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A Day in The Life of a Veterans Treatment Court

Judge Singer has overseen the Kingman Veterans Treatment Court since 2015. Judge Singer will explain how to start a VTC; how to work with other VTC courts; how to facilitate a successful mentor program; the need for a Veterans Resource Team; and how to operate a successful VTC program. Attendees will also get to experience going through the Vet Court program themselves as they hear from past participants by video on the different stages of the program from start to graduation.

Learning Objectives:

- Present about the nuts and bolts of starting and successfully operating a Veterans Treatment Court.
- How to have a successful mentor corps and their importance in a VTC.
- Why a Veterans Resource Team is important along with community support.

Presenter:

Jeffrey Singer has been the Kingman City Magistrate since 2015. Since becoming Kingman's City Magistrate, Judge Singer has implemented several specialty courts aimed at helping target populations in Kingman including a Veterans Treatment Court, a Domestic Violence Court and a Juvenile Truancy Court. Prior to becoming the Kingman City Magistrate, Judge Singer was a Special District Judge in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, for five years during which time he presided over various cases including felonies, misdemeanors, civil cases, family law cases and juvenile cases. Before being named Judge in LeFlore County, Judge Singer served as an Assistant District Attorney for nearly five years. Judge Singer began his legal career in 1997 when he was a partner in a law firm in Oklahoma and also during that time held the position of city judge for several municipalities. Judge Singer graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1993 and earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1997.

Addicted to Sobriety: Helping Women Recover

Domestic Violence, Sex Trafficking, Trauma, Motherhood, Pregnancy, Miscarriage, Abortion, Adoption, Child Loss, Mental Health, Unstable Housing, Power Dynamics, Dual Court Proceedings, DCS Involvement...Welcome to The Women's Treatment Court Where Regardless of Your Circumstances You Will Be Embraced in Our Community.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn About Women's Focused Treatment Court.
- Learn About Trauma Informed Care.
- Learn About How Women In The Criminal Justice System Have Different and Unique Needs/Challenges.

Presenters:

Karla Rahn has been a probation officer for 7 years with Maricopa County. For 4 years now she has been supervising a Women Only caseload in the Drug Court Program. In addition, she helps train the county in Motivational Interviewing, Trauma Informed Supervision, Victim Satisfaction, Real Colors, and Justice Involved Women. She is one of only three probation officers in Maricopa County trained in a new assessment called the Women's Risk Needs Assessment that

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is being piloted along with several other women only caseloads in the county. She also helps the county recruit by giving presentations to local high school law enforcement classes and at local job fairs.

Kacie Nickel has been working at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for 6 years. As a law student she worked for the City of Phoenix Veterans Court for 3 years. Kacie has been a part of the Maricopa County Specialty Court Team for 2 years representing clients in the Drug, DUI, and Veterans Court. Kacie is the recipient of the 2021 Arizona State Bar's John R. Sticht Disability Achievement Award and the 2022 Arizona Association of Public Defense Rising Star Award.

A Different Approach – Building a DUI Treatment Court in Rural Arizona

The Green Valley Justice Court's DUI Treatment program is a partnership between the Pima County Attorney's Office and our rural justice court south of Tucson. Together we have built a new pre-adjudicated treatment model for first-time DUI offenders. The Green Valley Justice Court uses proven standards set by the National Center for DWI Courts that has built a solid program that reduces direct and indirect costs to the court, gives tools for recovery to first-time offenders, provides accountability through randomized testing and individualized counseling. Most importantly, these courts are proven to reduce recidivism.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain how to launch a similar program in their community. The model was built with flexibility in mind, offering equity whether participants live in rural areas or major cities, whether it concerns urinalysis, individualized counseling or going to group therapy programs like Alcoholic Anonymous.
- Discuss funding models for this treatment program that allows for access for all economic classes to participate without it being overly burdensome.
- Answer specific questions as representatives from Green Valley Justice Court and the Pima County Attorney's Office will be available to answer questions during and after the presentation.

Presenters:

Raymond Carroll, Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7) Green Valley Justice Court

Judge Carroll was the driving force behind the program and has become deeply involved in this court, attending MADD classes, working closely with local community members to bring in guest speakers and developing a close rapport with each member of the program.

Kristen Randall, Court Administrator, Green Valley Justice Court

The architect of the program, she has spent the last two years working to build this program from scratch, securing buy-in from the community to launch the first of its kind program.

Kat McClain, Deputy County Attorney (Precinct 7) Pima County Attorney's Office A former defense attorney, Ms. McClain has worked closely to expand this program and serves as an incredible resource as ethical issues arise from the new treatment court.

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An Occupational Hazard: Compassion Fatigue

Compassion Fatigue is an occupational hazard, which means that almost everyone who cares for others will eventually develop some measure of fatigue along a continuum of severity. This is a state characterized by a gradual lessening of compassion over time. It is common among individuals that work in this field. Sufferers can exhibit symptoms including hopelessness, a decrease in experiences of pleasure, constant stress and anxiety, sleeplessness or nightmares, and a pervasive negative attitude. We find in this arena it has a significant presence and can lead to negative outcomes for these helpers. Mindful Self-Care is all about learning how to take care of yourself and identify those issues that trigger you to act in a negative manner. This is where the real work begins.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify compassion fatigue and burnout warning signs.
- Describe individualized self-care and resiliency strategies.
- Implement a stress test to address life stressors.

Presenter:

Denise Beagley, M.Sc. has over twenty years of experience working under the umbrella of behavioral health and public safety. Prior to working in Arizona, she completed her master's degree in counseling psychology at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. While at Trinity College, her research focused on the Garda Síochána (police force in Ireland) and working under stress. Denise is the Associate Director of Crisis and Justice Systems at Banner University Health Plans in Arizona. In her spare time, she teaches graduate-level courses as a Faculty Associate at the Arizona State University - School of Social Work. She works part-time as a Crisis Interventionist for the City of Chandler Fire Department.

Beyond Compliance: Empowering Families to Build Recovery Capital for Sustained Recovery and Family Well-Being (Sponsored by the Center for Children and Family Futures)

Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their well-being and live a self-directed life. Recovery capital helps sustain recovery with personal, social, and community resources. This session provides treatment court professionals with information about assessing recovery capital and fostering a recovery inclusive community to minimize barriers for families. Presenters will highlight concrete strategies to integrate recovery capital and protective factor concepts into phase structures and examples of how to create a welcoming, recovery-oriented community.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the benefits of building a recovery inclusive community to increase family resilience, recovery, and wellness.
- Describe approaches used to develop recovery inclusive communities.
- Learn innovative strategies and practical lessons for integrating recovery capital and protective factors into your work with parents, children, and family members.

Presenters:

Alexis Balkey is a Program Director at the Center for Children and Family Futures, Inc. and leads the National Family Treatment Court (FTC) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program. She assists jurisdictions to advance FTC capacity to provide comprehensive family-centered care to children, parents and

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families. Ms. Balkey is a certified addictive disorder counselor with robust knowledge of alcohol and other drug treatment programs. Ms. Balkey received a BA in Psychology and BA in Criminal Justice and an MPA.

Dr. Andrea Sivanich is a Senior Manager at CCFF and works with the National FTC TTA Program. Prior to CCFF, Dr. Sivanich worked for the Colorado Judicial Department—serving as the Criminal Justice Program’s unit manager at the State Court Administrator’s Office, the coordinator for Colorado’s 4th Judicial District’s Recovery Court and FTC programs, and the volunteer Mental Health Court liaison for the El Paso County District Attorney’s Office. Dr. Sivanich led judicial system innovations and oversaw large expert multidisciplinary teams when she managed four statewide TTA programs: problem-solving courts, adult diversion, restorative justice, and pre-trial competency. As a community volunteer, Dr. Sivanich has managed multiple volunteer teams—providing family-centered programming and support to service members and their families. Dr. Sivanich holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

Collaborative Care - Client, Community & Medicaid Engagement

Collaborative Care, a model of healthcare developed in 2017 for the treatment of chronic conditions, embraces the full spectrum of physical, mental and social health. This approach to care is well suited for the complex, growing, and costly client population that has a substance use disorder and are justice-involved. The tactics, as modeled in Pima County with its clients, include lifting health literacy, encouraging client engagement through contingency management, and promoting pro social behavior through cognitive behavioral therapy and problem-solving therapy. This workshop will also discuss how to access Medicaid financial resources to fully fund the provision of collaborative care in a manner that creates a win-win for treatment courts, a win for the client and a win for Medicaid.

Learning Objectives:

- Engaging Medicaid & Community Providers to Reduce Costs.
- Increasing Health Literacy for All and Enhance Long-Term Recovery through Preventative Care.
- How to Fund Contingency Management - Not Just a Fishbowl Anymore.

Presenters:

Dr. Tracy Sweet is a behavioral health and substance use disorder professional with 30+ years of expertise providing operational and clinical leadership. She received her doctoral degree from California Southern University and later received her MBA in Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University. Dr. Sweet is also a Certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt. Her passion for developing operations and programs that result in systemic change for populations who have experienced a lack of successful treatment options began in 1990 while at Yale Psychiatric Institute’s “Treatment Resistant” program for juveniles from all over the US who were labeled as difficult to treat and left without other options. Since then, Dr. Sweet has made a career of working with challenging populations, including impaired professionals, adjudicated & treatment resistant adolescents, and criminal justice-involved and incarcerated adults with a specific focus on increasing access to quality care, improving the patient experience, and reducing costs using technology & innovation to augment evidence-based treatments. She is a nationally known speaker and trainer in such areas as advanced techniques in cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational enhancement, relapse reduction, and complex disease management for substance use disorders having presented at such conferences as the Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders (CCSAD) and the Disease Management Association of America (DMAA) among others. In 2013, Dr. Sweet wrote and

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published a book on self-motivation called “The Power of ME Project” and has also developed and written content for treatment manuals and programs. Traci enjoys spending time with her family and fur babies between Florida and Massachusetts, traveling and adventuring, e-biking, and DIY projects.

David Quan joined the Pima County Juvenile Court back in 1996 serving in a support staff role, juvenile surveillance officer, and detention program coordinator of quality assurance and improvement. In 2011, David joined the Pima County Adult Probation Department where he has supervised standard, IPS, IPS transferred youth, intercounty, and Serious Mentally Ill cases. David also was a lead probation officer for the department’s mental health court team and supervisor/program coordinator for the drug court and drug treatment alternative to prison (DTAP) program. In 2023, David was promoted to Division Director where he leads a division that has over 100 probation and surveillance officers. He received his undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University.

Comprehensive Case Planning: Treatment and Supervision- The Dynamic Duo! (Sponsored by AllRise)

The ultimate goal of treatment courts is recovery for its participants. To achieve this, treatment courts must not only treat substance use or mental health disorders, but also target criminogenic needs. Treatment providers develop treatment plans and supervision officers and/or case managers create supervision case plans. This can inadvertently lead to overwhelming the participant (too many goals at once) or conflicting goals (addressing different priorities first). Collaborative case planning not only puts everyone on the same page but uses the same sheet of paper. In this interactive session, the presenters (a clinician and probation officer) will provide cross training on: a) the domains of risk assessments, identifying criminogenic needs and drivers; b) the diagnosis from clinical assessments and the ASAM dimensions; and c) how the information from the assessments should be used to develop a collaborative case plan. But the work doesn’t end there! Case plans are fluid and should be regularly discussed with the participant and during staffing; and updated as goals are completed and/or change. Additionally, the presenters will show how utilizing collaborative case plans can provide opportunities to incentivize behavior change.

Learning Objectives:

- How to utilize both the treatment assessments and risk assessment to identify areas for intervention.
- How to help participants identify and develop SMART goals and strategies.
- How the use of collaborative case planning creates opportunities for incentives, and provides the ability for the entire team to be involved in the participants’ progress and success.

Presenters:

Erin Rodriguez, LCPC, MAC, LAC President of Selah Clinical Services PC Erin Rodriguez is a licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC) and a licensed addiction counselor (LAC) with certifications from NAADAC (National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Counselors) as a master’s level addiction counselor (MAC) as well as a certified EMDR trauma therapist. Erin obtained her B.S. in Health and Human Services with an emphasis on chemical dependency counseling and her M.S. in Mental Health Counseling and Rehabilitation. She has been active in the criminal justice system and treatment courts since 2007. She has served as a key team member and/or founding member on several treatment court teams, including Misdemeanor DUI Court, Misdemeanor Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Co-occurring Treatment Court, Felony Impaired Driving Court, Family Recovery Court, Felony Drug Court, and Veterans Treatment Court. Ms. Rodriguez served 12 years as Director of Court Services for Montana’s largest co-occurring treatment center, supervising 20 plus counselors and case managers working directly in Treatment Courts. Since 2019, Erin has focused more on consult work in treatment courts, creating training modules, crisis

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intervention for law enforcement, and conducting therapy as the owner/president of Selah Clinical Services PC. She has been faculty staff with NADCP/NDCI since 2015.

Michelle Hart, M.P.A., worked in the field of probation, in Coconino County, AZ, for nearly 28 years; retiring in June 2021. During her tenure as a probation officer, she worked in various areas of supervision, such as juvenile probation, adult intensive probation and treatment courts. In 2010, Ms. Hart became a Probation Supervisor, and 2016, became the Deputy Chief of her department; the position she held at retirement.

Throughout her career, Ms. Hart has held a passion for training in the field of probation supervision and treatment courts, along with implementing best practices to achieve the best outcomes for both officers and the clients served. In addition to training within her department, she has trained throughout the state of Arizona and nationally. Ms. Hart currently serves as a Faculty Consultant for All Rise; a position she began in 2012. She has also established an independent consulting and training business. She is a certified trainer in the areas of domestic violence supervision, motivational interviewing and the GAINS Center's curriculum on Trauma Informed Criminal Justice Responses. Ms. Hart is also a certified facilitator in the criminal thinking program Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and National Curriculum and Training Institute's cognitive behavior curriculums and Real Colors facilitator. Additionally, she has been trained in EPICS-II and SUSTAIN.

Ms. Hart has been a board member of the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals since 2009, previously serving as Vice President and President. She also currently serves on the Advisory Board for the National Treatment Court Resource Center, and the Advisory Council for the Rural Justice Collaborative.

Core Treatment Elements

This workshop examines the root causes of substance use disorders and the effects of addiction, with a focus on evidence-based treatment options. Additionally, recovery support efforts, characteristics of recovery, coping styles, and protective factors will be presented, as well as risk factors and challenges to individual recovery.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the root causes and short- & long-term effects of addiction.
- Examine evidence-based treatment options and treatment goals for substance use disorders.
- Conceptualize and identify the stages of recovery, and review coping styles & risk factors for relapse.

Presenter:

Wendy Standifer is the Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Planning for Correctional Counseling, Inc. (CCI). She has over 30 years of experience working in Behavioral Health and Child Welfare systems. She has provided counseling, case management, clinical supervision, and program management working with adults and children with behavioral health, substance abuse and intellectual development disabilities. Wendy has participated in dozens of community initiatives and workgroups that have resulted in the enhancement of the agency's practices and protocols. In addition, she has been instrumental in advancing best practices and evidenced based practices into numerous service arrays including Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Family Psychoeducation, Dialectic Behavioral Therapy, Trauma Informed Services and Co-Occurring Principles. She specializes in evidence-based practices; behavioral

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health; substance use disorders; criminal justice; autism; trauma; trauma informed care; co-occurring; veteran and at-risk behavioral health populations for both adults and children.

In addition to her vast clinical experience, she has been in executive leadership roles since 2005. Wendy has been successful in the development and implementation of new pathways of services delivery in a rapidly changing environment based on community needs assessments. She is a developer of a data and creating an innovative driven culture where diversity, inclusion and trusted relationships with partners and funders are business priorities, resulting in operational efficiencies and the identification of new funding mechanisms and social enterprise opportunities. She has engaged in innovative strategic planning, managing behavioral health, co-occurring, military/veterans, and outpatient services that have resulted in improved clinical outcomes for adults and children across various clinical settings. She is a National Trainer for MRT, MRT-DV and MRT Trauma.

Wendy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts in Counseling from Oakland University and has certifications through the National Certified Counselors (NCC) and Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC).

Effective (and Equitable) Responses to Participant Behavior in Family Treatment Courts (Sponsored by the Center for Children and Family Futures)

Family treatment court collaboratives frequently ask about ways to effectively respond to participant behavior. Collaboratives use responses including child safety interventions, treatment adjustments, complementary service modifications, incentives, and other accountability strategies. This session explores how to engage parents, children, and the family system; improve well-being; ensure children's safety; and promote participant accountability. Presenters will engage the audience to consider causes of behavior and how our responses affect the participant, their family, and their engagement.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain behavior change research associated with recovery and court processes.
- Describe the array of responses available to improve and support parent, child, and family functioning through behavior change.
- Learn key strategies to support behavior change associated with long-term recovery and family well-being.

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Effective Communication and Judicial Temperament (New and Improved!)

Learning how to communicate with drug court participants begins behind the scenes. Judge Williams will discuss effective collaboration with the drug court team to determine how to connect with each participant. He will discuss interview techniques that help build rapport with juvenile and adult drug court clients. Judge Williams will illustrate his techniques with a combination of informative and entertaining video and live illustrations. This session is designed for drug court judges – from beginners to seasoned, grizzled veterans – who want to improve their communication skills with drug court teams and clients, and in turn improve their outcomes. Judge Williams will share his practice-based evidence from years of presiding over juvenile and adult drug court programs.

Learning Objectives:

- Effective communication techniques within the drug court team dynamic.
- Interview skills for drug court participants.
- How to use creative incentives and sanctions that improve a participant's communication and engagement.

Presenter:

Rick A. Williams is the Presiding Juvenile Judge of the Mohave County Superior Court. He has presided over adult and juvenile drug courts since 2009. Judge Williams also presides over adult and juvenile health and wellness courts, and a truancy court. Judge Williams has served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One.

Empowering Compliance: Enhancing Treatment Court Success Through Psychological Techniques

Let's delve into the multifaceted realm of treatment courts, with an emphasis on critical issues of behavior change. This poses significant challenges, not only for individuals seeking recovery but also for the effectiveness of the treatment court team. Drawing upon the principles of psychology and an evidence-based techniques, this presentation will dissect the psychology of compliance, unpacking the factors that drive or hinder adherence to treatment court rules. Through real-world examples, case studies, and interactive activities, attendees will gain an understanding of the psychological underpinnings of non-compliance and practical strategies for enhancing compliance. The presentation will also address risk reduction techniques, role of group support, intrinsic motivation, and communication in promoting compliance.

Learning Objectives:

- Address a pressing issue of behavior change and compliance in treatment courts through the field of criminal justice and psychology.
- Provide a platform for sharing proven techniques and strategies to enhance the outcomes of treatment court programs.
- Explore innovative and evidence-based strategies for improving compliance with the rules of treatment court interventions, with a focus on the role of psychology in facilitating behavior change.

Presenters:

Dr. Elizabeth Valenti brings a wealth of expertise as a dedicated full-time psychology professor with 16 years of accomplished academic teaching. Her extensive background in criminal justice enhances her fervor for imparting knowledge in personality, adult development, and social psychology. Holding a

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bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in education, and a Ph.D. in psychology with a specialized focus on addiction, Dr. Valenti's academic journey reflects her commitment to continuous learning.

Her research pursuits encompass a diverse spectrum, including cultural studies, mindfulness practices, collegiate stress, and the intricate factors that influence dietary choices. With a keen interest in understanding the human psyche, her contributions extend beyond the classroom, fostering an environment of thoughtful inquiry and growth.

Tiffany Grissom graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies and later earned her Master's Degree in Educational Psychology and Counseling from Northern Arizona University. She has worked with Maricopa County Adult Probation since 2000. She was instrumental in developing and implementing the Maricopa County Veterans Court and Co-Occurring Recovery Court. As a Division Director, she leads the Maricopa County Adult Probation Community Transition and Support Division, which includes prison and jail re-entry, mental health court, and the Frank X. Gordon Adult Education center. She is contract faculty with All Rise assisting with training treatment courts across the country. Witnessing successful outcomes along with stronger and safer communities drives her passion for the treatment courts.

Empowering Women in Recovery: A Model for Gender-Specific Specialized Dockets

Women in gender-specific specialized dockets are significantly less likely to serve a jail sanction, demonstrate a reduction in PTSD symptoms, and those assessed as high risk to reoffend are significantly less likely to have a new conviction compared to women in mixed-gender drug courts. A woman-focused court provides an opportunity to acknowledge gender-specific needs, responsibilities and concerns, while addressing the trauma pervasive among women affected by SUD. This program focuses on the gender-based predictors, patterns and pathways to substance abuse and court involvement, a review of research on the effectiveness of gender-specific dockets and addresses the concerns of women participating in recovery courts will review the processes, personnel and programs important to building a successful gender-specific docket.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the research findings supporting the implementation of gender-specific specialized dockets;
- State the patterns and pathways to substance abuse and criminal offending for women and determine the gender-specific concerns and circumstances of women participating in recovery courts;
- Understand the key components of developing and operating a gender-specific specialized docket

Presenters:

Kate Huffman served for twenty-one years as a General Division Judge on the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court and now serves on the Second District Court of Appeals in 2022. Judge Huffman received her B.A. in political science from Wright State University and her J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law, and an M.A. in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada; she earned a Certificate in Judicial Development General Jurisdiction Trial Skills and a Judicial Development Dispute Resolution Skills from the National Judicial College. As a trial judge she presided over a gender-specific drug court as well as a mixed-gender specialized docket. Judge Huffman currently serves as the American Bar Association Judicial Fellow, serving as a teacher, writer, consultant, and liaison on impaired driving to those in the criminal justice community around the country.

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Dr. Kara Marciani earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Miami University, a Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology from Eastern Kentucky University, and a Doctorate in Psychology from Xavier University. She completed an APA accredited internship with the Hamilton Center in Terre Haute, Indiana, after which she completed a post-doctoral fellowship with the Eastway Behavioral Healthcare and the Forensic Psychiatry Center for Western Ohio. Dr. Marciani became licensed as a psychologist in Ohio in 2003 and earned board certification in Forensic Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology. She is the Director of Forensic Services at the Forensic Psychiatry Center for Western Ohio and has a private practice through which she conducts assessments and consultation for courts throughout southwest Ohio.

From the Flintstones to the Jetsons: Embracing the Beginnings of Drug Court While Enhancing Future Success with Innovation

This session will discuss how to incorporate innovation and new technology into treatment courts, including challenges to implementation, barriers to overcome and how it can improve successful outcomes for participants. We will also demonstrate ways to utilize technology to improve and enhance caseload management processes.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify different technology options.
- Describe barriers to implementation of innovation.
- Translate new innovations into enhanced caseload management.

Presenters:

Krista Forster has three decades of experience in the criminal justice and probation field. She is the Statewide Adult Drug Court Coordinator and Program Services Manager, in the Adult Probation Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). She is a trainer in evidenced-based practices, assessments, case planning, case documentation and cognitive interventions. Krista has been employed by the AOC for over fifteen years, thirteen of those with the Adult Probation Services Division where she has been a Project Manager on various assignments, including the original statewide implementation of Effective Practices in Correctional Settings-II (EPICS-II), the revalidation of the risk/needs assessment by the University of Cincinnati and the composition and implementation of multiple state and federal grants. Krista has Bachelors' Degrees in Justice Studies and History from Arizona State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Arizona University.

Sixto Valdivia is a former U.S. Marine who has worked in the criminal justice system for over 20 years and four years in local government programs that provide services to the residents of Coconino County. He has served on numerous non-profit and local government boards and commissions and served one year on the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. In community corrections he managed PreTrial Services cases, Intensive Probation cases and worked in Specialty Courts for 10 years as a coordinator. Sixto developed curricula, mentored faculty and served as faculty at the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Education Services Division in the Probation Officer Academy and Faculty Skills Development courses. There, he supported statewide committees and initiatives in probation and training issues. Currently, he is a Project Consultant with the AOC- Adult Probation Services Division assisting with a statewide BJA grant implementing technology and Trauma-Informed substance monitoring into drug courts. He represents the fifth generation of his family

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residing in Flagstaff where he raises his two daughters, ages 9 and 10. Sixto enjoys outdoor activities and Southwestern history. He graduated from President Johnson's Great Society program, Project HeadStart in 1969, N.A.U., B.S. in 1990 and the University of Idaho, J.D. in 1994.

From The Ground Up - Building a Mental Health Court From Scratch

Embark on a detailed journey through the establishment of a Mental Health Court (MHC) in this workshop. We will meticulously examine the entire process, starting from the conceptualization phase to the operation of a successful program. This workshop aims to gain a nuanced understanding of the core principles, objectives, and ethical considerations integral to the establishment of a Mental Health Court and delve into the intricacies of formulating policies and procedures tailored to the specific needs of a Mental Health Court, ensuring a framework that is fair, consistent, and legally sound. Lastly, engage in a reflective discussion on the successes, failures, and pivotal adjustments made during the first year of this Mental Health Court's operation.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the legal, ethical, and social considerations in establishing a Mental Health Court.
- Understand the importance of a multidisciplinary team and strategies for effective collaboration among team members.
- Evaluate the successes and failures of the Mental Health Court program during its inaugural year.

Presenter:

Sydney Ciarniello, as a probation officer at Coconino County Adult Probation, delved into the intricacies of intensive probation supervision, honing my skills in ensuring compliance with the law while fostering rehabilitation. Ms. Ciarniello transitioned to the mental health caseload, a realm that brought forth a new set of challenges and responsibilities. Her focus shifted towards individuals grappling with mental illness, and she found herself deeply engaged in the workings of the mental health court. For five years, she was dedicated to supervising and supporting individuals with mental health challenges, gaining an appreciation for the intersection of mental health and the justice system. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic brought unforeseen challenges, leading to the dissolution of the Justice Court Mental Health Court. However, the court was granted ARPA funding, opening doors for the creation of a vital position – the Mental Health Court Coordinator. Eager to contribute to the evolving landscape, Ms. Ciarniello seized the opportunity and successfully secured the position. Now serving as the coordinator for the new Mental Health Court and clinical liaison for Coconino County Superior Court, she finds herself at the nexus of criminal justice and mental health advocacy. This role allows Sydney to not only navigate the legal intricacies but also champion the cause of mental health within the justice system. It is a journey that continues to unfold, shaped by a commitment to justice, compassion, and the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity for rehabilitation and support.

Fundamental Techniques of Psychosocial Pain Management

Chronic pain affects 24% to 67% of persons with substance use disorders. Chronic pain has also been demonstrated to affect the participation and outcomes of those individuals in substance abuse treatment. This presentation will provide an overview of the psychosocial approach to pain management and highlight strategies from these perspectives that can be readily incorporated into practice for clients being treated for comorbid substance use disorder and chronic pain.

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- Recognize the key characteristics of the psychosocial intervention of pain.
- Identify characteristics of pain catastrophizing in persons with pain.
- Identify three strategies that can be employed for pain relief among those individuals experiencing chronic pain.

Presenter:

Lindy Lewis, PhD, LCSW- C has worked in the field behavioral health for over 30 years with both adolescent and adult populations. He currently provides behavioral health consultation at a primary care office and mental health therapy and clinical hypnosis at a outpatient mental health clinic in Maryland.

Incorporating Humanization in Court Ordered Treatment

How to embrace and encompass humanization treatment for offenders who are court ordered to engage in treatment as part of their legal process, while simultaneously providing psychoeducation and behavioral modification modalities to reduce likelihood of repetitive negative behaviors which results in a reduction of recidivism.

Learning Objectives:

- How to do such work from first contact with a client, through behavioral health intake process including having understanding how and why a behavioral health assessment is important to this process.
- How to shift treatment modalities as needed throughout the process.
- How sharing findings from all interactions with client/defendants across all levels of service providers best serves the client to empowers them to drive to successful outcomes to enhance the futures of and support wellness of individual, families, and communities.

Presenters:

Kim Davidson, LMSW, MPA, is the Clinical Director of ALL DUI Services, designing, developing, and implementing the agency's behavioral programs including but not limited to Driving Under Impairment and misdemeanor Domestic Violence programs. She has been in the behavioral health field for almost 15 years, with the last ten of those years primarily as a substance abuse therapist, Clinical Coordinator, and/or Clinical Director; in addition to therapeutic practices and program developments, she also has experience in grant writing and project management. Kim is open about her own personal journey of decades of undiagnosed mental health issues due (in part) to fear of stigmatization resulting in multiple addictions, and being previously justice involved due to those addictions. Her personal background led her to graduating from Arizona State University's (then) College of Public Programs in 2014 with both a Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration. Today, Kim also works closely with state and community organizations guiding those in re-entry as others guided her and addressing systemic policy changes for the betterment of individuals and communities at large. She developed her own personal motto which she uses daily in her professional life as well – "you cannot undo the past, but you Can make Today a Day a day you WILL be PROUD of TOMORROW!"

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Adrienne Bryant has acquired more than 20 years of experience as the Designated Broker and Founder of Bryant Commercial Real Estate a decade prior. The practices and mindsets of partnering real estate needs with the interplay between logistics, construction management, and tenant representation enabled impactful networking and project completion. As COVID approached, Adrienne's family member experienced a psychotic break. Adrienne's business model shifted from commitment on behalf of her client's requests and needs; to spearheading the barriers of navigating advocacy, yet again. The challenges that Adrienne witnessed or vicariously experienced through advocating for mental health led to pivoting her career. Today, Adrienne the CEO and Founder of Beep Beep Traffic Survival School, Beep Beep Interlock, and ALL DUI Services gives her team the power of advocacy and assisting clients through the challenges they face. Her agency has modeled a one-stop solution that reduces the stresses individuals may experience and aims to nurture a more humane, service-oriented approach and environment.

PLENARY SESSION: Identifying and Addressing Criminogenic Needs in Treatment Courts (Session Sponsored by AllRise)

Providing too much, too little, or the wrong kind of services does not improve participant outcomes, and in fact such practices can worsen outcomes. Underserving or overburdening individuals can create new problems, including interfering with their ability to engage in productive activities like work, education, or childcare. This session will explore the body of evidence-based principles of risk, need, responsivity. Through application of the new Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards, participants will learn how to create practices that incorporate criminogenic needs.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the science behind risk, need, responsivity.
- Operate staffing and phases in a manner to best address criminogenic needs.
- Build effective incentive and sanction practices that assist participants in addressing need areas.
- Build case management plans reflective needs.

Presenter:

Jacqueline van Wormer is the Director of the Center for Advancing Justice at AllRise and holds an Affiliate Faculty position at Washington State University. Before this appointment she was an Associate Professor in Sociology at Whitworth University. Dr. van Wormer has held various positions in the criminal justice field, including serving as the Spokane Regional Criminal Justice Administrator, MacArthur Foundation Coordinator for the Benton/Franklin Counties Juvenile Court, Intervention Services Manager, Probation Supervisor and Coordinator for both the Adult and Juvenile Drug programs in Benton/Franklin Counties. She has lectured and trained extensively across the country and internationally on issues related to courts, pretrial reform and the drug court model.

Dr. van Wormer has taught courses in Statistics, Courts and Corrections, Program Evaluation, Juvenile Justice, Drugs and Crime, Research Methods, Crime and Media and Violence Against Women. Dr. van Wormer has 20 peer reviewed published articles, four book chapters and dozens technical reports focused on risk/need tool development, court model fidelity, detention alternatives, effective treatment options for justice involved individuals, and collaboration among social service agencies. She has successfully secured, and served as Principal or Co-Principal Investigator on over \$17.5 million in grants and contracts, all focused on criminal justice systems improvements.

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Dr. van Wormer received her Ph.D. in 2010 from Washington State University. She was awarded the 2017 WSU Woman of Distinction (alumna category) for her work in criminal and juvenile justice reform. Current areas of study and research focus on court responses to the opioid epidemic, measuring implementation challenges in the use of evidence-based practices; bail and pretrial justice reform, interagency collaborative partnership “drift” within court models; and improving predictive validity of risk/need tools.

Indigenizing Your Healing to Wellness Program a Guide to the Revitalization of Language, Cultural Practices and Values in Your Program (Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

This presentation will focus on how wellness court teams can utilize their cultural values, language and community values to structure your program. Presenters will focus on how to review your current manuals and the effects of federal language that are embedded in the structure of healing to wellness programming. Providing a breakout session to reinforce how to utilize traditional values within the best practice framework to restructure programming to have cultural practices serve as the foundation of programming.

Learning Objectives:

- Provide an overview of how to review your program documents, manuals and entry process to focus on cultural practices and values as opposed to federal requirements.
- Provide a breakout session to utilize your tribal values to write a mission statement for programming.
- Provide an overview of the importance of language in your programming and how we can welcome our participant’s home.

Presenters:

Alyssa Harrold serves as a Wellness Court Specialist and resides in Petoskey, Michigan. Prior to joining TLPI she served as the Project Director/Coordinator & Probation Officer for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. In that role she oversaw all specialty court programs which included a Domestic Violence Docket, Family Preservation Court and an Adult Healing to Wellness Program. She oversaw and implemented program enhancements to accept felony level healing to wellness clients. She coordinated the implementation of the LTBB family preservation court. She began her career working in safe homes providing services to domestic violence survivors.

Matthew Lesky is an attorney licensed in the State of Michigan and the court administrator for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court. Matthew began his legal career in the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB”) Legal Department as in-house counsel. Following his time as in-house counsel, he served two terms as the Tribal Prosecutor for LTBB. Matthew has been a member of the Tribal Court’s Waabishkii Miigwaan Drug Court program (“WMDCP”) since its inception in 2009, first as a prosecutor, then as the defense attorney and now as the court administrator.

Insights in Selecting, Adapting, Implementing and Sustaining Substance Use Programming for Justice-Involved Youth

Presenters will review strategies for selecting, adapting, implementing, and sustaining substance use programming for legally involved youth and their families by cultivating effective partnerships between practitioners, researchers, and legal systems. Explore best practices in selecting and adapting substance use

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interventions while emphasizing cultural considerations and family-based supports. Learn about the collaboration between Mohave County Arizona and the Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Lab, showcasing the implementation of a brief cannabis intervention using Motivational Enhancement Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Gain insights into the collaborative process. This workshop promises valuable takeaways for professionals navigating the intersection of youth justice, research, and substance use programming.

Learning Objectives:

- **Developing Effective Partnerships:** Participants will learn strategies to establish working partnerships with researchers and legal systems to select, adapt, implement, and sustain substance use programming for legally involved youth.
- **Cultural Considerations in Substance Use Interventions:** Attendees will explore best practices in selecting and adapting substance use interventions for youth in legal settings, with a specific focus on cultural and family-based considerations. Gain insights into the nuances of tailoring programs to diverse cultural contexts, ensuring relevance and effectiveness in addressing the unique needs of legally involved youth.
- **Real-World Implementation Insights:** Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of a collaboration between Mohave County Arizona and the Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Lab at the University of California San Francisco by examining the implementation of a brief cannabis intervention using Motivational Enhancement Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (MET/CBT). Attendees will acquire practical insights into the collaborative process, challenges faced, and strategies employed to ensure sustainability in substance use programming for youth in legal systems.

Presenters:

Megan S. Irgens grew up in Bullhead City, Arizona. She attended Mount Holyoke College for undergrad and went on to complete her doctoral in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Irgens is currently a post-doctoral scholar at the University of California, San Francisco in the Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health lab under Dr. Marina Tolou-Shams. Her program of research centers on improving behavioral health outcomes for legally involved youth in rural areas by enhancing the implementation of substance use interventions in these areas.

Brittany Bryant

Johanna Folk, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist, Assistant Professor, Associate Director of the Juvenile Injustice Behavioral Health Lab, and Director of Research, Evaluation, and Analysis at the University of California, San Francisco at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center. Dr. Folk's research and clinical work focus on addressing the behavioral health needs of youth and families impacted by the legal system. She uses community engaged and longitudinal research methods to understand the effects of childhood adversity and legal system contact on adolescent trajectories. Her work also leverages technology to develop and test novel interventions designed to support families of systems-impacted adolescents.

PLENARY SESSION: Inspiration! Graduates Share their Journeys to Recovery

Albertyn Pino is a Native Pueblo woman from Laguna & Hopi. Albertyn currently works as a case manager and peer support specialist with First Nations Community Healthsource's Behavioral Health department and a Certified Peer Support Worker in the State of New Mexico. Within her 2 ½ years with First Nations she has worked with the Homeless Outreach Program until she was promoted to her current position with Behavioral Health. As she began her new position, she was given the chance to manage the city of Albuquerque Full Circle grant program. This grant helps provide services to Urban Native Americans

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to obtain Substance and Mental health services. Ms. Pino also participates with two Healing to Wellness Court programs, the Pueblo of Santa Ana and Albuquerque Metro Urban Native American. Albertyn is a trained Moral Reconciliation Therapy facilitator and facilitates a Talking Circle group to help support her clientele with recovery skills and education. Albertyn is pursuing her Certification as an Alcohol & Drug Counselor and will start an associate of human services program, working her way towards becoming a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

Kelly Williams-Greer is a beacon of hope and resilience, embodying the power of transformation through personal recovery and professional dedication. As a proud recovering addict, Kelly has navigated the challenging path from substance dependency to a life dedicated to service and advocacy. A testament to the effectiveness of integrated support systems, Kelly is not only a former drug court graduate but also a shining example of success, having maintained a drug-free life since her participation in Adult Drug Court.

Holding an AA in Substance Abuse Counseling, Kelly has turned her past struggles into a source of strength and wisdom, guiding others on their journey towards recovery. Her professional life is a reflection of her commitment to giving back, currently serving at Mohave County Community Services in the Housing Authority. In this role, Kelly is instrumental in providing housing vouchers for individuals who are disabled and homeless—a plight that she is intimately familiar with, having faced similar challenges in her past.

Beyond her professional contributions, Kelly is a pillar in her community, dedicating time to volunteer activities that make a tangible difference in the lives of others. Her personal life is marked by happiness and stability, enjoying 3.5 years of marriage, and finding joy in riding motorcycles—a symbol of the freedom and control she has reclaimed over her life.

Kelly Williams-Greer's story is one of triumph over adversity, demonstrating that with support, determination, and the right opportunities, individuals can turn their lives around and become valuable contributors to society. As a speaker at the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals, Kelly Williams-Greer brings not only her expertise and experiences but also a message of hope and the promise of a brighter future for those willing to embark on the journey of recovery.

Judicial Leadership (Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

This session will be based on two TLPI judicial publications: *The Judicial Bench Book* (2016) and *Judicial Leadership* (2023), which discusses how the role of a Healing to Wellness Court judge which differs dramatically from the adversarial trial court judge, both in mechanics and in philosophy. In Wellness Court, the judge serves as the Healing to Wellness Team Leader, faced with numerous responsibilities focused on healing and collaboration. The Judge is required to actively participate with team members, participants, and also ensure the sustainability of the Wellness Court within the Judicial Branch. This workshop will focus on the responsibilities of the Judge, lead participants in a discussion on the cultural component of leadership through the lens of traditional storytelling, and how to apply all of these aspects on the bench.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify particular issues of ethical concern for judges generally.
- Review the legal and cultural considerations tribal judges must explore.
- Explore cultural concepts surrounding leadership.

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Presenter:

Joseph Thomas Flies-Away describes himself as a community- and nation-building consultant/facilitator. Flies-Away facilitates Tribal community and nation-building projects in planning, evaluation, technical assistance, research, and training. Focusing on developing justice systems, Flies-Away is interested in how courts and other governmental institutions contribute to affective governance and “living together well.” Flies-Away’s experience includes serving as a Hualapai Tribal Council Member, director of the Tribe’s Planning and Community Vision Department, promoter/chairman of the board of the Tribal corporation, HBE, Inc., Chief Judge and Associate Judge of the Hualapai Tribal Court, and Associate Justice and Chief Justice of the Hualapai Court of Appeals.

Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: Contingency Management and Therapeutic Adjustments (Sponsored by AllRise)

This workshop introduces practitioners to the research and the importance of engaging in and utilizing contingency management skills and processes. This session will allow participants to review and understand the research on contingency management for adolescents, and how teams can move from a “passive” to an “active” contingency management procedure to bring about strong engagement and outcomes for youth.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the importance and techniques for engaging in effective contingency management procedures.
- Understand the findings behind contingency management, how to balance incentives and sanctions, and to favor incentives for behavior change purposes.
- Discuss policy development or program changes necessary to create a system that allows for the fair assignment of incentives and sanctions, including individualization.
- Discuss data collection procedures (disaggregated by race/ethnicity) to monitor for proper application of incentives/sanctions.

Presenter:

Paul Bowen serves as the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Project Director for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. He previously served as the court administrator for the Rankin County Youth Court in Pelahatchie, MS. He provided oversight to the court system and supporting services including probation, juvenile drug treatment court, family drug treatment court, Zero to Three, intake officers, and other administrative and clerical staff. He worked for the court for over twenty years. He has co-written several grants and successfully secured and managed funding for new services for various programs. Paul has also served on the Advisory Council of the National Center for State Courts’ Rural Justice Collaborative. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Court Administrators Association including presiding as President. Most recently, Paul has served on the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Association of Drug Court Professionals in the roles of At-Large Board Member, Secretary, Vice President, and now President.

Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: Effective Case Management & Case Planning (Sponsored by AllRise)

This workshop introduces participants to the science and research behind the risk/needs/responsivity (RNR) model. Various types of needs assessments, and how to use assessment findings to create effective case plans will be reviewed. Participants will recognize the importance of having trained and certified

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professionals complete all assessments. The creation of an RNR-based supervision and management plan will be covered. This will allow Juvenile Treatment Court team members to become more effective in case planning, engagement, and identification of youths' cultural and developmental needs.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the research and key findings behind the risk/needs/responsivity model and why such an application is highly applicable to the Juvenile Treatment Court population.
- Discuss the various types of assessments and screening tools currently available and in use versus what should be utilized in practice to drive case outcomes.
- Understand how to use risk/need tools to determine eligibility.
- Learn how to develop case and treatment plans that best meet the needs of youth and families.

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Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: Engaging Families, Schools and Community (Sponsored by AllRise)

This workshop introduces practitioners to the importance of ensuring healthy development for Juvenile Treatment Court participants by working collaboratively with families, schools and community providers in order to meet the diverse needs of youth within the Juvenile Treatment Court program. This session will introduce the participant to relevant Guidelines on each topic (family, schools and communities). An exercise for engaging and strengthening outcomes for the families will be provided.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the importance of and techniques for engaging families, including improving court involvement/attendance and treatment involvement.
- Explain the research related to family engagement and outcomes in Juvenile Treatment Court programs.
- Discuss policy development or changes necessary in order to strengthen family, school and community engagement.
- Develop "take away" policy changes, programs or referrals to meet needs of youth and families.

Presenter:

Dr. Bridgett E. Ortega is a Sr. organizational consultant and trainer for All Rise, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. She is a lawyer, a researcher and the Past President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Juvenile Defender

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Center in Washington, D.C. She has served as the Equity and Inclusion Officer for the Georgia affiliate of the ACLU and has recently retired as Associate Dean of Experiential Learning for Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. She is also a registered and certified General Civil and Juvenile Court Mediator in Georgia.

Dr. Ortega is a National Trainer on subjects including but not limited to: Overcoming Legal Barriers to Reentry, Compassionate Family Engagement, compassionate Practice in Problem Solving Courts, Compassionate Communication, Compassion Fatigue, Using People-First Language to Reduce Stigma, Domestic Violence, Juvenile and Adult Drug Courts, Incentives and Sanctions, Veterans Courts, Equity and Inclusion, Cultural Literacy, Improving Outcomes for Children of the Incarcerated and all things Juvenile Justice. Her writing, work and trainings are focused on building a compassionate justice system.

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Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: The Methods for Ensuring Equitable Access and Inclusion (Sponsored by AllRise)

This workshop introduces practitioners to the importance of identifying their target population and ensuring equitable access for all potential participants. By adhering to the eligibility criteria, and conducting the appropriate screening and assessments for youth and families, JDTCs can effectively address the needs of each participant. This module will also assist practitioners with understanding and implementing the process of diverting youth who do not meet the eligibility criteria away from the formal JDTC processing into community-based alternatives.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the appropriate Juvenile Treatment Court target population
- Discuss the research and science behind risk/needs and how to use assessment tools to identify appropriate clients.
- Develop standard eligibility criteria that result in equity of access for all youth.
- Develop a procedure to exit youth that does not meet the criteria.

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Joint Jurisdiction Courts 101: An Overview (Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

Tribal, state, federal and local courts have overlapping jurisdictions and face common challenges and resource limitations. To address these concerns, several jurisdictions have come together in a joint jurisdictional model that acknowledges each other's autonomy, while sharing resources for better outcomes for everyone. This workshop will discuss what joint jurisdictional courts are, how they began, and how through different forms of intergovernmental collaboration tribes have been successful in operating joint jurisdictional courts.

Learning Objectives:

- To provide education and training for tribal courts, tribes, and tribal judges interested in implementing or enhancing a joint jurisdiction court.
- To provide training and education on different tribal, federal, state, and local court collaboration models.
- To provide training on what a joint jurisdiction court is and how they currently operate.

Presenters:

Chia Halpern Beetso serves as TLPI's Tribal Court Specialist and has experience working with tribal courts, federal Indian policy and tribal law. She received a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Prior to coming to TLPI, she was a Deputy Prosecutor for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and has prosecuted a variety of criminal matters, including domestic violence, in tribal court. In addition, Chia has provided training and technical assistance (T/TA) to tribal healing to wellness courts and has coordinated T/TA efforts on this front nationwide. Chia has also researched, drafted and presented TLPI resources on Tribal Law and Order Act and Violence Against Women Act implementation.

Jennifer Walter assists tribes, courts, local governments, and organizations on social reform issues. She brings over three decades of experience and expertise in strategic planning and communications, community outreach, project management, organizational development and collaboration to promote social

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justice change. She has a passion and commitment to strengthening tribal/county/state/federal relations and elevating LGBTQ issues through a race and equity lens.

Ms. Walter's experience includes over twenty-year career as a lawyer for the California Judicial Council where she led a statewide tribal needs assessment, obtained funding for and launched a unit focused on tribal/state relations, initiated and consulted on the documentary, Tribal Justice, served as lead counsel to the California Tribal Court -State Court Forum, and developed statewide policies relating to children, youth, families and concurrent jurisdiction of tribal and state courts. She was instrumental in establishing four joint jurisdictional courts in California.

She is partner at Hedger & Walter, LLP and serves as a tribal appellate judge for the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition. In 2024, she was inducted into the San Mateo County, CA Women's Hall of Fame for her leadership as the first co-chair of the County's LGBTQ Commission, one of the founding board members of CoastPride, and contributions to the Coastside Recovery Initiative. She lives in Half Moon Bay, CA, with her wife, their 20-year old daughter, two dogs, two chickens, one canary, and minipig.

Leveraging Military Culture Nuances to Improve Participant Outcomes (Sponsored by AllRise/JFV)

Military service has a unique and long-lasting impact on current and former service members. For those that become justice-involved, the learned cultural values, ethics, and standards applied during their service can be leveraged with the participant by the VTC Team in a manner and context that will benefit the participant, the participant's immediate support network, and the overall community.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe how serving in the military may have a long-lasting impact and influence on the servicemember, their family, and their interconnectedness to others.
- Identify how and why veterans learning styles and responses to interventions can differ substantially from each other.
- Identify skills and approaches that may more effectively address the needs of justice-involved veterans.

Presenter:

Scott Tirocchi, M.A., M.S., L.P.C., is a division director for Justice For Vets (JFV), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). He is an experienced administrator and licensed therapist who has worked in the criminal justice and behavioral health fields for over 30 years, striving to impact individual and systemic change within community, hospital, correctional and judicial settings. He holds professional certifications in clinical trauma and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. As a human services professional, he has engaged with various specialty populations, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serious mental illness, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, acquired brain injury, and chronic health conditions. Highlights of his employment history include serving in the role of assertive community treatment (ACT) case manager, residential program director, emergency services crisis clinician, jail and prison social worker, pretrial services officer, program administrator for veterans treatment court, deputy director for pretrial services, and adjunct faculty for Salve Regina University. He has been employed in both the private and public sectors assisting and empowering at-risk and adjudicated juveniles, older adults, and veteran and non-veteran persons with criminal justice involvement; to include those on pretrial release, detainees, and inmates.

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Additionally, Scott is a veteran. He was a military police officer in the U.S. Army Reserves and Army National Guard for 21 years. From 2003 to 2004, he was deployed to Afghanistan and served as commander for the training and doctrine component of Training Assistance Group II to the Afghan National Army. In 2008, he retired at the rank of Major.

Leveraging the VA in Identifying Veterans in the Criminal Justice System (Sponsored by AllRise/JFV)

The first step necessary for any veterans treatment court (VTC) is identifying their justice-involved veteran population. Justice For Vets Key Component #3 of the Ten Key Components of Veterans Treatment Courts is that "Eligible Participants are identified early and promptly placed in the veterans treatment court program." Identification can be accomplished through various methods and at multiple points within the criminal justice system. This session will highlight two systems provided by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to assist jurisdictions in identifying justice-involved veterans.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify two external Dept. of VA systems available to assist in the early identification of veterans within the criminal justice system, VRSS and SQUARES.
- Recognize who can access the systems and what information may be necessary to provide in order to achieve better outcomes.
- Integrate veteran Identification information and systems into criminal justice and court case processing.

Presenter:

As National Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO), U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, **Katie Stewart** contributes to the development of national policy, provides guidance to the field on operational matters, and represents the VJO program with internal and external audiences. Prior to Katie's work in VA Central Office, she spent nine years in the field serving as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC. She began her VA career in 2009 as a local Suicide Prevention Case Manager, then Suicide Prevention Coordinator. In 2011, she joined the Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) program where she served as the Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, building, and growing the local program until 2018. Throughout Katie's tenure serving as a Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, she was instrumental in the development of Buncombe County's (Asheville) Veterans Treatment Court.

Military Sexual Trauma (Sponsored by AllRise/JFV)

This session provides an overview of military sexual trauma (MST). MST encompasses experiences of sexual harassment and sexual assault during military service and is often associated with various mental health conditions, including posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Learning Objectives:

- Define military sexual trauma.
- Describe the adverse impact of MST on the individual identify services available to the individual in the VA System of Care.

Presenter:

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Meghan Geiss is a neuropsychologist at the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, an acute rehabilitation inpatient unit for veterans and active-duty service members presenting with acquired traumatic brain injury (TBI) and other neurological illnesses at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. She received a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at the University at Albany, State University of New York, and earned her Ph.D. in counseling psychology at the University of Memphis. She completed her clinical internship at the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida, where she worked with veterans in polytrauma settings. She has concentrated her clinical and research efforts on acute and post-acute rehabilitation issues among U.S. veterans with a history of TBI, including sleep behaviors. Ms. Geiss is a member of the American Psychological Association Divisions 40 (Society of Clinical Neuropsychology) and 22 (Society of Rehabilitation Psychology), the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, and the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

More than a Program: 8 Best Practice Standards for Professionals Serving Families (Sponsored by the Center for Children and Family Futures)

Family treatment courts (FTCs) are multi-system collaboratives that implement a family-centered approach for cases of child abuse or neglect in which parental substance use and often co-occurring mental health disorders are contributing factors. Judges, court personnel, attorneys, child protective services, treatment professionals, and other community partners coordinate services with the goal of ensuring that children have safe, nurturing, and permanent homes; family members receive the needed supports; and parents achieve stable recovery within mandatory time frames. This session will showcase the eight FTC Best Practice Standards, which improve policy and practice for all families experiencing court and child welfare involvement.

Learning Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the research supporting and practice experience reflected in the 8 FTC Best Practice Standards.
- Identify core concepts of the 8 FTC Best Practice Standards, including do no harm, minimum, enhanced and advanced practices.
- Learn how FTC Best Practice Standards support collaborative partners as catalysts to systems change and better outcomes for all families.

Presenters:

Alexis Balkey is a Program Director at the Center for Children and Family Futures, Inc. and leads the National Family Treatment Court (FTC) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program. She assists jurisdictions to advance FTC capacity to provide comprehensive family-centered care to children, parents and families. Ms. Balkey is a certified addictive disorder counselor with robust knowledge of alcohol and other drug treatment programs. Ms. Balkey received a BA in Psychology and BA in Criminal Justice and an MPA.

Dr. Andrea Sivanich is a Senior Manager at CCFF and works with the National FTC TTA Program. Prior to CCFF, Dr. Sivanich worked for the Colorado Judicial Department—serving as the Criminal Justice Program's unit manager at the State Court Administrator's Office, the coordinator for Colorado's 4th Judicial District's Recovery Court and FTC programs, and the volunteer Mental Health Court liaison for the El Paso County District Attorney's Office. Dr. Sivanich led judicial system innovations and oversaw large expert multidisciplinary teams when she managed four statewide TTA programs: problem-solving courts, adult diversion, restorative justice, and pre-trial competency. As a community volunteer, Dr. Sivanich has managed multiple volunteer teams—providing family-centered programming and support to service members and their families. Dr. Sivanich holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

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MRT and Developing Recovery Capital

This workshop is designed to equip attendees with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions when choosing evidence-based treatment options for adult and juvenile clients in specialty courts and corrections. An emphasis is placed on substance abuse and criminal justice statistics, as well as the results of over 30 years of implementing MRT - Moral Reconciliation Therapy[®] in a multitude of court and corrections settings.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn statistics on substance abuse, co-occurring disorders, recidivism, and the link between antisocial personality disorder, substance abuse & incarceration.
- Gain knowledge of popular treatment approaches and how to choose evidence-based practices appropriate for their individual program settings.
- Understand the principles of CBT and MRT, with a focus on MRT program attributes and group process review research data supporting the effectiveness of MRT in treating adult & juvenile participants in drug courts, juvenile courts, family treatment courts, and corrections.

Presenter:

Wendy Standifer is the Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Planning for Correctional Counseling, Inc. (CCI). She has over 30 years of experience working in Behavioral Health and Child Welfare systems. She has provided counseling, case management, clinical supervision, and program management working with adults and children with behavioral health, substance abuse and intellectual development disabilities. Wendy has participated in dozens of community initiatives and workgroups that have resulted in the enhancement of the agency's practices and protocols. In addition, she has been instrumental in advancing best practices and evidenced based practices into numerous service arrays including Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Family Psychoeducation, Dialectic Behavioral Therapy, Trauma Informed Services and Co-Occurring Principles. She specializes in evidence-based practices; behavioral health; substance use disorders; criminal justice; autism; trauma; trauma informed care; co-occurring; veteran and at-risk behavioral health populations for both adults and children.

In addition to her vast clinical experience, she has been in executive leadership roles since 2005. Wendy has been successful in the development and implementation of new pathways of services delivery in a rapidly changing environment based on community needs assessments. She is a developer of a data and creating an innovative driven culture where diversity, inclusion and trusted relationships with partners and funders are business priorities, resulting in operational efficiencies and the identification of new funding mechanisms and social enterprise opportunities. She has engaged in innovative strategic planning, managing behavioral health, co-occurring, military/veterans, and outpatient services that have resulted in improved clinical outcomes for adults and children across various clinical settings. She is a National Trainer for MRT, MRT-DV and MRT Trauma.

Wendy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts in Counseling from Oakland University and has certifications through the National Certified Counselors (NCC) and Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC).

Peer Support in Treatment Courts (Sponsored by AllRise)

The use of Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) in treatment courts continues to grow, and teams report great value in the addition of this resource. As teams consider adding or enhancing the PRSS within their program, there are naturally many operational questions. This session will explore the research on

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the use of PRSS in varied criminal justice interventions and state certification processes. Participants will be provided with an in-depth overview of the newly released guidelines for the use of peers in the treatment court model.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the purpose and function of the PRSS within criminal justice interventions.
- Gain knowledge of state certification processes and the extent to which PRSS are used in the treatment court field.
- Review and gain an understanding of the new guidelines on the use of PRSS within the treatment court model.

Presenter:

Jacqueline van Wormer is the Director of the Center for Advancing Justice at AllRise and holds an Affiliate Faculty position at Washington State University. Before this appointment she was an Associate Professor in Sociology at Whitworth University. Dr. van Wormer has held various positions in the criminal justice field, including serving as the Spokane Regional Criminal Justice Administrator, MacArthur Foundation Coordinator for the Benton/Franklin Counties Juvenile Court, Intervention Services Manager, Probation Supervisor and Coordinator for both the Adult and Juvenile Drug programs in Benton/Franklin Counties. She has lectured and trained extensively across the country and internationally on issues related to courts, pretrial reform and the drug court model.

Dr. van Wormer has taught courses in Statistics, Courts and Corrections, Program Evaluation, Juvenile Justice, Drugs and Crime, Research Methods, Crime and Media and Violence Against Women. Dr. van Wormer has 20 peer reviewed published articles, four book chapters and dozens technical reports focused on risk/need tool development, court model fidelity, detention alternatives, effective treatment options for justice involved individuals, and collaboration among social service agencies. She has successfully secured, and served as Principal or Co-Principal Investigator on over \$17.5 million in grants and contracts, all focused on criminal justice systems improvements.

Dr. van Wormer received her Ph.D. in 2010 from Washington State University. She was awarded the 2017 WSU Woman of Distinction (alumna category) for her work in criminal and juvenile justice reform. Current areas of study and research focus on court responses to the opioid epidemic, measuring implementation challenges in the use of evidence-based practices; bail and pretrial justice reform, interagency collaborative partnership “drift” within court models; and improving predictive validity of risk/need tools.

Problem Gambling 101

This presentation will provide participants with a basic introductory overview and basic knowledge of problem gambling issues, as well as a brief history. Participants will be provided with information on the potential devastating impact of problem gambling on individuals, families and communities. This presentation will improve participants understanding of the role of Arizona State government in the problem gambling service system and increase their capacity to support and join with public efforts to mitigate the impact of problem gambling in their communities.

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the difference between recreational gambling, problem gambling and Gambling Disorder.
- To understand where to get more information and training on problem gambling in Arizona.

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- To understand the services provided by the Arizona State government for problem gambling.

Presenter:

Kristin Campbell, MPH, CHES®, is the Prevention and Outreach Administrator for the Arizona Division of Problem Gambling. She administers educational information and presentations related to Problem Gambling statewide. She has six years experience working with diverse communities in Arizona on various public health issues.

PLENARY SESSION: Promising Practices to Enhance Equity and Inclusion within Treatment Courts (Session Sponsored by AllRise)

For the last two-and-a-half years, day-long equity and inclusion workshops have been conducted with treatment court teams around the country. During those workshops, teams examined their access process to identify potential sources of bias in who gets referred. They also used a social marketing perspective to better understand how participants perceive and experience their programs. Armed with these insights, teams created action plans to address uncovered issues. Since then, they have made both large and small changes that have increased access and retention of Black and Hispanic/Latino populations in their programs. This session will describe those changes.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn strategies (changing exclusionary criteria, examining data in new ways, dialoguing about implicit bias, etc.) to minimize subjective aspects of the referral.
- Hear ways to enhance your program offerings (through culturally appealing support networks, career development activities, new tracks, etc.) to make them more appealing to people of color.
- Learn how programs use social marketing concepts to bring greater voice to participants, create materials highlighting program benefits, and conduct effective outreach to communities of color.

Presenter:

Cliff Jacobs is the Coordinator for the Arlington County Adult Drug Treatment Court, Virginia. Mr. Jacobs has held this position since February 2019. Prior to becoming a Drug Court Coordinator, Mr. Jacobs worked for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals/ National Center for DWI Courts for 10 years. He began his treatment court career as a Training Coordinator for NCDC and worked his way to becoming a Project Director. Mr. Jacobs has traveled the country training thousands of treatment court professionals and hundreds of jurisdictions on fidelity to the treatment court model. He has been a keynote speaker at sobriety court graduations, as well as presented on the area of Equity and Inclusion in the Criminal Justice system. Mr. Jacobs has served as a peer reviewer for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program. He was an Auxiliary Police Officer, Arlington County, VA Police Department from 2005-2007.

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Psychedelic-assisted Therapies: The next MAT for Treatment Courts?

Psychedelic-assisted therapies (PATs) are reemerging for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. The dominant narrative of psychedelics being highly dangerous has been questioned as their safety profiles and potential for effective treatment outcomes are evolving, and prevailing political and scientific attitudes have led to a resurgence of research and development. However, an increase in psychedelic use outside of treatment settings for their therapeutic potential indicates several possible ethical and legal issues, especially related to the treatment of individuals from historically marginalized communities. This presentation explores existing literature on PATs, recent research conducted on Arizona clinicians' attitudes towards PATs, and potential legal and ethical implications for treatment court professionals.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to identify two trends in Arizona clinicians' knowledge, beliefs, and attitudes toward psychedelic-assisted therapies.
- Participants will be able to identify two ethical and/or legal issues associated with the reintroduction of psychedelic-assisted therapies to Western medicine.
- Participants will be able to name two ways treatment court staff can ethically and effectively address clients seeking psychedelic-assisted therapies and identify best practices in service delivery to enhance outcomes for participants in treatment courts, including the use of psychedelic substances in tribal healing.

Presenters:

Abigail Muzila is a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at Northern Arizona University. Prior to starting her doctoral program, she was a therapist in Arizona working with adults, children, and families. Her current clinical interests include psychedelic assisted therapies, trauma-informed substance use treatments, and the treatment of individuals with problematic and predatory sexual behaviors.

Dr. Larry Sideman is a Clinical Professor in the Doctor of Psychology program at Northern Arizona University. His professional experiences as a clinical psychologist have been diverse, both as an academic and clinician, including a 14 year career as a Director of Training and Professor in the doctor of psychology program at the Arizona School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University. Dr. Sideman is a board (ABPP) certified specialist and licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor and a licensed independent substance abuse counselor. He is also certified as a Master Addiction Counselor and as a Clinical Supervisor.

Reauthoring Addiction

A presentation on how narratives surrounding addiction may be changed to better prepare those entering recovery for success. Using the foundations of narrative therapy, learning to reauthor one's experiences can lead to greater insight on how addictions start and may be resolved. To reauthor means to tell a new story with the same information, a process which expands one's ability to see different outcomes to their story of addiction. In doing so, those in recovery may benefit from a greater sense of agency, self-empathy, and reduced potential for relapse. The presentation focuses on equipping professionals who help those with addictions with the knowledge and perspective needed to facilitate this process of reauthoring. A mix of discussions and diagrams will be utilized to visually represent the process of reauthoring and its benefits.

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Learning Objectives:

- To demonstrate the impact that harmful narratives have on the cause and continuation of addictions.
- To gain awareness on how interventions may be used at every professional level to facilitate the changing of these narratives.
- To explore the future implications of addiction counseling as supported by a refined understanding of the narrative process.

Presenter:

Brady Paul Byrne is a clinical therapist with a background in international counseling. Having completed his education at Webster University in The Netherlands, he has since worked with a diverse range of populations across the European Union, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates. After returning to the US, he settled in Arizona and began his work in the recovery field. Brady specializes in using narrative therapy interventions with a focus on identity growth and development.

Re-entry's Role in Treatment Courts

Coconino County implemented the Pathways to Community program in August of 2022. The program connects those released from the jail with resources and also encompasses a pre-charging diversion program for some felony offenses. Over the last year, the Pathways team has developed the program to interact with our treatment courts in the county.

Learning Objectives:

- How re-entry programs can be used for early identification of Treatment Court participants.
- How re-entry programs can assist Treatment Court programs with resources.
- What role pre-charging diversion programs play in the larger field of treatment courts.

Presenters:

Keatan Williams went to law school in Missoula, MT before moving to Flagstaff to work for DNA People's Legal Services. During that time, he began working in the criminal law field as a Public Defender for the Hopi tribe. He began working for the Coconino County Attorney's Office in 2019 and has been over-seeing Pathways and the other treatment court programs for the last year.

Angeles Guzman has 9 years of experience as an Adult Probation officer providing services, case management, connection to treatment, and additional wrap-around support for individuals on probation. She developed extensive resources for the department for care coordination for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorder and has established relationships across the criminal justice system in Coconino County. She also previously managed the Opioid Crisis Response Program which served individuals who are at high risk of overdose and often involved in the criminal justice system. Ms. Guzman has a great passion for the justice involved population. Ms. Guzman is the current Pathways to Community Manager, the reentry program in Coconino County, overseeing a multidisciplinary team. She is a trained Effective Practices in Correctional Settings II Coach and trained other Adult Probation Officers. Angeles is also trained in Motivational Interviewing, administering the Offender Screening Tool/Field Reassessment Offender Screening Tool, Risk-Need-Responsivity model and Staff Undertaking Skills to Advance Innovation (SUSTAIN.) Ms. Guzman, who is fluent in Spanish and is first-generation Mexican-American has first-

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hand experience with the challenges and opportunities facing marginalized groups, which enables her to meet the unique needs of the population the program serves.

Reflections When Working with Justice-Involved Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)

Join us for a captivating dialogue on what makes this Justice-Involved Transition Aged Youth (TAY) population unique. We will provide a summary of the biological, psychological, and social characteristics of this population, best practices, and evidence-based strategies for working with this population when they are justice involved. Further points of discussion as to why this population is overlooked, the lack of policies and resources, such as housing, and why we should treat the TAY differently than other justice groups. Plan to participate in an open dialogue and brainstorm ideas for solutions to the barriers that we identify as a group.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the bio-psychological-social characteristics of the TAY Population.
- Discuss barriers to services.
- Explore opportunities to provide better services.

Presenters:

Veronica Valencia, in her current role at Banner Health Plans, primarily focuses on providing training on Court Ordered Treatment to service providers, first responders, and community stakeholders. In 2018, Veronica joined BHP as the Court Specialist, providing oversight of members on Court Ordered Treatment and for members with justice-involvement (not incarcerated). Previous to BHP, she was a paralegal with the Pima County Mental Health Defender's Office for five years and spent nine years with the Pima County Attorney's Office, first in the Criminal Division and then with the Civil Division, where she was a lead staff trainer.

Christy Weaver, BA in Family Studies and MBA, is the Jail Liaison for Banner University Health Plans (BUHP). Christy previously worked with at risk families and DCS for 12 yrs and then transitioned to working with the SMI population as a rehabilitation specialist at La Frontera-EMPACT. Christy has worked for different health plans assisting incarcerated members with both medical and behavioral health issues, helping members engage/re-engage with services once released into the community.

Nevin Tawil (pronounced Naveen) is an Arizona native. Nevin graduated from ASU in 2013 with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. She has an extensive background in Forensic investigations and holds several Investigation certifications. During her time before Banner, she was a legal director and used her time to shed light on escalations. She was also an investigator for the Department Of Child Safety for 2 years. Nevin joined Banner Health in August of 2023. As Banner's Court Specialist, she focuses on members on Court Ordered Treatment (COT).

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Revisiting the Importance of Social Connectedness in Veterans (Sponsored by AllRise/JFV)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, social connectedness is when an individual feels like they belong and has the support and care they need, as well as the number, quality, and diversity of relationships they want. Evidence suggests that social connectedness plays a critical role in our wellness and overall health because high-quality relationships can help people live longer, healthier lives by guarding against the harmful effects of loneliness and isolation. With a primary focus on veteran-centered connectedness, this plenary will review and discuss short and long-term tools/resources the JIV participant can readily access to enhance social connectedness as well as community engagement strategies during and after program completion.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify ways to enhance social connectedness within your VTC.
- Identify resources that can help guard against feelings of loneliness and isolation for veteran participants.
- Describe individual and community strategies that can be used to improve social connectedness and overall well-being.

Presenter:

Scott Tirocchi, M.A., M.S., L.P.C., is a division director for Justice For Vets (JFV), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). He is an experienced administrator and licensed therapist who has worked in the criminal justice and behavioral health fields for over 30 years, striving to impact individual and systemic change within community, hospital, correctional and judicial settings. He holds professional certifications in clinical trauma and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. As a human services professional, he has engaged with various specialty populations, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serious mental illness, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, acquired brain injury, and chronic health conditions. Highlights of his employment history include serving in the role of assertive community treatment (ACT) case manager, residential program director, emergency services crisis clinician, jail and prison social worker, pretrial services officer, program administrator for veterans treatment court, deputy director for pretrial services, and adjunct faculty for Salve Regina University. He has been employed in both the private and public sectors assisting and empowering at-risk and adjudicated juveniles, older adults, and veteran and non-veteran persons with criminal justice involvement; to include those on pretrial release, detainees, and inmates.

Additionally, Scott is a veteran. He was a military police officer in the U.S. Army Reserves and Army National Guard for 21 years. From 2003 to 2004, he was deployed to Afghanistan and served as commander for the training and doctrine component of Training Assistance Group II to the Afghan National Army. In 2008, he retired at the rank of Major.

Saturday Night Fever: Staying Alive - Stop Dancing Around Harm Reduction

Harm reduction saves lives. Learn about harm reduction and how it can benefit our clients. Understand how the law impacts harm reduction and the ways the legislature is moving toward harm reduction-based policies. Get resources and information about harm reduction services. Learn about SAMHSA and Rise Up recommendations in relation to harm reduction in treatment courts. Discussion about medicated assisted treatment. Information about how you can use harm reduction informed language to support your clients.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn about Harm Reduction.

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- Learn about SAMHSA and Rise Up Recommendations.
- Learn about Resources.

Presenters:

Kacie Nickel has been working at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for 6 years. As a law student she worked for the City of Phoenix Veterans Court for 3 years. Kacie has been a part of the Maricopa County Specialty Court Team for 2 years representing clients in the Drug, DUI, and Veterans Court.

Amy Melcher has been working at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for 13 years. For the last 6 years, she has been representing clients in the Drug and DUI Courts.

Marc Bivens has almost 11 years of experience as a Public Defender, 7 of which has been with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, and 5 of that has been with the Specialty Court Division covering Drug and DUI Court and Mental Health Court.

Shaming the Struggling: Combatting the Stigma Surrounding Substance Use Disorder

This presentation will focus on the types of stigma and the impact they have on community members with a substance use disorder. This interactive session will explore topics related to how substance use changes the brain, the impacts of trauma, and the genetic components of substance use disorders.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify and understand basics around the neurobiological aspects of substance use disorder.
- Understand the types of stigmas faced by people in the substance using and recovery community and how to combat them.
- Identify practical solutions your organization or agency can apply to reduce the harms associated with substance use related stigma.

Presenter:

Janelle Jones has 8+ years of experience creating innovative positive change for individuals with substance use disorders at the direct care level and the systems level. Experience in clinical therapeutic settings, correctional centers, intensive probation supervision, public health, and working in the Court system. Extensive experience working directly with people who use drugs and healthcare providers. Training experience includes substance use disorder related trainings for probation and Court staff, community members, healthcare providers and professionals, and law enforcement.

Substance Abuse Among the Elderly: Unique Factors & Treatment Considerations

The elderly represents one of the fastest-growing segments of the population in the United States and currently, elders, 65 and older account for one-third of medications being prescribed. Alcohol abuse, largely overlooked among this population due to ageism and other unique social-developmental factors is now recognized as a serious problem as well. Given these demographic changes, treatment programs will need to be aware of the unique characteristics of this

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population to provide effective services. This presentation will discuss current trends in medication misuse, illicit substance use and alcohol among the elderly. Both social and biological factors that contribute to the complexities of understanding and addressing geriatric substance use will be examined.

Learning Objectives:

- Be familiar with the statistics related to substance abuse and medication misuse among the elderly.
- Understand the unique biological, social and lifestyle factors associated with substance abuse among the elderly.
- Recognize factors salient to the elder experience for substance abuse screening and assessment.

Presenter:

Lindy Lewis, PhD, LCSW- C has worked in the field behavioral health for over 30 years with both adolescent and adult populations. He currently provides behavioral health consultation at a primary care office and mental health therapy and clinical hypnosis at a outpatient mental health clinic in Maryland.

Supporting Participant Success In and After Healing to Wellness Courts Through Community Connection and Individualized Responses for Behaviors to Support Internal Change and Motivation (Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

Healing to Wellness Court teams often are left wondering why individuals “just can’t get with the program” and move past technical compliance in programming. Today’s presentation will focus on the opportunity treatment teams have to develop a more holistic approach to the healing to wellness program. This presentation will focus on how teams can respond to participant behaviors on an individualized basis to support behavioral modification rather than standard incentives, sanctions and therapeutic adjustments. Through individualized supports and accountability practices participants will be better served and connected to the community providing recovery skills to utilize outside of programming.

Learning Objectives:

- An overview of the impact of addiction on HTWC participants and how this affects behaviors, motivation, and ability to meet program requirements prior to clinical stabilization.
- How to better respond to participant behaviors through incentives, sanctions and therapeutic adjustments.
- How to engage participants in the process to provide recovery skills that they can use in aftercare and beyond programming.

Presenters:

Kristina Pacheco is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, where she lives and works from her home in New Mexico. Kristina is a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She is also a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the state of NM and has over 20 years of experience in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. Prior to joining Tribal Law & Policy Institute she worked for the Pueblo of Laguna for 14 years; as a Supervising Probation Officer (2004-2010), Lead Counselor (2010-2014) and Behavioral Health Program Manager (2014-2019). In 2007, Kristina and the staff of the tribal court began the Pueblo of Laguna Healing to Wellness Court. She has been providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities for over 20 years.

Alyssa Harrold serves as a Wellness Court Specialist and resides in Petoskey, Michigan. Prior to joining TLPI she served as the Project Director/Coordinator & Probation Officer for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. In that role she oversaw all specialty court programs which included a Domestic Violence

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Docket, Family Preservation Court and an Adult Healing to Wellness Program. She oversaw and implemented program enhancements to accept felony level healing to wellness clients. She coordinated the implementation of the LTBB family preservation court. She began her career working in safe homes providing services to domestic violence survivors.

Supporting the Team: Mitigating Vicarious Trauma Among Recovery Court Professionals

Those working closely in recovery court often experience vicarious trauma from repeated exposure to traumatic stories and events. Vicarious trauma can lead to compassion fatigue, burnout, secondary traumatic stress, and detrimental impacts on well-being. Personnel in specialized court dockets, including probation staff, treatment providers, and judges are at high risk as they supervise clients with significant trauma and violence experiences. Research shows that unaddressed vicarious trauma negatively impacts job performance, staff turnover, client care and workplace culture. This program provides evidence-based recommendations for organizational and individual strategies focused on education, boundary setting, workload management, self-care planning and promoting resilience, and provide practical tools to support staff wellness.

Learning Objectives:

- Define vicarious trauma and determine the differences between secondary trauma, burnout and vicarious trauma, including the common signs, symptoms and effects.
- Explain the impact of vicarious trauma and the risk factors for recovery court personnel.
- State the strategies available to promote self-care and resilience and create organizational change to mitigate vicarious trauma.

Presenters:

Kate Huffman served as a Montgomery County General Division Judge from 2002 until February, 2023. During her tenure, she presided over the Montgomery County RISE (Recovery Is Empowering) Court, which provides gender-specific supervision of female offenders struggling with substance use disorder, and previously presided over the court's Drug Court. In February 2023, she began working as a judge with the Second District Court of Appeals. Judge Huffman received her B.A. in political science from Wright State University, an M.A. in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada, and her J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law. She earned a Certificate in Judicial Development General Jurisdiction Trial Skills and a Certificate in Judicial Development Dispute Resolution Skills from the National Judicial College.

Judge Huffman provides peer-to-peer technical and education assistance related to impaired driving and specialized docket issues to judges around the country as the American Bar Association National Judicial Fellow, and previously served as the ABA's Ohio Judicial Outreach Liaison.

Dr. Kara Marciani, Psy. D., ABPP, obtained a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 2001, and was licensed as a psychologist in Ohio in 2003. In 2009 she was certified as a Diplomate (specialist Forensic Psychology) by the American Board of Professional Psychology/American Board of Forensic Psychology. Dr. Marciani serves as the Director of Forensic Services at the Forensic Psychiatry Center for Western Ohio and also serves as the Forensic Monitor for fourteen counties in Ohio. In addition, Dr. Marciani is the President and Chief Psychologist for Marciani Psychological Services, Inc. She has provided educational programs around the country at specialized docket conferences on a variety of topics, including gender-specific treatment courts and vicarious trauma.

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Sustainability in Treatment Courts (Sponsored by AllRise)

As Treatment Court Professionals we carry a lot of responsibilities. One of the greatest is sustainability. How does the program remain operational and deliver the necessary services for our participants? This session will discuss the importance of diversifying funding and resources. The importance of community mapping, team engagement, and how monetary vs. non-monetary resources contribute to sustainability. There will be an emphasis on Business Plan vs. Strategic Plan, and how each plan contributes to program success. This presentation will deliver a reality check to Treatment Court Professionals. Grants are never guaranteed!

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the difference between a business plan and strategic plan.
- Identify ways to sustain court practices with grants.
- Identify resources to source courts other than grant funding.

Presenter:

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Ten Key Components of Healing to Wellness Courts (Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

The Tribal 10 Key Components are adapted for Tribal Communities from the operational components developed for State Drug Courts. The 10 Key Components emphasize the importance of Tribal sovereignty and the importance of community connection for the participants. This session will discuss each of the components and provide “key take aways”. This presentation is for all levels of experience, but those who are new to Healing to Wellness Courts will benefit from this information.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the 10 Key Components of THWC.
- Importance of Tribal sovereignty and community connections.
- Key takeaways.

Presenters:

Kristina Pacheco is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, where she lives and works from her home in New Mexico. Kristina is a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She is also a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the state of NM and has over 20 years

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of experience in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. Prior to joining Tribal Law & Policy Institute she worked for the Pueblo of Laguna for 14 years; as a Supervising Probation Officer (2004-2010), Lead Counselor (2010-2014) and Behavioral Health Program Manager (2014-2019). In 2007, Kristina and the staff of the tribal court began the Pueblo of Laguna Healing to Wellness Court. She has been providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities for over 20 years.

Angie Juárez-Monger is a Wellness Court Specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She served the Southern Ute Tribe as the Court Administrator and Court Information Analyst/Grant Writer (2010-2022), where she managed several grant projects for the Court, including the tūüÇai (Wellness) Court and Family Treatment Court. She also led trauma-informed efforts through the OJJDP Defending Childhood Policy Initiative and continued work to become a trauma-informed court, completing SAMHSA GAIN'S Center trauma-informed training. She received a master's degree from Saint Louis and also attended New Mexico State University. She was born/raised on the El Paso-Juárez borderland and resides in Colorado.

The Changing Landscape of Impaired Driving

Over the past five years we have seen troubling trends in highway safety, and with impaired driving. Twenty-five percent of fatal crash-involved drivers tested positive for multiple impairing substances, compared with 18% prior to the pandemic. The number of DWI arrests have plummeted while impaired driving fatalities increased by 14% in 2021. The impact of the COVID pandemic, the increase in states legalizing recreational marijuana and the prevalence of polysubstance use have forced practitioners to reevaluate our current practices in addressing this serious issue. Participants will learn best practices in supervision strategies, available alcohol countermeasures, issues surrounding poly-substance abuse and testing to help criminal justice and treatment professionals maximize their effectiveness in reducing risk to the community.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will identify 3 factors that have influenced the increase in impaired driving fatalities.
- Participants will identify two research-based strategies that are effective in the supervision of impaired drivers.
- Participants will identify drug/alcohol testing strategies to maximize client accountability.

Presenter: Mark Stodola

As National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Probation Fellow, Mark Stodola brings over 30 years of experience working in the field of court management and adult probation in Arizona. Mark worked at the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department for 18 years serving in a number of capacities including division director overseeing drug and alcohol treatment programs, problem solving courts and services for the mentally ill. Mark later became the Court Administrator of the Tempe Municipal Court where he served for eight years managing the day-to-day activities of the court. Most recently Mark served as Program Services Manager in the Adult Probation Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court where he had oversight of treatment programs for Arizona's Adult Probation Departments. Mark has presented training on topics surrounding high risk drunk drivers at national, regional and state conferences throughout the country.

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The Danger on the Road: Understanding Drug Impaired Driving

In 2021, 13,84 people died in the United States as a result of impaired driving incidents; 13.5 million people aged 16 or older reported driving under the influence of alcohol in the past year and 11.7 million reported driving under the influence of drugs. Although the exact data on drug-impaired driving remains unclear, resulting from limitations on testing for impairing drugs, nonetheless, the psychological, physiological and psychomotor effects of drugs on the critical skills needed to drive increase the risk of fata crashes. This program focuses on the impact of impairing medication and illicit drugs on the complex task of driving, detecting drug-impaired driving, and the court's role in crafting sentences and sanctions that effectively address drug-impaired driving, including participation in a DUI court.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the impact of certain categories of prescription, over-the-counter and illicit drugs on driving ability and skills.
- Explain the purpose and role of a drug recognition expert on determining impairment.
- Evaluate the opportunity to address the dangers of drug-impaired driving through recovery court intervention.

Presenter:

Kate Huffman served as a Montgomery County General Division Judge from 2002 until February, 2023. During her tenure, she presided over the Montgomery County RISE (Recovery Is Empowering) Court, which provides gender-specific supervision of female offenders struggling with substance use disorder, and previously presided over the court's Drug Court. In February, 2023, she began working as a judge with the Second District Court of Appeals. Judge Huffman received her B.A. in political science from Wright State University, an M.A. in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada, and her J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law. She earned a Certificate in Judicial Development General Jurisdiction Trial Skills and a Certificate in Judicial Development Dispute Resolution Skills from the National Judicial College.

Judge Huffman provides peer-to-peer technical and education assistance related to impaired driving and specialized docket issues to judges around the country as the American Bar Association National Judicial Fellow, and previously served as the ABA's Ohio Judicial Outreach Liaison.

The Intrusion of Fentanyl in Our Society

With the rising overdose and death rate among our children and adults due to Fentanyl use, it is important to know how we can positively lower those rates. Thus our purpose is threefold: 1. Educate our clients and community on the need to be informed about the fatal risks of Fentanyl use 2. Educate our clients and community on the proper use of Narcan 3. Educate the community that Fentanyl is not culturally biased and it can effect everyone in our society. Our Vision is to raise awareness and hope in our community. Narcan saves lives, and through project C.A.R.E. and harm reduction we hope to change the stigma and reduce the statistics of overdose deaths in our community.

Learning Objectives:

- The risks of Fentanyl use and overdose awareness.
- The proper use of Narcan.
- Harm reduction education and addressing the fentanyl stigma.

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Stephanie Meyer is currently a Surveillance Officer with Pinal County Adult Probation. She has been employed with Adult Probation for 14 years. Stephanie has been fortunate to be part of the department's CPR/First Aid instructor team for the past 5 years. She has had the opportunity to be active in the Project Care Program that helps educate employees and community members on the importance of knowing how to use "compressions only" CPR when necessary. It is her hope to inform those that we work with and our community about the Fentanyl epidemic and its dangers. Through proper NARCAN training and continuous information sharing on how to properly handle an overdose. Her goal is to help lower the stigma around addiction and the ability to talk openly about it.

Adam Short is currently the supervisor of the Court Services Unit within the Pinal County Adult Probation Department. There are several units within Court Services, which includes Pretrial Services, Presentence and Court Liaison. He has spent over 25 years working in public service as a Probation Officer, Police Officer and EMT. Adam has spent many years teaching others about an epidemic that has rapidly taken over our Country in a way like no other drug... Fentanyl. His goal is to help inform the community and those of us in the workplace about the extreme dangers of Fentanyl and how to help treat someone that has overdosed while using it.

Treatment in Treatment Courts: What is Essential and What Can Be Creative (Sponsored by AllRise)

This presentation outlines the importance of creating services that address the needs of High/Risk High/Need participants in the treatment court setting. It will outline some of the science behind the reason Treatment "as usual" does not produce the same outcomes in treatment courts, and the essentials to look for in the treatment partners. The session will outline best practice standards, and the responsivity issues we should address in addition to SUD treatment groups. Identification of problem areas in each of the 6 ASAM dimensions, with an emphasis on the criminal justice population. Lastly, we will identify various evidence-based curriculum that can be used when addressing the complex needs of our clientele.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the characteristics associated with trauma, addiction, and HR/HN population and build ancillary services to augment SUD treatment.
- Look at best practices to identify ancillary services recommended for the HR/HN population.
- How to use the robust assessment and ASAM criteria to properly identify problem areas to address.

Presenter:

Erin Rodriguez, LCPC, MAC, LAC President of Selah Clinical Services PC Erin Rodriguez is a licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC) and a licensed addiction counselor (LAC) with certifications from NAADAC (National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Counselors) as a master's level addiction counselor (MAC) as well as a certified EMDR trauma therapist. Erin obtained her B.S. in Health and Human Services with an emphasis on chemical dependency counseling and her M.S. in Mental Health Counseling and Rehabilitation. She has been active in the criminal justice system and treatment courts since 2007. She has served as a key team member and/or founding member on several treatment court teams, including Misdemeanor DUI Court, Misdemeanor Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Co-occurring Treatment Court, Felony Impaired Driving Court, Family Recovery Court, Felony Drug Court, and Veterans Treatment Court. Ms. Rodriguez served 12 years as Director of Court Services for Montana's largest co-occurring treatment center, supervising 20 plus counselors and case managers working directly in Treatment Courts. Since 2019, Erin has focused more on consult work in treatment courts, creating training modules, crisis

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intervention for law enforcement, and conducting therapy as the owner/president of Selah Clinical Services PC. She has been faculty staff with NADCP/NDCI since 2015.

Understanding Brain Science of Addiction to Prevent Burn Out and Better Support Your Probationer

This training will provide an easy-to-understand overview of the brain science of addiction to support officers and other team members in recognizing what is occurring and help reduce stress and burnout when working with this population. Will offer ideas on tools to use to offer a more supportive and understanding approach to those in recovery, and provide examples of, and reasoning for, strength base language that can be used when engaging with probation adults, youth, and their families. We will also cover how to support families and youth to reduce the stress, stigma, and guilt around addiction and relapse.

Learning Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the brain science of addiction for better recognition and referral.
- Increase strength base language to promote positive outcomes.
- And support families in recovery.

Presenters:

Ambur Banas is currently a LASAC working with Southwest Behavioral Health moving towards her independent licensure status with the state. She has been with Southwest for 1 year now. She had been with Southwest prior from 2012-2017, as a Peer Support and a Children's Case Manager. From 2017-2022 she worked as a Juvenile Probation officer as a Specialty Court and JIPS officer for Mohave County. Since returning back to the behavioral health field she has continued as a member of the Juvenile Specialty Court and worked to build a Teen IOP program to support youth in their recovery.

Elaine Cummings is currently a LASAC working with Southwest Behavioral Health moving towards her independent licensure status with the state. She has been with Southwest for a little of 2 years now. She has worked in the Mental and Behavioral Health Community since 2011 where she began her career as an In Home Care Support Specialist working with adults whom had significant co-morbidity and co-occurring concerns. Since then she has worked with a variety of populations and assisted with grants and building new programs to support these populations. She enjoys educating and advocating for community change and trauma informed practices.

We Are Just Doing Our Job: Defense Attorney 101

Learn about the role of the defense attorney, our ethical obligations, why we make certain arguments in court, how we assist our clients, and why you may feel like we are not always team players.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn About Defense Attorney's Role.
- Learn About Defense Attorney Ethical Obligations.

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- Work Through Hypotheticals

Presenters:

Amy Faerber started at the Maricopa County Public Defender in January 2019 in the high volume court. She then moved to trial group where she handled a variety of felony cases until she moved to Specialty Court Group in December 2021. She represents participants in the Veteran's Court program as well as the Juvenile Transferred Offender Program, a therapeutic court unique to Maricopa County that serves juvenile and young adult clients who are on adult probation for felony convictions. Amy has practiced, primarily as a public defender, since 2004 with stops along the way in Maryland, Washington D.C., and Missouri before settling in Arizona.

Kacie Nickel has been working at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for 6 years. As a law student she worked for the City of Phoenix Veterans Court for 3 years. Kacie has been a part of the Maricopa County Specialty Court Team for 2 years representing clients in the Drug, DUI, and Veterans Court.

PLENARY SESSION: Why Are Families Important? Applying a Family-Centered Approach to Improve Outcomes for Individuals who Experience Court Involvement and Substance Use (Sponsored by the Center for Children and Family Futures)

All courts serve participants who have parents, children, and chosen family. Effective collaborative models treat the family unit as a whole — allowing families to break the intergenerational cycle of substance use, child abuse and neglect, and criminogenic behaviors — while paving the way for healthy, stable home environments where children can thrive. This plenary session offers judicial leaders, court professionals, SUD and MH treatment providers, child welfare practitioners, and other community serving agencies key strategies for implementing a family-centered approach, focused on enhanced collaboration, communication, engagement, and outcomes. Presenters evolve abstract concepts into concrete strategies, illustrating how professionals can apply these principles in any system to improve outcomes for families and our communities.

Learning Objectives:

- Examine the importance of implementing effective engagement strategies for families affected by substance use disorders and how comprehensive supports shape the path for families experiencing court involvement.
- Learn cross-system communication strategies that assess family strengths and needs while supporting successful recovery, family reunification, and other important treatment court outcomes.
- Explore how cross-system collaboration ensures the needs of the family are supported.

Presenters:

Alexis Balkey is a Program Director at the Center for Children and Family Futures, Inc. and leads the National Family Treatment Court (FTC) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program. She assists jurisdictions to advance FTC capacity to provide comprehensive family-centered care to children, parents and families. Ms. Balkey is a certified addictive disorder counselor with robust knowledge of alcohol and other drug treatment programs. Ms. Balkey received a BA in Psychology and BA in Criminal Justice and an MPA.

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Dr. Andrea Sivanich is a Senior Manager at CCFF and works with the National FTC TTA Program. Prior to CCFF, Dr. Sivanich worked for the Colorado Judicial Department—serving as the Criminal Justice Program’s unit manager at the State Court Administrator’s Office, the coordinator for Colorado’s 4th Judicial District’s Recovery Court and FTC programs, and the volunteer Mental Health Court liaison for the El Paso County District Attorney’s Office. Dr. Sivanich led judicial system innovations and oversaw large expert multidisciplinary teams when she managed four statewide TTA programs: problem-solving courts, adult diversion, restorative justice, and pre-trial competency. As a community volunteer, Dr. Sivanich has managed multiple volunteer teams—providing family-centered programming and support to service members and their families. Dr. Sivanich holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

Working with Native Americans in Treatment Courts (Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

While Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts have been operational for over 25 years, a number of Native Americans still participate in treatment courts in non-tribal jurisdictions. They come into a treatment court in a variety of ways. This presentation will provide an overview of how Native Americans may enter a non-tribal program, how collaboration with a THWC could benefit Native American participants, and ways to work with Native American participants in non-tribal jurisdictions.

Learning Objectives:

- Overview of the historical context of Native Americans.
- A brief introduction to historical trauma and how this affects current Native American participants in treatment courts.
- Learns ways to work with Native American participants in a non-tribal jurisdiction.

Presenter:

Kristina Pacheco is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, where she lives and works from her home in New Mexico. Kristina is a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She is also a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the state of NM and has over 20 years of experience in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. Prior to joining Tribal Law & Policy Institute she worked for the Pueblo of Laguna for 14 years; as a Supervising Probation Officer (2004-2010), Lead Counselor (2010-2014) and Behavioral Health Program Manager (2014-2019). In 2007, Kristina and the staff of the tribal court began the Pueblo of Laguna Healing to Wellness Court. She has been providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities for over 20 years.