

## Working together for a safe home: multidisciplinary centers and the approach of gender-based and domestic violence

An initiative of the Flemish government, Department of Justice and Enforcement, the Leuven Institute of Criminology (Linc) and the European Family Justice Center Alliance (EFJCA).

### LOCATION

College De Valk, KULeuven, Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

### PARTICIPATION

- ▶ You can participate both physically (limited number of places) and online (unlimited)
- ▶ Participation is free
- ▶ You can register (for 1 or 2 days) via [www.efjca.eu](http://www.efjca.eu)

### LANGUAGE

- ▶ Plenary: English
- ▶ In-depth sessions: Dutch and English

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### PROGRAM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2023

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#### 8.30 REGISTRATION

#### 9.00 'GETTING STARTED'

By Pascale Franck, expert gender-based violence, Department of Justice and Enforcement and vice-president EFJCA and Dries Wyckmans, department head gender-based violence, Department of Justice and Enforcement (Belgium)

#### 9.15 'A WARM WELCOME'

By professor emeritus Ivo Aertsen, Leuven Institute of Criminology, KU Leuven (Belgium)

#### 9.30 'WHAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WANT YOU TO KNOW'

By Eva Verween, trauma therapist at Elpida (Belgium)

#### 10.15 'IN CONTROL: DANGEROUS RELATIONSHIPS AND HOW THEY END IN MURDER'

By professor Jane Monckton-Smith, expert in coercive control in relationships and Susan Haile, expert in intimate homicide (United Kingdom)

#### 11.00 TIME FOR COFFEE

#### 11.30 'NON-FATAL STRANGULATION'

By prof. dr. Catherine White: Medical Director of the Institute for Addressing Strangulation & the Sexual Offence Medicine, Lead for the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (United Kingdom)

#### 12.15 LUNCH

#### 13.00 'RISK ASSESSMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE FLEMISH FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS'

By Dr. Anne Groenen, researcher, UCLL and Linc, Eveline De Wree, strategic coordinator FJC's Antwerp, Department of Justice and Enforcement and Nienke Scholten, advisor to the police and prosecutor's office at Department of Justice and Enforcement (Belgium)

#### 14.00 IN-DEPTH SESSIONS

##### 1. 'Coercive control, a Belgian definition' (English, streaming provided)

By Marie Denis, clinical psychologist, Institute for the Equality of Women and Men (Belgium)

##### 2. 'The Science of Hope. A workshop about science and happiness' (English, max. 24 people)

By Davy Simons, Hope-dealer, City of Antwerp (Belgium)

##### 3. 'Child to parent violence' (Dutch)

By Willem Beckers, systemic psychotherapist at Interactie-Academie and Yana Demeyere, PHD researcher at the VUB, University of Brussels (Belgium)

#### 15.15 TIME FOR COFFEE

#### 15.45-17.00 IN-DEPTH SESSIONS

##### 1. 'The role and approach of the police and the public prosecutor's office within the Family Justice Center' (Dutch)

By Nienke Scholten and Valerie Swennen, advisors to the police and prosecutor's office at Department of Justice and Enforcement and Pieterjan Buyse, criminologist FJC Antwerp (Belgium)

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#### 17.30-19.00 NETWORK DRINK

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**9.00 'WARMING UP'**

By Pascale Franck en Dries Wyckmans (Belgium)

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By Professor Kasia Uzieblo, PHD (Belgium)
- 2. 'The intersectoral approach to honour-related violence within the Family Justice Center Limburg' (English)**  
By Sonja Cebulski, operational coordinator FJC Limburg, Department of Justice and Enforcement and Kris Lukaszcyk, Police zone Carma (Belgium)
- 3. 'Child focus in cases of domestic violence' (Dutch)**  
By Liv Leeman, VECK (Flemish Expertise Center on Child Abuse) and child therapist at the CAW (Center for General Welfare) Oost-Brabant (Belgium)
- 4. 'An introduction to the phenomenon of siblings violence' (Dutch)**  
By Eva van Kelecom, PHD researcher, LINC, KULeuven (Belgium)

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**13.15 'JUSTICE, HOPE, AND HEALING: THE ROLE OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN SUPPORTING FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS'**

By Susan Williams, Consultant and former Deputy Director of the US Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime.

**13.45 'THE IMPORTANCE OF PEER GROUP SUPPORT IN THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER'**

By Karen Casier, operational coordinator and Katrien Monsecour, case manager, FJC Mechelen (Belgium)

**14.15 'LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ROLLOUT OF FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN FRANCE'**

By Dr. Ghada Hatem, director FJC Paris en coordinator network 'Maison des Femmes' (France)

**14.45 TIME FOR COFFEE**

**15.15 'STARTING UP A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AND MAKING IT SUSTAINABLE'**

By Mary-Claire Landry, consultant, Alliance for Hope International (United States)

**15.45 PREMIERE OF THE FILM ABOUT THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN FLANDERS**

**16.00 'THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLLOUT OF THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN FLANDERS'**

By Zuhail Demir, Flemish Minister of Justice and Enforcement

**16.30 'WRAPPING-UP'**

By Pascale Franck and Dries Wyckmans