



**King County Coalition  
Against Domestic  
Violence**

**Presents**

**Strengthening Survivors' Support Networks**  
**Working with Friends and Family Members as First Responders**

**Thursday, December 17, 2009**

**9:00am–12 noon**

**Seattle Red Cross**

**1900 25th Ave S.**

**Seattle, WA 98144**

**Presented by Connie Burk of the NW Network of  
Bi, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse**

What advocates have learned from survivors over the years is confirmed by the Washington State Fatality Review and other recent research: most domestic violence victims reach out to neighbors, friends and family members before they consider calling a professional legal or social service organization. What does this finding mean for how we do our work to support survivors? What changes are needed to reach community members and equip them to be effective "first responders" to their loved ones?

Join Connie Burk as she shares thoughts on how domestic violence advocates understand our work in relationship to survivors' friends and families. She will offer ideas for working with survivors to strengthen their connections to their natural support networks, as well as strategies for working directly with the friends and family members of survivors.

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