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ABSTRACT

RJ in cases of domestic violence - specifics, possibilities and risks
Domestic violence is usually violence by men against women within the family or partnership, often based on an imbalance of power. A fundamental difference to other cases in victim-offender mediation lies in the consideration of the interests of the victims that are worth protecting. Therefore case processing is carried out by a gender-mixed mediation team. Often children are involved and suffer particularly from the violent family situation. The processing of VOM cases in this field requires special sensitivity and competence.

Questions/topics within the presentation:

- Characteristics of the particular case constellation and dynamics of the violent relationship
- Work in the gender-mixed mediation team, Co-mediation
- Individual approaches, gender-specific advice
- Individual discussions, mediation discussion, balance sheet discussion
- Cooperation partners, networking
- Perspectives of victims, dealing with traumatisation
- Influence of domestic violence for children
- Exclusion criteria