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## **Mandated Reporting**

**March 17, 2026**

**1:00pm-4:00pm**

**Via Zoom**

**\*STARS credit, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), and Addictions CEUs offered!\***

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IDN is partnering with **Marshall University School Health Technical Assistance Center (MUSHTAC)** to offer continuing education units (CEUs) for **Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC)** and **Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (AADC)**.



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## **TRAINERS**

**Sara Robinson**

Sara Robinson is a **certified trainer** for West Virginia's Making a Difference: Mandate to Report program, bringing nearly a decade of experience supporting families through home visitation and early childhood education. As Supervisor for the Harrison-Marion **Parents as Teachers** program, she has extensive firsthand knowledge of child development, family dynamics, and the critical role mandated reporters play in ensuring child safety.



## Lesley Slaughter

Lesley Slaughter is a **certified trainer** in Mandated Reporting, Lean On Me, Circle of Parents, Libera, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), and others. Her professional experience includes Membership & Outreach Director at WV Grantmakers, Associate Director for Central WV Community Action, and she is currently the **Lewis County Family Resource Network - Family Support Center Director**. Her work focuses on building knowledgeable, confident professionals and strengthening systems that support children, families, and communities through practical, trauma-informed approaches.

## Training Description

Unfortunately, those of us who work with children run into situations where we observe or hear from children about varying forms of **neglect and abuse**. As a child-serving adult, we are mandated reporters and must determine if what a child is sharing merits a report to DHHR or requires support and intervention with the family. **Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia** has updated their "*Making a Difference: Mandate to Report, Responsibility to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect*" Curriculum. The updated curriculum incorporates additional information regarding distinguishing between poverty and neglect, addressing bias for mandated reporters, and ways to offer support to families in addition to how to make a report to the CPS hotline.

The "Making a Difference" curriculum helps mandated reporters and those who work with children and families:

- Understand when you are legally required to call CPS, including when it is more appropriate to refer for community-based services
- Reduce bias in the decision-making process
- Foster a greater understanding of the impact of trauma, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)
- Foster a greater understanding of protective factors and supports you can refer families to in lieu of making a report to CPS.

**This training is open to anyone who is a mandated reporter.**

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