

2018 NOFSW Conference Program Agenda 3.11.18

Tuesday June 19, 2018

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30am-4:30pm

(Networking lunch will be provided to Certificate participants)

Forensic Social Work Certificate Program (not included with conference registration)

The Forensic Social Work Certificate is a program sanctioned by the National Organization of Forensic Social Work. Graduates who have successfully met program expectations are identified as having received training in topics deemed foundational to sound forensic social work knowledge. It would be appropriate to list or note this certificate among a professional's specialized areas of training. It would not be appropriate to list as a credential after one's name (e.g. Sallie Sue, FSWC). If you have questions about the proper use of the FSW Certificate please contact the NOFSW Executive Director.

Topics

Orientation to the FSW Certificate

Covers attendance and participation expectations for certificate institute attendees; outlines the professional benefits and limitations of the certificate.

History and Foundations of Forensic Social work: A Cultural Journey

A brief look back at the history of the field with specific attention to the cross-cultural nature of social work and the law; identifies emerging topics shaping the future of the field.

Court Systems and Expert Testimony

Examines the court context of forensic social work practice focusing on criminal, consultant and child welfare examples.

Keys to Successful Offender Reentry

Explores mental health and addiction intervention factors and their impact on the transitioning back to the community; challenges and opportunities for forensic social work

Juvenile (In)justice

Considers the socio-political factors directing children to the JJ system including a critical examination of racial disparities and how these play out at crucial decision points for our youth.

Public Defense Mitigation: Telling the Story

Provides a step-by-step approach to the forensic social worker's role in sentencing advocacy; core social work skills are translated into the special needs for working effectively with a defense team.

Law Enforcement: Partnerships with Purpose

Understanding law enforcement can be of significant benefit to variety of FSW functions including work in domestic violence, child protection and dependent and older adult protection.

Wrap-Up Discussion & Community Building

Wednesday June 20, 2018

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Keynote Presentation

Gang Controlled Sexual Exploitation: Understanding the Traffickers' Mentality

Deepa Patel, CSOPT, LCSW

Workshop Sessions

2:15pm-3:45pm

1. Immigration 101 for Social Workers in Legal Settings

This session will highlight the important role social workers in legal settings play in supporting immigrant clients in pursuing immigration benefits and forms of relief.

Kristen Anderson, MSW; Sarah Knight, MSW; Kate Johnson Powers, LMSW.

2. Working for the Crew: Understanding Gang Controlled Exploitation

Deepa Patel, CSOPT, LCSW

3. The Effective Utilization of Cognitive Behavior Therapy with Female Offenders Legally Mandated to Treatment

As the number of women who offend and engage in substance abuse continues to rise, the need for evidence based practices has increased as well. The utilization of CBT with LMSA clients can be utilized to engage female clients into a working alliance.

Delores Blackwell, MSW, PhD

4. The Maryland Unger Project: Safe De-carceration of Older, Life-Sentenced Prisoners

This workshop describes a five-year collaboration which provided social work and legal support to a cohort of elderly life-sentenced prisoners as they returned to the community after decades behind bars.

Rebecca Bowman-Rivas, MSW; Elizabeth Smith, MSW

5. Familiar Faces: Ending the Criminal Justice Response to Behavioral Health Crisis

King County's Familiar Faces Initiative is transforming systems to meet people's behavioral health needs in their home communities, rather than through a costly, disruptive and racially disproportionate criminal justice response.

Brook Buettner, LICSW, MPA

6. An Exploratory Study of Internal and Situational Factors Impacting Veterans with PTSD

The purpose of this research is to explore mental health issues and substance use patterns of veterans diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder who at some point, came under the purview of the criminal justice system.

TL Chandler, PhD; Julie Schroeder, PhD

Break

Split Sessions:

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

7.1. Mothers Talk Back: Exploring the Experiences of Formerly Incarcerated Mothers

The purpose of this research study is explore the ways in which systems of care, policies and therapeutic practices can be improved to be more responsive to the needs of mothers and their families.

Shannon Cooper-Saldo, PhD, LCSW; Jessica Chou, PhD, LPC

7.2. The Name Game: Exploring Theories to Assist Previously Incarcerated People

By engaging with Robert K. Merton's Theory of Unintended Consequences and Howard Becker's Labeling Theory suggestions on future policy development for and practice with previously incarcerated people will be discussed.

Curtis Davis, LMSW

8.1. Barriers to Advancing Evidence-based Practice in Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment: Ideology, Public Funding, or Both?

Domestic violence perpetrator programs fail to embrace evidence-based practice due to a range of ideological and political issues tied to funding.

Kenneth Corvo, PhD

8.2. Witness Aid Programs: Understanding Social Worker's Experiences Supporting Intimate Partner Survivors in a District Attorney's Office

This presentation discusses intimate partner violence social workers' experiences practicing in a prosecutor's office with trauma survivors, examining vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic stress.

Ovita Williams, LCSW-R, MPhil

9.1. The Use of Media (drawings, dolls) in Forensic Interviews of Children Suspected of Abuse

This presentation will describe methods for using media during forensic interviews of children. It will cover media uses at different interview stages and uses that access different types of memory.

Kathleen Faller, PhD

9.2. Issues in Forensic Interviewing of Children: A Qualitative Barrier in Accommodating Barriers of Non/Partial Disclosure in Children of Alleged Sexual Abuse

Grounded theory analysis is applied to qualitative interviews with Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) forensic interviewers. Interviewing protocols, impact of training, and multidisciplinary teams in cases of non-/partial disclosure are addressed.

Emily Lux, MSW

10.1. Risk Assessment in Clinical and Forensic Social Work Practice in Care Jurisdictions

Discussion of undertaking Risk assessment in forensic assessments in Care jurisdiction.

Susan Foley, MA, MSW, Med

10.2. Risk and the YLS/CMI: Examining Differences in Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Child Service History, Gangs, and Offence Type

Examination of mean differences in YLS/CMI Total score, and sub-component scores, with gender, race, Hispanic origin, child service history, gangs, and offence type as factors.

Alan Taylor

11.1. Moving toward a Holistic Treatment Model for Youth with Illegal Sexual Behavior

This presentation describes practice-important research, based on ecological systems theory, which investigated outcomes of a program before and after addition of case-management to intervention for youth with illegal sexual behaviors.

Mandi Fowler, PhD; Debra Nelson-Gardell, PhD

11.2. Trauma History as a Barrier to Reentry: How Drug Users Leaving Prison Navigate Mental Health Services Post Release

This mixed methods study presents descriptive data of a sample of men and women leaving prison with histories of physical and/or sexual abuse. These findings are fleshed out through in-depth interviews looking at the barriers to mental health service utilized.

Taylor Hall, MA

12. Mitigation University

This workshop will explore three mitigation subjects: 1) Building a community around the case; 2) Identify neurosciences evidence; and 3) How to create a trial rundown.

Victoria Rusk

Thursday, June 21, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Plenary TBA

Workshop Sessions:

10:15am-11:45am

13. Breaking the Mold: Advocating for Clients in Restrictive Diversion Courts

This presentation will challenge the courts' biases toward our clients through innovative, and unconventional advocacy. We will be focusing on clients with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Mary Coyle, LMSW; Alexis Telfair-Garcia, MSW; Laura Vest, MSW

14. Client-Centered and Trauma Informed Practice: Making it Work in a Criminal Justice Setting

This workshop will discuss Safe Horizon's implementation of client centered and trauma informed work in the courts and precincts and explore the challenges and successes of our work.

Maureen Curtis, MSW, MPH

15. Gender and Forensic Experts: Does it Influence Selection and Outcomes?

According to research, there is a wide gender gap concerning the hiring of women as forensic experts. This program explores consequences to clients and courts from these biases and blinders.

Dana Prescott, JD, MSW; Diane Tennies, PhD

16. Cultural Diversity and Social Work Practice in the Forensic Setting: Poverty and Homelessness

This presentation focuses on forensic social work practice with clients in lower socioeconomic status. Topics include issues in defining the culture of poverty, recognizing stereotypes, engagement challenges, and practice implications.

Wright Surgenor, LCSW; Roger Nooe, PhD, LCSW

17. Targets, Treatments, & Ethics of Providing Care in Solitary Confinement

This presentation explores the mental health targets, treatments, and ethics of providing direct care to those in solitary confinement.

Ali Winters, DSW, LCSW

18. Public Defense Social Workers of the New Era

This workshop will allow us to explore the different roles forensic social workers play on a micro and macro level to cater to our clients' needs.

Nina Elmore, MSW; Gilan Merwanji, MSSA, JD

11:45am -1:00pm Lunch (on your own)

Roundtable Discussions - Bring your lunch and join these discussions.

A. Lessons in Implementing Trauma Informed Care in a Forensic Inpatient Setting

Given the high prevalence of trauma among clients in various forensic settings, social workers would benefit from understanding the principles of Trauma Informed Care and the impact of working with traumatized clients on their own wellness. This presentation looks at the beginning stages of implementing Trauma-Informed principles and practices to the largest forensic psychiatric hospital in the country.

Veronica Kaufman, MSW

B. Supporting Individuals and Families Impacted by Incarceration: Collaboration, Community-based Practice, and Continuum of Care

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department in Boston MA, provides a voluntary program to inmates as they transition back to the community. Through a monthly system of care consortium, these meetings bring together service providers to work collaboratively.

Wendy Champagne Williams, PhD, MSW, LICSW; Karla Walker; Raechelle Joyner, MSW, LICSW

C. Inter-Professional Illustrations of Social Workers and Private Bar Attorneys Working Together on Behalf of Foreign Born Individuals Involved in the Child Welfare System

The origin of the profession of social work begins with advocacy on behalf of the foreign born. In the current climate of xenophobia and increasing numbers of foreign born children removed from their families by child welfare agencies there is a calling for the partnering of the legal and social work professions on these cases is acute in the current social and political climate disaffecting the foreign born involved with the justice system where the overarching issue of trauma is not well understood.

Karen Clark Hoey, PhD, MSW

D. Assessing “Best Interest”: Situations, Subjectivities, Solutions

This roundtable discussion will engage attendees in a conversation regarding “best interest” standards in child welfare and delinquency cases, and how these standards differ across states.

April Jones, LICSW, PIP

E. "But This is Jail": Integrating Mental Health Care with Care, Custody, and Control

This topic explores the maximizing of potential of mental health and correctional staff in accomplishing a mutual goal of addressing jail violence in response to and perhaps then influence inmate/patient perception.

Yuna Youn, LMSW

F. The Impact of Social Media on the Minimization of Recidivism for Inmates with Mental Illness

This session will highlight the negative effects of an antiquated incarceration system for detainees with mental illness through the presentation of a case study.

Destinee Migest, MSW, LSW

Workshop Sessions:

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

19. TBA

20. Criminal Defense-Based Social Work & Self-Care

I am co-editing a book on Criminal Defense-Based Forensic Social Work. The presentation will outline the roles, skills & work of a criminal defense-based forensic social worker ending with a 30 minute, hands-on discussion on self-care.

Maren Willins, LCSW

21. Strategies to Mitigate Psychological Trauma of Reentry: Practice Implications for Community Corrections and Reentry Interventions

The workshop presents experiential and relational trauma-producing challenges, and factors essential for successful transition to community. It presents a strategic conceptual framework for facilitating successful reentry process.

Thomas Kenemore, PhD, Brent In, MSW; Scott Anders, MPA

22. Gangs and Guns: Presenting Mitigation for Youth Charged with Violent Crimes

Brooklyn Defender Services Adolescent Social Workers will discuss techniques for advocating for youth charged with violent crimes. Specifically how to mitigate allegations of membership in a “gang.”

Rebecca Kinsella, LMSW

23. Procedural Justice in Court-Based Programs

The purpose of this workshop is to help develop the tools needed for social workers to create programs that embody the principles of procedural justice while working within a traditional court based setting.

Annamarie Riviuccio, LMSW; Alyssa Calandra, MSW

24. When Traditional Alternatives to Incarceration Don't Fit: Navigating Best Outcomes for Clients with Intellectual Disability and Neurocognitive Disorder

This presentation will cover screening, strategies for advocacy, and treatment planning for justice involved individuals with intellectual disabilities and neurocognitive disorders, such as dementia or traumatic brain injury.

Sarah Shebby, MSW; Susanna Eckblad, LCSW

Break

Workshop Sessions:

2:45 – 4:15

25. Advocating for Political Prisoners and their Families: A Radical Social Work Approach

This panel of former political prisoners, family member of a political prisoner and a social worker/sociologist focuses on the issues confronting political prisoners and their families. A radical social work approach offers tools for social work advocacy.

Sandra Joy, Robert King, Russell Shoatz, Albert Woodfox

26. Bridging the Gap

To explore the working relationship of three agencies in different roles, but serve the same marginalized population.

Anthony Butler, MSW; Kenton Kirby, LMSW; Ronald Schneider, LMSW

27. Forensic Patients in State Hospitals, Commitments, Trends and the Social Worker's Role

Across the country we are seeing a significant increase in forensic psychiatric commitments. This presentation will review the different forensic commitments, their challenges and the role social workers play.

Veronica Kaufman, MSW; Samantha Lillo, LCSW

28. How to Utilize a Forensic Social Worker as an Expert

This presentation will address utilizing forensic social workers as experts as part of legal team. The presentation will discuss the role of the expert in legal proceedings.

Amy Kelso, MSW, LCSW; Kris Ferrell, JD

29. Unaccustomed Yet Unashamed: A Strengths-Based Review on Parent-Child Reunification with Formerly Incarcerated African American Fathers

This workshop offers present research on the experience of parent-child reunification with formerly incarcerated African American fathers and explores support for paternal engagement in the community utilizing the strengths-based perspective.

Sherece Shavel, PhD, LMSW, HS-BCP

30. Never Enough: Tackling the Shrinking Forensic Bed Problem

Utah is reinventing how to get mentally ill defendants Competent to Proceed.

Spencer Lloyd, LCSW

Split Sessions 31 - 34:

4:30 p.m. – 5:30p.m.

31.1. Using a Racial Equity Impact Analysis to Examine the Changing Face of FSW

Explanation of relevance to FSW Racial Equity Impact Analyses make a unique contribution to understanding racial and ethnic disparities across systems – including forensic social work.

Susan McCarter, PhD, MS, MSW

31.2. Differential Police Response to Protesting: When Color Matters

This presentation will examine the differences in police response to various groups who peacefully protest as compared to groups that demonstrate aggressive protesting tactics, how race matters in police response.

Warren Graham, MSW; Shakira Kennedy, PhD, MSW; Folusho Otuyelo, PhD, MSW, Jalana Harris, LCSW

32.1. In Case of Emergency Oxygen Masks will Descend: Teaching Parenting Skills to Incarcerated Fathers

To effectively teach parenting to fathers in prison, the instructor has to first reach the students and have them believe in themselves, their strengths and their abilities.

Carl Mazza, DSW, LMSW

32.2. The Messages Project: Connecting Children with their Incarcerated Parents through Literacy and Digital Media

In order to reduce child trauma, the Messages Project teaches incarcerated parents how to read to their children. Videos are produced and delivered. This presentation details these outcomes.

David Axlyn McLeod, PhD, MSW

33.1. Trauma Informed Care within the Juvenile Detention Center

Increasing Juvenile Justice Staff's Awareness of Trauma-Informed Care Through the Utilization of Principles from Trauma-Based Interventions like Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)

Ariana Mitchell, MS; Jessica Duncan, MS; James Stefurak, PhD; Melissa Kern, MS

33.2. The Impact of Trauma in Children and Adults during Child Custody and Child Welfare Litigation

Failure to identify symptoms of trauma in children and adults during custody or child welfare litigation can have profound public health consequences. Effective interventions with such families requires an understanding of the public health consequences.

Lisa Fischel-Wolovick, JD, MSW

34.1. A Statewide Alternative Sentencing Program: Description, Outcomes and Return on Investment

The current study aimed to examine the demographics, preliminary outcomes and cost-effectiveness of the Alternative Sentencing Worker Program.

Grant Victor, MSW; Athena Kheibari, MA; Sarah Johnson, LCSW

34.2. Managing Suicidal Ideation with Justice Involved Clients

This presentation will deal with assessing suicidal ideation and intervention with justice involved clients.

Patricia Greenmeyer, MSW

35. Building a Trauma-Informed Public Defense Practice

This presentation outlines the way we have implemented education and support for our staff at Orleans Public Defenders who are experiencing secondary trauma and compassion fatigue.

Ginger Parsons, MSW; Nicole Roachat, MSW

Friday, June 22, 2018

Workshop Sessions:

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

36. Using a University Partnership to Enhance Community Forensic Services in a Rural Area

This is a presentation of a mixed method study of both county jail inmates, and a local forensic group to assist with identification of treatment and service needs that might reduce recidivism, and community advocacy that was conducted.

David Pugh, PhD; Elaine Rinfrette, PhD; Amy Weaver; Katrina Putnam

37. Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization: Bridging the Macro Micro Social Work Divide through an Ethic of Organizing

We will examine the challenges and highlight strategies to confront the divide between addressing the needs of people and the need to transform the systems / ideologies that create those needs.

Cameron Rasmussen, LMSW; Cassandra Frederique, MSW; Kirk James, DSW

38. The Pitfalls of Preventative Services

How do child welfare authorities define preventative services and how do the families we work with define preventative services for themselves? What type of preventive interventions do families really need?

Michelle Harris, LMSW; Emily Pickens

39. A Lifetime of Care: Examining the Needs of Black Mothers Caring for Their Adult Children with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Greater New Orleans

The history, present and hopeful future of community mental health care in post-Katrina New Orleans will be discussed and the effects caring for adult children with serious mental illness (SMI) can have on caregivers. Results of conducted research, and best methods will be presented.

Enchante Franklin, MSW, MA; Nubian Sun, PhD, LCSW

40. Preventing Financial Exploitation of Older Adults

Elder financial exploitation is a growing threat to our nation's older adults. Prevention is an important part of combating financial exploitation. This workshop will provide information to help prevent financial exploitation.

Ronald Dolan, EdD

Workshop Sessions

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

41. Increasing Community Safety from Juvenile Fire-Setting: Using the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model to Create Treatment and Programming for Juvenile Fire-Setters

Research indicates an increase in the need to address juvenile fire-setting as an intervention for community safety. Juvenile fire-setting assessment and treatment is a specialty area within forensic social work that deserves more exposure and attention.

Jacqueline Johnson, DSW, LCSW; Jennifer Alongi, MA, LCSW

42. Beyond Incarceration: The Policing of Black Women and Children through the Child Welfare System

This workshop will highlight the historic roles that systemic racism, sexism and the media have played in the child welfare system and challenge participants to redefine social work advocacy in child welfare.

Kaela Economos, MSW; Erin Cloud, JD, Esq.; Fallon Speaker, JD, Esq.

43. People with a History of Sex Offending and Child Custody Issues

This presentation looks at the issues associated with child custody when one of the parents has been charged or convicted of a sexual offense.

Elise Magnuson, PsyD, LCSW

44. Innovative Solutions to Alleviate Gaps in Service Provision

The solutions and strategies provided can be used in a variety of sectors. They are forward thinking and relevant to any area of social work practice.

Kathryn Louise Johnstone, BSc

45. From Foster Care to a Prison Cell

Understanding the Foster care system and criminal justice system to best assess needs of clients.

Ronda Swenson, MA

Workshop Sessions

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

46. Animal-Assisted Interventions in Prisons

An Animal-Assisted Anxiety Group with incarcerated males will be presented. Results from these groups will be shared, including changes in anxiety and coping and feelings about the therapy dogs.

Yvonne Eaton-Stull, DSW, MSW; Cynthia Wright, DEd; Cassandra Spirnock, Maura Vulakovich

47. The Impact of Trauma on Black Males and Law Enforcement: The Intersection of Death

The ongoing killings of Black males by members of law enforcement has caused many to question if black males are being unfairly targeted. This study explores the question -and provides substantive answers.

Gilbert Singletary, PhD, MSW

48. Juvenile Justice in New Orleans: Contributing Factors in

In Post-Katrina New Orleans, the Juvenile Justice system continues to be in dire need of re-entry social work programs. With large numbers of formerly incarcerated persons re-entering communities in New Orleans, the need to implement re-entry programs is significant.

Ira Arthell Neighbors, DSW, MSW, LCSW; Harry Russell, PhD, MSW; Ben Robertson, PhD

49. The Development and Integration of Multiple Forensic Social Work Internships

This presentation will address how to develop Forensic Social work placements for BSW and MSW students. We will present how to develop, integrate and implement a variety of internships with a community criminal justice system

Joanne Terrell, MSW

50. Mama's of Color and Mental Health: The Harm of State Intervention via the Child Protection System.

This workshop will examine the intersections between Race, Class, Mental Health, and the Child Protection System. We will focus specifically on women of color who experience perinatal mood disorders or post-partum depression.

Fallon Speaker, JD, BA; Morgan Hill LMSW

Posters (5:00 – 6:00 during Wednesday Reception)

Lessons in Implementing Trauma Informed Care in a Forensic Inpatient Setting

While Trauma-Informed Care was initially aimed at decreasing the risk of re-traumatization among patients, its benefit for the staff of these systems cannot be overlooked, particularly in forensic settings.

Veronica Kaufman, MSW

The Lifer Project: An Inmate Initiative Intended to Inform Service Providers

This presentation is on the evaluation, and motivation of a prisoner presentation for community providers to help prevent at-risk youth in their care from a life of crime and punishment.

Tammy Jo Rogers, MSSW, LSW; Whitney Allen; David Pugh, PhD

Integrated Care: This is How We Do It!

Our presentation will describe how the care coordination department has partnered with primary care physicians, licensed clinicians, diabetes educators, and site management, to provide integrated care in real time.

Laura Bazhdari, LMSW; Michaela Frazier, LMSW, CCM

Fact Finder: Truth, Deception, and Something in Between

This poster will focus on key pieces of the investigative process when you're thrown into the investigator role. Additionally, we will discuss the role that mental health and trauma plays in allegations and investigations using case examples.

Mandi Fowler, PhD, LICSW, PIP; April Jones, LICSW, PIP

Evidence-Based Programs or Evidence-Based Practice: Do we Know the Difference?

This discussion will engage attendees in a lively conversation regarding evidence-based programs and evidence-based practice, and how these concepts have impacted community and residential service provision for youth.

April Jones, LICSW, PIP; Mandi Fowler, PhD, LICSW, PIP

Incarcerated Young Adults Study

This presentation displays the study of the school-to-prison pipeline in Mecklenburg County using both individual and school-level data and data from Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office from 2006 – 2012.;

Ashley Tatum, BSW; Katherine Bradshaw, BA; Susan McCarter, PhD, MS, MSW

Prison Readmission among Older Adult Prisoners: Correlates of Recidivism

Findings support the need to consider alternatives to incarceration for older adults.

Sarah Rakes, MSW

Traumatic Effects of Violent Victimization

A significant number of women develop criminal behavior as a result of drug use/abuse. Many of these women are sentenced to prison, leaving behind young children and other family members. Efforts to identify and intervene at critical points to reduce drug use can help to reduce recidivism, but more fruitfully with additional skills training and educational opportunities.

Roselle Scaggs, PhD

Practitioner's Perceptions of Working with Legally Mandated Substance Abuse Clients and the Impact of these Perceptions on the Formation of a Working Alliance

This quantitative research study sought to identify what factors influence practitioners to form a working alliance with Legally Mandated Substance Abusing clients.

Delores Blackwell, PhD

Innocent Until Proven Guilty: Not for the Families. Vicarious Incarceration within a County Jail

This presentation contributes to the incarceration research by examining the impact that county jails have on family members. The physical, emotional, and financial impact can be understood as "Vicarious Incarceration."

Mary Catherine O'Connor, MSW