

SAVE THE DATE

“SOONER THAN LATER...THE FIRST 48”

Domestic Violence Training Conference for Police Officers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2023 &

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2023



This training will provide:

- **an opportunity for Police Officers, who respond to Domestic Violence calls, to develop and strengthen response skills with both victims and offenders.**
- **hands on skill building using role plays, videos, and keynote speakers to help Police Officers engage in understanding responses to Domestic Violence.**
- **ways to recognize coercive control, understanding its impact on abusive domestic relationships, and best practices in responding to it.**

Location: Best Western Plus, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth (Burnside), NS

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***There is no fee for this two-day conference (includes lunch and breaks)however police agencies will be responsible for travel and accommodations.**

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**“Sooner than (and) Later”:
Violence, Resistance and the Power in Language**



March 30, 2023
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Accurate analysis and descriptions of violence are necessary for effective interventions in the short and long term. Language can be used to conceal violence, obscure offender responsibility, conceal victim/survivor responses and resistance, and blame and pathologize victims/survivors. Inaccurate language is associated with ineffective and harmful institutional responses to violence of all kinds.

Alternatively, language can be used to reveal violence, clarify offender responsibility, acknowledge victim/survivor responses and resistance, and contest the blaming and pathologizing of victims/survivors.

Allan will highlight the unending desire for safety and dignity and what this means for working with victims/survivors and offenders. He will show how victims/survivors resist violence, how offenders work to overcome and suppress that resistance, and what the quality of institutional responses means for everyone involved. He will also present interviewing methods for use with victims/survivors and offenders immediately (“Sooner than Later”) and over the longer term; phrasing questions and comments, promoting a sense of safety, shifting from “effects” to “responses”, tracking social interaction, using “unilateral” rather than “mutual” terms, developing accounts of resistance with victims/survivors, developing accounts of control and deliberation with offenders, highlighting pre-existing ability, and exploring false descriptions.

Bio: Allan Wade, Ph.D.

Allan Wade Ph.D. lives on the unceded territory of the Quw’utsun First Nation, on southern Vancouver Island, B.C. He works as a therapist, researcher and consultant with a primary interest in promoting socially just and effective responses to violence and other forms of adversity. Allan works with individuals and families, with youth and adults, with people who have committed violence and people who have been harmed by violence. Allan works extensively with Indigenous peoples locally, in the Canadian north, and abroad.

Allan provides training to the network of service providers who become involved in cases of violence: child protection, police, lawyers and judges, counsellors, shelter and refuge staff, youth workers, victim assistance workers, and educators. He teaches locally and internationally and has published many articles on the power of dignity and resistance, working with victims/survivors and offenders, the importance of institutional responses, and the connection between violence and language.