

International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (Formerly known as the International Conference on Family Violence)

Each year IVAT hosts the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego. The Conference holds open proposal and submission processes for interested presenters. Conference goals are to coordinate efforts, bridge gaps and comprehensively examine strategies that prevent violence, abuse and trauma. IVAT brings together international and national leaders, consumer-survivors, researchers, practitioners, and those working on the front lines with children, families, adult victims and offenders. The event includes numerous topic tracks for all levels of experience and expertise. We examine controversial and current issues. The event is unique in its large array of networking opportunities, its strong emphasis on collaboration, and the integration of researchers, practitioners and policymakers.

Bookstore

The IVAT Bookstore provides an excellent selection of books and educational resources at discounted rates of 5%-70%. The books focus on all aspects of violence, abuse and trauma, clinical practice, legal issues, and related topics. Our extensive inventory is available online at our website (www.IVATBookstore.org). IVAT ships everywhere and we provide services to conferences.



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Monarch School Mural, reflecting diversity, peace, and the negative impact of violence and abuse. Monarch School Mural, given to IVAT in 2002.



Promoting Violence-free Homes, Communities and Societies

- IVAT is a comprehensive resource, training and professional services center concerned with all aspects of violence, abuse and trauma.
- IVAT interfaces with Alliant International University's academic schools and centers to provide educational training.
- Through a focus on key collaborations, IVAT bridges gaps and helps improve current systems of care on local, national and global levels.

Our Mission

To improve the quality of life for individuals on local, national and international levels by sharing and disseminating vital information, improving collaborations and networking, conducting research and trainings, assisting with direct professional services, program evaluation, and consulting to promote violence-free living.

History

In July 2006, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) joined with Alliant International University to form the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). FVSAI, founded in 1984, by Robert Geffner, Ph.D., became a 501(c)(3) organization in 1991, and gradually expanded its scope to include child, teen, and elder maltreatment as well as sexual assault issues.

IVAT is an international resource and training center that focuses directly and specifically on violence prevention, assessment and intervention across a wide social spectrum. IVAT works closely with FVSAI to achieve the missions of each.

Alliant International University

Alliant International University is a private, not-for-profit institution of higher learning accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Alliant prepares students for professional careers in service and leadership, and promotes the discovery and application of knowledge to improve the lives of people in diverse communities. Schools within Alliant include the California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), the Alliant School of Management (ASM), the Shirley M. Hufstедler School of Education (HSOE), the California School of Forensic Studies (CSFS), and the San Francisco Law School. Alliant campus locations include: Fresno, Irvine, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Mexico City, and Hong Kong. Alliant is an equal opportunity employer and educator, with an 85 year legacy in the State of California.

Services and Products

IVAT and FVSAI offer a wide range of services, including professional training, continuing education, certifications, publications, a bookstore, professional clinical and forensic services, research, program evaluations, an annual international conference, regional mini-conferences, public policy, think tanks and outreach.

Our Vision A world free from violence, abuse and trauma

Professional Services

IVAT provides clinical, forensic and consulting services, program evaluation to individuals, families, agencies, attorneys and courts. The Professional Services team provides consultation, psychological assessment, forensic evaluations, counseling and other treatment as well as expert witness and related services.

Public Policy and Community Relations

IVAT takes an interdisciplinary, scientific approach to public awareness and policy issues. We put science into service. IVAT works collaboratively, partnering with multidisciplinary agencies and consumers to develop, evaluate and disseminate innovative approaches. Think Tanks link research, practice and policy. IVAT also provides logistic support for the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence across the Lifespan (NPEIV) and the Stop Abuse Campaign (SAC).

Publications and Journals

IVAT publishes and disseminates an array of professional materials, specialized books, games, and videos through its own press. The materials are available through our website. Peer-reviewed journals edited by IVAT include the Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma, the Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, the Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma, and the Journal of Child Custody published by Taylor & Francis, and the recent addition of the Journal of Family Violence published by Springer.

Professional Training

IVAT provides continuing education and training opportunities to professionals and front-line practitioners in the fields of violence, abuse and trauma. This includes an annual International Conference as well as the regional conferences and workshops, held worldwide. A Speakers' Bureau is also available for professional training worldwide. IVAT is accredited to offer continuing education (CE) credits for a variety of professions. IVAT additionally offers certification programs for mental health and other professions in Domestic Violence Offender Treatment, Child Custody, Family Violence and Child and Adult Trauma.

