Thinking about Trauma in the Context of DV: Complex Trauma, Collective Trauma, Ongoing Risk
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Responding to trauma in the context of DV raises a number of issues for research and practice. While there are numerous interventions designed to reduce trauma-related symptoms, most were developed to address events that occurred in the past. Yet, for many survivors the abuse is ongoing and may include efforts to undermine their sanity, sobriety and recovery. This not only affects safety and well-being but impacts treatment as well. Many survivors also experience collective forms of trauma, highlighting the need for collective as well as individual approaches. Presenters will discuss existing evidence-based trauma treatment modalities for survivors of DV, the applicability of complex trauma models that have not yet been studied in a DV context, and the implications of recent research on mental health and substance use coercion. They will also discuss implications of ongoing social/political trauma for DV survivors and their communities and approaches to transforming its long-term effects.

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