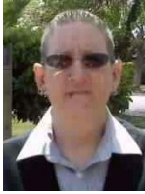


About Our Speaker:
DAKOTA M DRACONI, MSW

Dakota earned a Master's in Social Work with Distinction from Fresno State in 2012, at which time she also received the Student Affairs Graduate Dean's Medal for her accomplishments. In 2008, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies from Fresno State.



Dakota is a member of the National Coalition Building Institute International Fresno State Affiliate Team and a Certified Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor with Marjaree Mason Center in Fresno. Dakota works at Fresno State as part time faculty for both the Women's Studies Program and the Department of Social Work Education.

Dakota is the mother of three, and a survivor of severe child abuse. She co-founded Breaking the Silence, a local nonprofit child abuse awareness organization. Through her own experiences, as well as her education in the field, she has developed a deep passion for raising awareness on child abuse and related issues.

Dakota has been providing guest lectures and presentations throughout the Fresno/Clovis community since 1999 to classes and groups at Fresno City College, California State University Fresno, Alliant International University, Sierra Massage School, Owens Valley Career Development Center, Promesa Behavioral Health, and other locations. She has also carried her message as far away as Alliant International University, Alhambra Campus, and Connecticut (via Skype).

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CHILD ABUSE IN AMERICA

To provide the audience with increased awareness of the individual, familial, community, societal, and political realities of child abuse in America, and to inspire them to do their part to combat the epidemic.

- *Format:* Informative, Experiential, & Persuasive Lecture with or without Q&A (Length 2:00-3:00 Hours)
- *Topics:* Recognizing the Reality of Child Abuse in America; Parenting for Prevention (Optional, Longer Version Only); How We Can All Make a Difference

TRAUMA, DISSOCIATION, AND RECOVERY

To provide the audience with a survivor's perspective on what is required of a therapist working with survivors and multiples.

- *Format:* Informative & Experiential Lecture with Q&A (Length 1:30-2:00 Hours)
- *Topics:* A Survivor's Multigenerational Story; Therapist Tools; Expanded DID Basics; Client Tools; Stages of Healing; Therapist Self-Care

DISSOCIATIVE IDENTITY DISORDER

To provide the audience with an opportunity to explore the mind and life of an actual multiple in order to promote greater understanding of multiplicity (etiology and realities) from a first person plural perspective.

- *Format:* Informative & Experiential Lecture with Q&A (Length 1:30-2:00 Hours)
- *Topics:* Implicating Ritualistic Sexual Abuse; Demystifying Multiplicity; Living, Functioning, and Parenting; Therapeutic Goals

BODYWORK / MASSAGE: A SURVIVOR'S PERSPECTIVE

To provide the audience with awareness (or increased awareness) of the crucial importance of bodywork to survivors' healing processes, as well as some significant issues pertinent to doing bodywork on survivors.

- *Format:* Informative & Experiential Q&A w/Brief Intro (Length 1:00-1.30 Hours)
- *Topics:* Survivors' Need for Bodywork; Potential Issues with Bodywork; Survivors' Needs in Bodywork

GROUP / AUDIENCE SIZE:

No group is too big or too small; we will do presentations for any size class, group, business, or organization. (*Exception: See workshop format below.*)

FEES / COSTS:

The organization does not charge for the individual lectures or presentations. (*Exception: See workshop format below.*) However, we do require that travel, parking, food, and housing be covered when applicable. Additionally, voluntary donations to the organization and speaker honorariums are always welcome and appreciated.

HOW TO SCHEDULE:

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WORKSHOP FORMAT:

The workshop format combines Child Abuse in America; Trauma, Dissociation, and Recovery; and Dissociative Identity Disorder presentations for groups, businesses, or organizations. Length 5 or 7 hours, breaks included. Minimum 25 attendees. Speaker honorarium Minimum \$10 per attendee, plus expenses (where applicable).