

PRESENTATION

Including victims' voices in response to sexual and physical abuse... the problem and the direction.



Professor Mary Koss

Mary Koss, PhD, is a Regents' Professor in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona. She published the first national study sexual assault among college students in 1987. She was the principal investigator of the RESTORE Program; the first restorative justice program for sex crimes among adults that was quantitatively evaluated. She also directed Safety Connections, a restorative justice-based family strengthening program for children under 5 exposed to violence. She has developed resources for campus use including ARC3 Campus Climate Survey and the STARRSA model for rehabilitation of those responsible for sexual misconduct. Her ongoing work evaluates a sexual assault primary prevention program focusing on staff of alcohol serving establishments. She recently published a test of the "serial rape" hypothesis among college men. Her credentials document close to 300 publications. The most recent appeared in American Psychologist and focused on victim voice and in re-envisioning responses to sexual and physical violence, better responses to underserved populations, and greater alignment of funding from the Violence Against Women Act funding with expressed victim needs. Consultations with national and international health organizations and governments. During her career she has consulted with many national and international health and advocacy organizations. Since 2016 she advised the US Departments of Justice, Education, and the White House Taskforce on Campus Sexual Assault. She was the 8th recipient of the Visionary Award from End Violence Against Women International. She has received awards from the American Psychological Association: the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy (2000) and the Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology (2017).

There can be challenges working in regional communities, which may not have access to the resources of their capital city counterparts. This presentation explores how services can work together in a coordinated way to better serve those most in need. It will focus on how hearing the voices of victims can guide us to develop new ways to respond to those most affected by sexual and physical violence. This is my personal crusade. I come from the US, where we are very proud of ourselves for our sophisticated response system, yet our statistics clearly show that we are not serving the neediest and we are not providing resources for those in 'survival mode'. This is really two pieces: the problem and how we can collaborate to improve life outcomes, especially for the unserved or underserved.

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