



Violence Against Women Grant Program ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

Pennsylvania's Plain Communities: Culture, Interpersonal Violence, and the Court Experience

Pennsylvania is home to the world's largest concentration of Plain Communities, which include Amish, Old Order Mennonites, and other religious groups. These communities are often characterized by their simple living, plain dress, and separation from modern society. Enhance cultural responsiveness by learning about barriers persons from Plain Communities face in reporting abuse and tips for supporting persons from Plain Communities in a court setting.

We invite Pennsylvania judges, court personnel, victim-services personnel, prosecutors, law enforcement, probation, interpreters, and other aligned professionals to join us for a special multi-part webinar training series. This training series aims to enhance understanding in order to build relationships between the commonwealth's Plain Communities and justice system professionals.

December 4, 2025, 12 pm EST - Overview of Plain Communities, Part 1

Taught by Steven Nolt (Professor of history and Anabaptist studies and director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College)
1 substantive CLE or CJE credit. 1 interpreter CEU credit.

December 11, 2025, 12 pm EST - Overview of Plain Communities, Part 2

Taught by Steven Nolt (Professor of history and Anabaptist studies and director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College)
1 substantive CLE or CJE credit. 1 interpreter CEU credit.

December 18, 2025, 12 pm EST - Interpersonal Violence in Plain Communities

Taught by Danielle Harvey (Counselor and Medical Supervisor at Lancaster YWCA)
1 substantive CLE or CJE credit. 1 interpreter CEU credit.

January 8, 2026, 12 pm EST - Court Experience Panel

Moderated by Hon. Dennis Reinaker (Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas), including Robin McMillion (Legal Advocate) and members of Pennsylvania Plain Communities
1 ethics CLE or CJE credit. 1 interpreter CEU credit.

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Registration subject to approval

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