



## **Understanding Violence: Assessing and Managing Risk**

NYS Social Work CE Contact Hours: 2.0

CASAC Renewal Credit Hours: 2.0

This workshop will provide attendees with an overall understanding of violence and its origins from a bio-psycho-social perspective. Different types of violence will be reviewed, such as general violence, sexual violence and intimate partner violence. This workshop will examine the relationship between mental illness, substance abuse, personality disorders and violence. It will also review the risk and protective factors (individual and contextual) that have been shown by the empirical and theoretical literatures to be associated with violent behavior. Furthermore, attendees will learn about the different approaches to violence risk assessment and will be introduced to the HCR-20 (a violence risk assessment tool). Finally, this workshop will present different approaches to the management and treatment of violent behavior. To integrate the information learned through didactics, a clinical case will be presented and attendees will be asked to formulate the case in terms of violence risk and to develop a risk management plan accordingly.

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