

Domestic violence is a sensitive and difficult topic to tackle, especially for media reporters. On Saturday, Oct. 11, members of the media are invited to discuss the issue with advocacy groups and domestic violence survivors.

"Do Ask... We Will Tell," is sponsored by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is part of the Clinical Lecture Series at the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The event is being funded by a grant from the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission.

This workshop will offer reporters a chance to ask questions and hear directly from a panel of survivors who are willing to talk openly about their history, their struggles and their strength. Reporters, in turn, will also have an opportunity to discuss their own limitations in covering domestic violence issues, to brainstorm for story ideas, hear about additional resources and discuss ways to develop good working relationships with advocacy groups.

The event will kick off with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m. at the School of Social Work, 325 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill. The workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon in the School's Tate-Turner-Kuralt Auditorium. The workshop is free and open to all members of the media and others interested in domestic violence issues.

To ensure panelists' safety, attendees are asked to preregister. To attend, call (919) 956-9124 or (888) 232-9124.