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With the great increase in adult usage of the Internet, that use now extends to carrying out domestic violence. Research by the National Network to End Domestic Violence showed that 97% of victim-service providers had clients whose abusers used technology to stalk, harass, and control their victims. Many survivors are hesitant to report these crimes out of fear that they won’t be believed, that the crime will be minimized, or that it could be difficult to prove. This initiative will try to increase awareness among judges, court staff, and law enforcement about how technology is used in this way.

Collectively, the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges have provided comprehensive domestic-violence training for more than 20 years. Their new initiative on cyberviolence will create a series of training programs and materials that will be available at no cost to judges and court personnel. Materials will be available in an online toolkit and through trainings that will be held around the country and online. More information about the trainings will be made available on the National Network to End Domestic Violence website (www.nnedv.org) and at www.tech-safety.org.

Each module has clearly identified learning objectives, video scenarios and presentations, interactive exercises to check comprehension of key points, and resources to explore for further information. There are courtroom-based scenarios, dynamic panel discussions, and additional interactive content. Short of attending an intensive, three- to five-day training program, nothing like this has ever been put together. And it’s totally free to you and your colleagues.

Cyberviolence Training Opportunity from the National Network to End Domestic Violence Safety Project http://www.nnedv.org

The National Network to End Domestic Violence, in partnership with the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and others, has announced a three-year Cyberviolence Court Training Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to develop a model training curriculum to enhance the judicial response to cyberviolence.

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