

2022 NOFSW Annual Conference Agenda 5.23.22

Tuesday June 14 1:00-2:00

Opening Plenary: Women's Reentry and Healing Through Storytelling

This plenary will offer examples of creative and innovative strategies to support the needs of women impacted by incarceration and trauma. We will respond to the strong call for social workers to provide supports and service that demonstrate an understanding of the lived experience of the clients they serve. We will introduce how storytelling can be the vehicle for client change and a deeper understanding of the client choice. Becoming more conscious of ways of thinking and beliefs that influence choice-making is a crucial tool to effectively serving those most in need especially those impacted by the criminal justice system.

Ashley McSwain, MSW, MSOD, Executive Director, Community Family Life Services

Tuesday June 14 2:15-3:45

1. Trauma-Informed Service Provision for Justice-Involved Populations

We will explore common sources of trauma and keys to successful trauma-informed service delivery within the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Ethics, diversity, and advocacy are integrated into a discussion on engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation strategies for the direct service provider in forensic settings.

Ali Winters, DSW

2. Law Enforcement and Social Workers' collaboration: How do we know we're improving Social Justice and structural change? (Beginner)

Collaboration between police and social work has shown improved outcomes. But is it improving social justice and structural change? Learn about the varying models, training, and policies of these collaborations.

Lisa Rapp McCall, PhD; Jeffrey Golden, MS, JD

3. Preparing Child Victims and Witnesses for Court: Prepping for Success (Intermediate)

This workshop will help mental health providers sharpen their skills and influence court personal to reduce children's stress around testimony, as well as improve children's ability on the stand for better outcomes. The workshop will overview the current and relevant research that guides both clinical and legal best practices.

Stacie LeBlanc, JD, MEd; Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, MSW, MJ

4. Research Sessions

4.1 Police Social Work: Lessons from the 1970s Chicago Police-Social Service Project (Beginner)

This presentation provides a critical historical case study of the Police-Social Service Project, a 1970s pilot program, focusing on the use of MSW students in Chicagoland police departments.

Brianna Suslovic, MSW; Sam Harrell, MSW

4.2 GIS Mapping: Connecting Crime and Care (Intermediate)

Utilizing GIS (Geographic Information System), we present findings from an exploratory study which spatially analyzed the relationships among poverty indicators, social service providers and high crime neighborhoods.

Sara Lichtenwalter, PhD

3:45-4:00 break

Tuesday June 14 4:00-5:30

5. Is the COVID Pandemic a New Form of ACEs: Implications for Forensic Practice (Intermediate)

This presentation suggests that the COVID-19 pandemic is a new “form” of ACEs exacerbated by the closure or delays related to family, juvenile, and criminal justice courts, or the loss of in-school days, social networks, in-home services, food programs, guidance counseling, mental and nursing services, extracurricular opportunities, learning and behavioral disability programs.

Dana E. Prescott, PhD, LMSW, JD & Diane A. Tennies, PhD, LADC

6. Advocacy to Effect Structural Change in Addressing Collateral Consequences Among Court Involved Populations (Intermediate)

Unfair policing and prosecution can result in unjust collateral consequences in legal proceedings that have longstanding individual and community impact. Targeted policy solutions for structural change will be reviewed.

George Leibowitz, PhD; Elizabeth Justesen, MSW, JD; Susan Robbins, PhD

7. Harm Reduction Practice with Mandated Clients (Intermediate)

This workshop will discuss the practical applications of Harm Reduction strategies with clients who are mandated through probation, parole and the courts to substance abuse treatment.

Delores Blackwell, LCSW

8. Research Sessions

8.1 Deaf offenders: Understanding the role of Social work in meeting the language and cultural access needs of this community. (Intermediate)

Deaf American Sign Language users are routinely denied sign language interpreters and access to programming. This presentation will explore the rights of Deaf offenders in a hearing criminal justice system.

Tracey Bone, PhD, MSW

8.2 Modern Typologies of Female Sexual Offending (Intermediate)

Historically, female sexual offending typologies have been rooted in psychodynamic and behaviorist paradigms; lacking trauma-informed perspectives and overemphasizing socially constructed mythology. This analysis qualitatively reorganizes historical typologies while removing outdated concepts and incorporating trauma informed science. Three new typologies are presented, each with intrapsychic, behavioral, and trauma related domains.

David McLeod, PhD

Tuesday June 14 5:30-6:30pm

Reception and Posters

Examining Correlations between Delinquency, Trauma, and Spirituality Among Black Youth

Ashura Hughley, MSW

Professional Partnerships Are Social Justice with Youth Who Cause Sexual Harm

Doyle Pruitt, PhD, LCSW-R

Escaping the Micro Myopia: Prostitution diversion programs – a profound intervention or a "band-aid" fix?

Inbar Cohen, PhD

Law Enforcement Decision-Making in Child Sexual Abuse Cases: Examining the Influence of Victim Age, Statement Consistency, and Parental Validation on Perceptions of Victim Credibility

Victoria Dixon, M.S.

The affect of punitive policy on immigrant populations

Kelechi Wright

Wednesday June 15 8:30-10:00

Plenary Session

After Tragedies, Strategies: A Conversation About Community Engagement – One Officer's Story

On May 25, 2020 George Floyd was killed, and for many people, hope for a just society died that day too. This tragedy prompted many of us to ask ourselves - and each other - some pretty hard questions, and challenge our institutions, like the police. So, imagine being a Black woman wearing blue and grappling with these same tensions, but in an up close and very personal way.

Officer Shakita Warren, a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) shares her story of hope in a conversation with NOFSW President, Dr. Stacey D. Hardy-Chandler. In her relatively short time with the Alexandria (VA) Police Department, Officer Warren has already established a reputation of trust and respect among her law enforcement colleagues, with social work professionals, and with the residents of a highly diverse and vibrant city. Listen in on the discussion as she shares about her work with the Treatment Court, and how she builds relationships with human service partners born out of a belief that "customer service" is not only the best form of crime prevention, it's a pathway toward justice.

Officer Shakita Warren; Stacey Hardy-Chandler, PhD

Wednesday June 15 10:15-11:45

9. Creating change through successful police/social work partnerships (Intermediate)

This presentation and panel will review three different police social work programs. Police Chiefs and Social Workers will discuss these programs and enhanced services to those involved with law enforcement.

Yvonne Eaton-Stull, DSW, LCSW; Angela Kenbok, MSW, Social Worker, Hampton Township Police; Chief Thomas Vulakovich, Hampton Township Police; Alyssa Peters, MSW Intern, Hampton Township Police; Chief Tim Komoroski, Millvale Police Department; Samantha Lawton, MSW Intern, Greenville Police Department; Chief Ian Kelly, Greenville Police Department

10. Unjust Justice: Developmental Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System (Intermediate)

People with developmental disabilities make up 23 % of the people in prisons and 3-4% of the general population; this presentation provides information for understanding the challenges facing this population.

Elise Magnuson MSW, PsyD; Elizabeth Sullivan, MBA

11. Forensic Social Work: When does the Attorney-Client Privilege Apply (or Not)?

Forensic social workers often work within organizations such as for district attorneys, public defenders, and child protection agencies. Unlike clinical practice, working forensically within legal organizations, or with lawyers, raises very complex ethical and legal challenges.

Dana E. Prescott, PhD, LMSW, JD & Diane A. Tennes, PhD, LADC

12. Research Sessions

12.1 Early Childhood Court: Lessons Learned from Florida (Intermediate)

Evaluators describe the implementation of Florida's Early Childhood Courts, including strengths and areas of growth, and incorporate a discussion of potential social work contributions within the model.

Taylor Dowdy-Hazlett, MSW; Lisa Magruder, PhD; Michae' Cain, Colleen McBride

12.2 The overcriminalization of Black girls: Using an intersectional lens to examine the School-to-Prison Pipeline (Intermediate)

For girls, race is a more significant predictor than gender for entering the School-to-Prison Pipeline.

Susan McCarter, PhD

11:45 – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

Wednesday, June 15th, 12:15 – 1:00 pm

Join each of the Special Initiatives Subcommittees to learn more about their exciting work and how you can get involved! Bring your lunch with you for the opportunity to hear from committee members about current and future projects; all focused on furthering the mission of NOFSW. Volunteering for a subcommittee is a great way to network with other forensic social workers and share your expertise!

Wednesday June 15 1:00-2:00

13. Addressing Social Justice and Changing Unjust Systems Politically at the Local Level (Beginner)

Forensic social work practitioners must connect their knowledge of the power of rapport to the practice of influencing, impacting, and advancing social justice structural change policy at the local level.

Jim Manning, MSW, MPA

14. Teaching Street Law to justice involved youth: An inter-professional approach (Intermediate)

Street Law teaches youth about the law, the legal system, and rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Youth learn through interactive lessons that encourage them to think about social justice issues

Malikah Marrus, MSW, DSW; Ellen Marrus, JD, LLM; Rifqa Sa'Aadat

15. Defense Based Social Work (Intermediate)

Community building opportunity for defense based social work either for people in this work or looking to set something up in their jurisdiction.

Katy Jo Muncie, JD; Ashleigh Walton, LPC; Mallory Hakes, LCSW; Kaleigh Phelan; Stephanie Wilson; Norman Thompson

16. Roundtables

16.1 Prisoner Menstrual Equity: A Call for Social Work Intervention & Advocacy (Beginner)

This discussion will explore states failure to pass bills that address menstruating prisoners. Structurally we have a small number of states that have laws requiring menstrual products for prisoners.

Jalonta Jackson-Glasco, MSW

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16.3 Bridging the Gap Between Corrections and Community: Project Blue (Intermediate)

This presentation will explore strategies around how to successfully build bridges between community and corrections when implementing a local reentry program.

Cindi McEachon, MBA; Lindsey Allen, MSW

16.4 Breaking the Cycle: Making ACEs Work for Providers in Forensic Settings (Beginner)

Helping providers use Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to more effectively promote programming for underlying conditions, treatment plan, and provide continuity of care. Explore an empathic approach to addressing criminality.

Alexandria Gonzalez; MSW; Randy Ficklin, MSW; Warren Graham, MSW

16.5 Using VRT to predict specific pedophilic interest in a group of child sex offenders (Intermediate)

This presentation examines the validity of the Visual Reaction Time measure ability to correctly classify self-identified individuals with pedophilic sexual interest.

Bret White, Ph.D., MSW

2:00-2:15 break

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17. Identifying and Documenting Developmental Disabilities (Intermediate)

Workshop providing the qualifications for developmental disabilities, difficulties in assessment, and tips for advocating for resources and services.

Timothy McArthur, LCSW

18. Caring for the Peripartum Patient Experiencing Incarceration (Advanced)

From our collaborative work at a tertiary maternity hospital caring for peripartum patients experiencing incarceration, we offer interdisciplinary perspectives and evidence-informed recommendations to improve experiences for patients and care providers.

Martha Paynter, RN; Corinne Sauve, MSW

19. Outpatient restoration services for competency to stand trial in Connecticut: a look at trends in successes and failures

Connecticut has been utilizing outpatient restoration services for defendant's ruled not competent to stand trial for well over ten years. What are the advantages and disadvantages and who fare's best?

Michael Genovese, LCSW

20. Research Sessions

20.1 The Ethical and Empirical Basis for Moral Reconciliation Therapy: Implications for Forensic Social Work (Beginner)

This presentation reviews findings of two projects exploring MRT: a scoping review of MRT's peer-reviewed research between 2011 and 2021; and an assessment of MRT's compatibility with field education competencies.

Sam Harrell, MSW; Brianna Suslovic, MSW; Constance Johnson, BS; Chandler Boys; Kass Botts; Ben Anderson-Nathe

20.2 Homicide Bereavement and Juvenile Justice Involved Youth: Practice, Policy, and Research

This presentation includes an overview of the research on homicide survivors engaged in the juvenile justice system, a preliminary model for intervention, and the role of forensic social work.

Patricia Bamwine, PhD; Chesney Ward, LCSW

3:15-3:30 break

Wednesday June 15 3:30-4:30

21. Using the TRAP-18 to Identify an Incel Lone-Actor Terrorist (Intermediate)

The TRAP-18 threat assessment tool is useful for the identification of Incels in clinical practice, as well as in among law enforcement personnel.

Christopher Collins, MSW

22. Legal Abuse Syndrome: A Preventable Hidden Endemic (Intermediate)

Enmeshment in our judicial system is identified as etiological to a subtype of PTSD, called The Forensic Abuse Syndrome (LAS): Beyond Rage.

Timothy Roldan, JD, LCSW

23. Liberating and Empowering All Defendants (LEAD): Empowering clients of Erie County to make a change in their own lives while encountering the criminal justice system (Intermediate)

This presentation informs and educates the audience on an evidence based holistic defense program that was created in Erie County, New York to prevent future recidivism and stop mass incarceration.

Amy Trabert, LMSW; Anna Linde, LMSW

24. Research Sessions

24.1 'I feel human again' — Hotels as Non-Congregate Emergency Housing for Returning Citizens (Intermediate)

The storying of returning citizens have revealed that exposure to incarceration reinforces homelessness. The Exodus Hotel program provides a restorative response to the housing needs of returning citizens in NYC.

Mayra Lopez-Humphreys, PhD; Jose Humphreys

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Thursday June 16 8:30-9:30

Plenary

Stories of Redemption: Social Justice for those Serving Life Without the Possibility of Parole (Intermediate)

This presentation reveals stories of redemption shared by former lifers, providing evidence of the power of second chances for not only formerly incarcerated lifers, but also for their communities.

Sandra Joy, Ph.D., LCSW; Gary Tyler

9:30-9:45 break

Thursday June 16 9:45-10:45

25. Building Confidence for Caregivers of NAS Infants (Beginner)

This presentation educates caregivers of infants with NAS on how to provide optimal care during the transition from hospital to homecare.

Brennah Halsey, LMSW

26. Justice involved children having children (Intermediate)

"Justice involved youth that are incarcerated while being parents need programs within the system to support and teach them about parenthood.

Ellen Marrus, JD LLM; Malukah Marrus, MSW DSW; Rifqa Sa'Aadat

27. Positioning Equity, Appealing to Communities and Transforming Systems (Intermediate)

Investing in local justice systems that advance racial equity and justice by providing accessible and culturally competent behavioral health services within communities, produces accountability when treating persons of color.

Lisa Maye, MSW

28. Incorporating Forensic and Prevention Practices in Social Work Field Education, Practicums, and Supervision

This presentation discusses the types of forensic skills and prevention trainings to include for social work learners in field education courses, interns in practicum placements, and supervisees pursuing licensure.

Kathleen McGraw, PhD

10:45-11:00 break

Thursday June 16 11:00-12:00

29. Public Defense Social Work with LGBTQ Clients (Beginner)

This training seeks to equip public defense social workers with knowledge that will help them to better serve and affirm their LGBTQ clients.

Brittney M. Williams, LMSW-C

30. Bridging Professions: Improving Holistic Representation Through Early Integration of Social Work Into Defense Settings (Beginner)

This session will use perspectives from a piloted field placement to invite critical discussions around creating necessary systems that support integration of social workers into holistic defense settings.

Jessica Wright, Jacquelyn Quach

31. Sex Offenders' Perceptions of Their Grooming Behaviors (Intermediate)

Deepening our understanding of grooming behaviors as they relate to the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders.

Tracy Leet, LCSW; Doyle Pruitt, PhD, LCSW-R; Molly Wolf, PhD, LMSW

32. Legal Navigation & Social Work Practice: Increasing court accessibility and system integration (Intermediate)

The pandemic completely reshaped how courts operate within their jurisdictions. Social workers can move courts towards more equitable engagement practices within the community, bringing new meaning to "access to justice."

Colleen Smith, MSW; Liseberde Colon-Blacknall, MSW