and provide strategies and tools to enhance civilian and military collaboration to ensure a seamless response to military-related IPV victims.

When: Thursday, March 31, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV

Speaker Background Information:

A retired Navy captain social worker, Tinney has advocated for victims of IPV since the 1970s. Her work to change systems and eliminate violence against women has spanned several decades in both civilian and military systems. In her current position for the BWJP, she manages a special project to develop a model coordinated community response to co-occurring incidents of combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder and IPV. She organizes training webinars and audio-conferences for military and civilian victim advocates that address the unique needs of military-related IPV victims and the challenges of advocating in these cases.

Photo/Interview Opportunity:

The speaker is available to be filmed onsite at the workshop and is also available for one-on-one interviews, which can be set up by contacting Norma Restivo (775.828.1115, ext. 15 at NormaR@nnadv.org) or Judy Henderson (775.828.1115, ext. 20 at JudyH@nnadv.org) with the NNADV.

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[About NNADV:](#)

The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons. As Nevada's statewide coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network which both supports its member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state.

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