

## **Jill Davies**

Attorney Jill Davies is the deputy director of Greater Hartford Legal Aid (GHLA) and directs Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence, a key initiative of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC), in collaboration with GHLA. Her advocacy on behalf of family violence victims spans three decades.

One aspect of her work is the conception and continued development of the *victim-defined* approach to advocacy. She has written and consulted extensively on issues of importance to family violence victims, including advocacy and safety planning, poverty, and legal issues. In Connecticut and nationally, she has presented on trauma-informed legal practice issues.

The author of numerous articles and materials regarding violence against women and family violence, her writing encourages critical thinking and supports improved practice. She is the co-author of the book, *Domestic Violence Advocacy: Complex Lives/Difficult Choices*, Sage Publications (2014). Recent publications include: *Victim-Defined Safety Planning* (GHLA, 2017); *Victim-Defined Advocacy beyond Leaving: Safer through Strategies to Reduce Violent Behavior* (GHLA/NRC, forthcoming).

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