

## **Learning objectives: VAWC certificate program**

### Foundation

- Develop an awareness of violence against women and children as deeply interconnected with social work's mission to serve and empower vulnerable populations
- Develop an awareness of violence against women and children as a world wide phenomenon.
- Identify and critique the theories used to explain the existence of violence against women and children.
- Develop an understanding of how issues of race, class, sexual identity, religion, immigration status and other factors impact the experience of abuse for women and children.
- Understand the various levels of VAWC prevention, including primary, tertiary and secondary.
- Develop the ability to critically analyze research available on violence against women and children.

### Practice implications

- Identify the unique dynamics of the various types of abuse impacting women and children including: physical, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse.
- Identify the impact of abuse on women and children, and the myriad interlocking issues such as substance abuse, PTSD, repeated victimizations, and other issues that may develop in the lives of victims.
- Develop an awareness of the ethical and safety concerns particular to working with survivors of abuse
- Identify the various options and resources available to survivors of abuse, including medical and forensic resources; legal options; shelter and housing; and mental health services.
- Understand and critically analyze the various interventions used to work with survivors of abuse, including crisis intervention, empowerment and feminist therapies
- Understand and critically analyze the various VAWC prevention and education programs used with different populations.

### Policy implications

- Identify the history and national movements that have developed as a response to violence against women and children
- Understand the evolution of policies that address VAWC and their implications.