

## Handling Adult Disclosures of Sexual Trauma

Individuals from a variety of public service professions are often the first persons to discover or learn that those who they serve and care for have been victims of sexual violence. The first response a survivor of sexual trauma receives after disclosing their experience of trauma is an important factor in reducing secondary trauma and encouraging the survivor to seek further care.

Since the YWCA understands that handling sexual trauma disclosures can be challenging, we are offering a workshop for professionals interested in learning positive and supportive ways to handle the disclosures of sexual trauma when working with adult survivors.

### Presenter Bios:

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Jessica is a second year Master of Social Work student at Loyola University Chicago graduating this May. She previously obtained her B.A. in Applied Psychology with a minor in Gender and Women's Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2012. Jessica is currently a Counseling Intern with the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago's Sexual Violence & Support Services through June of this year.

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Luisa is a Bilingual Therapist at the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago's Sexual Violence & Support Services. Luisa received her M.A. in Counseling Psychology with a concentration in trauma at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She previously interned at Heartland Alliance Human Care where she worked with child, adolescent, and adult survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence. Luisa is originally from Venezuela where she obtained her Bachelor degree in Psychology and also worked as a therapist in various settings including mental health agencies, schools, and psychiatric hospitals.