Intimate partner violence continues to happen in families with alarming frequency. In this course, dynamics that contribute to intimate partner violence will be explored, as well as strategies for assessing if intimate partner violence is occurring in relationships. The training will also highlight ways to understand how both perpetrators and survivors are best helped to wellness. This course will also sensitively explore the added challenges that people in communities of color and members of the LGBTQ community face when intimate partner violence is impacting their lives. Specific scripts for speaking to survivors and perpetrators will be developed and practiced. Vignettes will be presented, and case plans will be developed.

**Dr. Laura S. Anderson** is a clinical child and family psychologist who is licensed in Hawaii and California, and she has worked with youth and families for over twenty years. Dr. Anderson is currently based primarily in Hawaii. Her areas of expertise include school-based behavioral health, assessment, support for adoptive families, support for gender expansive youth and their families, foster care consultation, and the provision of cross-culturally sensitive care. She is lucky to have had wonderful clinical mentors and enjoys teaching others things she has learned “in the trenches” of direct service to children, adolescents, families, schools, and various other agencies. Dr. Anderson enjoys working with kids, families, and systems as they overcome barriers, build on their strengths, and thrive.

**Course Objectives**

1. Learn 3-5 relevant statistics related to intimate partner violence.
2. Practice implementing difficult conversations as part of treatment planning.
3. Practice 3 ways to sensitively assess for the presence of intimate partner violence.
4. Review case vignettes and develop interventions and support plans for people experiencing intimate partner violence.

**Audience:** Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) clinical staff and contracted CBO providers are welcome. Capacity is limited. Open until filled.

**Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020**

10am-4pm | Online Course, zoom link shared after registration

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