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Post-Separation Coercive Control · Institutional Response · Impact on the Ability to Leave & Rebuild



ABOUT CRYSTAL

Crystal L. Fedeli, M.A., M.A., is a Social Researcher & Policy Analyst, Speaker, Trainer, Consultant, and award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit Founder & Executive Director.

While many ask, "Why doesn't she just leave?" Crystal examines a different question: "What happens when she does?"

Grounded in lived experience, independent research, and ongoing professional practice, Crystal works on both sides of the problem: helping survivors navigate post-separation coercive control and helping professionals and institutions better understand and respond to it.

SIGNATURE TOPIC

When Coercive Control Turns Financial

The Family Court Response and Its Impact on Survivors' Ability to Leave and Rebuild

For many survivors, leaving an abusive relationship doesn't mean the abuse ends. It simply changes form.

Drawing on lived experience, multidisciplinary research and legal analysis, as well as survivor and expert perspectives, this presentation examines how post-separation financial coercive control can continue through family court proceedings, how institutional responses can affect survivors' ability to leave and rebuild, and opportunities for more informed professional practices.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

01 Recognize patterns of post-separation coercive control.

02 Identify how coercive control can extend into family court proceedings.

0**3** Examine how institutional responses can reinforce or interrupt coercive dynamics.

04 Explore opportunities for more informed professional and institutional practices.

RESEARCH & PODCAST

Drawing on her lived experience, Crystal authored a 35-page research synthesis citing 28 multidisciplinary sources, including peer-reviewed literature and New Jersey law. She also went on to conduct nearly 100 podcast interviews with survivors and leading experts, including Lundy Bancroft, Dr. James Ptacek, Margaret B. Drew, Esq., Erika Sussman, Esq., Dr. Laura Johnson, Dr. Hsiu-Fen Lin, and Cynthia Amezcua, Esq., further exploring post-separation coercive control and the institutional responses survivors encounter.

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