ALLIES IN CHANGE

ONE-DAY ADVANCED TRAINING VIA ZOOM

Co-occurring Mental Health Issues in Abusive Partners

Thursday, November 19th, 2026

Chris Huffine, Psy.D.

Time	Format	CEUs
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PDT 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EDT	Training provided live via Zoom	6 CEUs available

An advanced training to examine common ethical dilemmas and challenges when working with abusive partners

Allies in Change is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Portland, OR. It is one of the largest Abuse Intervention Programs in the state, offering about thirty groups for abusive partners, including specialized groups for voluntary attendees and for women. Of particular note, Allies in Change works with over 70 voluntary abusive partners, more than any other agency in the country.

Training Overview

There is general agreement that intimate partner violence is its own issue and not the result of any particular mental health issue. At the same time, substance abuse, trauma, and other mental health issues are common among abusive partners. This training will provide an overview of some of the most common mental health issues present in abusive partners, including trauma, substance abuse, mood disorders, neurodiversity, and personality disorders. Attendees will learn how to screen for the presence of these issues and how they may manifest in their group work. Time will be spent discussing how to effectively manage these issues in group participants.

Learning Goals

- Enhance your understanding of common psychological issues present in abusive partners
- Deepen your ability to effectively screen and identify common psychological issues
- Identify common ways psychological issues may interfere or impact the group work
- Sharpen your understanding of how specific psychological issues can increase risk of further violence and criminal recidivism
- Discuss ways to intervene with specific psychological issues as they present themselves in group participants

Who Should Attend

This training is for those who work with abusive partners who have more limited psychological training, including administrative and program staff as well as facilitators

Core Takeaway

Participants will leave with greater clarity and understanding of common psychological issues including substance abuse, trauma, personality disorders, and suicidality and how those issues may play out and need to be addressed in abuse intervention programs

Agenda

- Common psychological issues
- Mood disorders
- Trauma
- Suicidality
- Learning disorders
- Neurodiversity
- Traumatic brain injury
- Thought disorders
- Substance abuse
- Personality disorder
- Paranoia
- Screening guidelines for psychological issues
- Intervening with psychological issues
- Specific risk issues related to the presence of certain psychological condition

About the Presenter

Chris Huffine, Psy.D.

Chris Huffine, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist who has worked with abusive men for over 30 years. He is the Executive Director of Allies in Change in Portland, Oregon, which he founded in 2004. During his career he has worked with thousands of abusive men and hundreds of female and male victims of abuse. He is a founding member of the Oregon state BIP standards group. He is considered to be a national expert on working with abusive partners and has provided trainings around the country, including a semi-annual 40-hour training on working with abusive men. He is the author of "Becoming Allies . . . With Your Partner, Yourself, and Others: Addressing the Abuse and Control in Your Relationships", a comprehensive book for abusive partners on identifying and changing their patterns of abuse and control.

Registration & Pricing

EARLY REGISTRATION*	REGULAR
$100	$125

Easy Registration

1. Phone: (503) 297-7979
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Payment

To pay by debit or credit card, please pay online at www.alliesinchange.org, or call our office.
Checks can be mailed to the address shown and made payable to Allies in Change.

*Early registration must be received 14 days prior to the training.
Group discounts are available

Allies in Change is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Oregon. It provides abuse intervention programming, counseling services, and advanced professional trainings focused on working effectively and responsibly with abusive partners.

Upcoming Advanced Trainings

To be announced!

A full schedule of 1-day advanced trainings for the entire year of 2027 will be sent out in December