

# Council of Accountability Court Judges Annual Training Conference



## Transforming a Vision into Excellence

September 15 - 18  
The Classic Center  
Athens, Georgia



Celebrating 25 Years of Accountability Courts in Georgia!



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September 15, 2019

Dear Georgia Accountability Courts Team Members and Guests:

On behalf of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, welcome to the Classic Center in Athens for the 2019 annual training conference, *Transforming a Vision into Excellence*.

The conference has grown each year, both in the number of attendees and sessions offered for each type of accountability court. You will find that the conference offers both national and state subject matter experts presenting on a wide variety of topics applicable to your specific court. I hope you will also find time to meet and learn from other team members working in other courts throughout Georgia.

With the encouragement and support from our state leaders, we now have an accountability court operating in every judicial circuit in Georgia. Currently, we have 164 accountability courts in our state. Our goals continue to be to expand the number of participants in each court and to increase fidelity to the accountability court model. With your continuing commitment and hard work, Georgia accountability courts will continue to thrive and expand.

I hope you will take time to visit the vendor exhibitor hall. We have a wide array of professional vendors who help support our conference each year, and you will find many informational displays from our state and national partners who provide additional resources for our courts. Please also take a moment to stop by the resource room to view the participant art exhibit and to pick up some important accountability court publications.

Thank you for the important work you perform every day. Your work, truly makes a positive difference in the life of the individuals who participate in your court.

I hope you enjoy the conference and your stay in Athens.

Sincerely,

Kathlene F. Gosselin  
Chief Judge, Northeastern Judicial Circuit  
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On behalf of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, I would like to welcome you to the Classic Center for the 2019 Annual Training Conference. This year's conference is titled *Transforming a Vision into Excellence*. We will have informative plenary sessions and a wide variety of breakout sessions covering many current topics, as well as sessions specific to certain types of courts and particular professional disciplines.

This year, the Training Committee has also worked to expand the conference into Wednesday to allow for additional training and opportunities to network. We hope this will enhance everyone's ability to learn something new or perhaps fine tune some areas in your courts back home. Please note that many of the sessions will repeat to avoid conflicts in areas of interest in making your session selections.

As in years past, we have offerings from national subject matter experts, in addition to sessions presented by professionals from Georgia highlighting innovative approaches and practices. We also have an increased number of professional vendors and resources for your information in our vendor exhibit hall. We encourage everyone to network with their peers and colleagues from across Georgia in order to share ideas and experiences.

I hope you enjoy this conference and I hope everyone leaves with a renewed spirit and desire to continue to work towards achieving your visions for your courts. Thank you for your participation and for your service in the accountability courts in our state.

Sincerely,

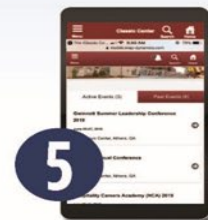
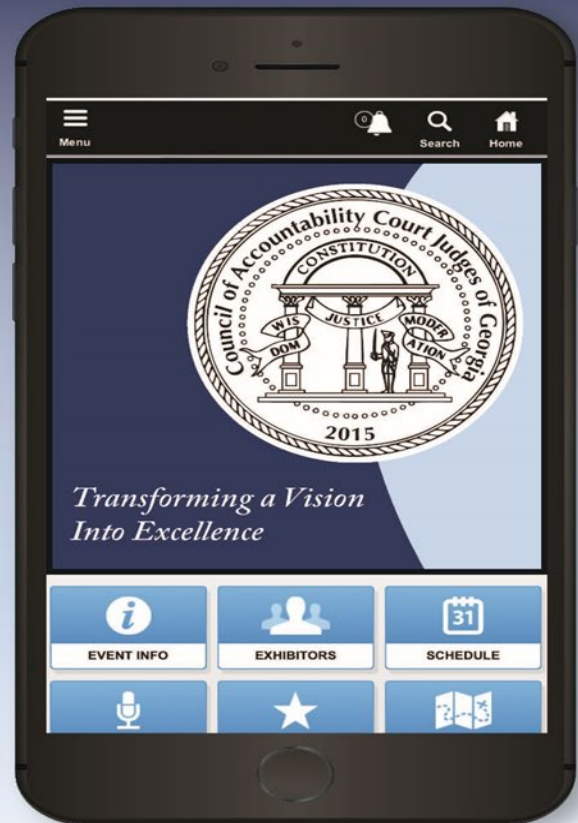
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the Sessions, and Much More



**In Memory of the Honorable Stephen “Steve” S. Goss**  
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## AGENDA SESSIONS

### Sunday, September 15, 2019

4:00pm – 7:00pm

#### Conference Registration Check-in

Atrium

Feel free to beat the Monday morning crowds and check-in on Sunday evening.

5:00pm – 7:00pm

#### 2019 Training Conference Networking Event

Athena A-E

Join your colleagues and make new connections during the conference kickoff event. This networking event will provide food and photo booth fun. You will also have time to connect with exhibitors and learn about their services.

### Monday, September 16, 2019

7:30am – 8:30am

#### Conference Attendee Breakfast

Grand Hall

Conference attendees and exhibitors are invited to join team members and colleagues in the Grand Hall for breakfast.

8:30am – 4:30pm

#### Conference Registration Check-in

Atrium

#### Break and Transition to Theatre

8:30am – 8:45am

8:45am – 9:15am

#### Welcome and Opening Plenary

Theatre

Chief Judge Kathlene F. Gosselin, Chair, Council of Accountability Court Judges Executive Committee

9:15am – 10:30am

#### Trauma: The Tie that Binds

Theatre

Dr. Kevin Baldwin, National Drug Court Institute

The experience of trauma is a consistent unifying factor among participants across all types of problem solving courts. This results in participants who exhibit many of the same types of behaviors, irrespective of how they came into the court or the specific focus of the court. This in part explains why specialty court participants present so similarly across court types. Whereas the main presenting problem or route into the courts differ, many of the underlying issues presented by clients are the same. Assessing, understanding, and addressing trauma is therefore critical to addressing the behavioral and emotional manifestations of trauma such as substance abuse, risky behavior, and a host of mental health issues. This necessarily involves assessing for trauma, as well as providing a trauma-informed courtroom and trauma-informed treatment, along with specific interventions designed to address trauma directly (e.g., Seeking Safety). This session will define trauma with reference to the three Es of trauma (event, experience, and effect), focusing on how the subjective experience of events plays a significant role in the experience and behavioral manifestations of trauma. We will cover incidence and prevalence data on trauma, and the ways in which we now know, in large part due to the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study, the role played by early trauma in a host of later issues. We will discuss screening and assessment of trauma from a lifespan developmental perspective, neuroscience and trauma, and the many ways in which trauma manifests itself in later behavior and experience. We will then turn towards a discussion of our treatment of trauma using trauma-informed approaches, trauma-specific interventions, and adapting courtrooms to be trauma-informed rather than traumatogenic. We will close by providing a host of resources that can help court teams become more trauma-informed.



Learning Objectives:

- Define and understand trauma in terms of the three Es of trauma – event, experience, effects
- Learn about the pervasiveness of trauma and how that impacts those we serve, irrespective of the type of specialty court in which we work
- Learn how to become more trauma-informed, both in terms of your own practices and those of your court, as well as learning how to adapt your court to be trauma-informed rather than traumatogenic

**Break**

**10:30am – 10:45am**

**Breakout Sessions**

**10:45am – Noon**

**Relapse Prevention**

**Parthenon**

*Dr. Kevin Baldwin, National Drug Court Institute*

This session will provide an introduction to and an overview of Relapse Prevention (RP), an influential, evidence-based cognitive behavioral treatment modality to address problematic behaviors. We will explore the basic features of the RP model as applied to treatment of persons with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). We will cover the origin and basics of RP, discuss terms and concepts specific to RP, and use a detailed case example to illustrate these terms and concepts. We will also discuss the evidence base for RP, challenges to the model, and recent formulations of RP incorporating mindfulness and other features.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basic features of the Relapse Prevention (RP) model
- Understand the basics of how RP works to address SUDs
- Understand some of the strengths and weaknesses of the RP model

**The Georgia Opioid Epidemic**

**Theatre**

*Dr. Merrill Norton, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy*

The objective of this presentation will be to discuss the trend of opioid use in Georgia.

**Family Treatment Court Team Structure and Roles**

**Athena GH**

*The Honorable Jeremy Clough, Magdalene McDonald, Jeff Jones, Paul Stanley, Melissa Line, and Martin Welch  
Enotah Circuit Family Treatment Court*

A panel discussion on Family Treatment Court (FTC) team roles and responsibilities. During this session, the essential FTC team members will discuss their roles in the program's staffing and court structure.

**Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: Eligibility Criteria and Screening**

**Empire 1**

*Dr. Bridgett Ortega, American University*

This module introduces practitioners to the importance of identifying the target population and ensuring equitable access by adhering to eligibility criteria and conducting appropriate screening and assessments for youth and families.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the appropriate JDTC target population
- Discuss the research and science behind risk/needs and how to use assessment tools to identify appropriate clients
- Identify valid, culturally responsive drug/alcohol screening tools
- Develop standard eligibility criteria that result in equity of access for all youth
- Develop procedure to exit youth that don't meet criteria



## An Overview of Co-occurring Disorders and the Criminal Justice System

Athena F

Dr. Kristin Adams-Pelham, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

The objective of this presentation is to offer a summary of co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders within the criminal justice system. Prevalence rates, challenges in screening, assessment, and treatment, and other considerations will be discussed.

## Clinical Guides for Understanding Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Oconee River 1

Dr. Kathleen West, National Drug Court Institute

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based treatment that combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders. With the widening incidence of harmful heroin and other opiate use, it is more important than ever that treatment courts acknowledge and overcome all obstacles to the use of MAT in conjunction with psychosocial interventions for all participants assessed to need MAT. The NADCP Board of Directors issued a position statement in 2012 supporting the use of MAT, and the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards includes support for MAT as an adjunct to treatment. As of 2015, grant solicitations from SAMHSA and BJA have included language addressing the administration of MAT, along with funding availability for MAT. This session will outline the research on MAT, a brief description of the most common medications used in MAT.

### Learning Objectives:

- Learn the basis for MAT use as an adjunct to treatment
- Identify the medications most commonly used in MAT
- Learn the medications currently FDA-approved for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorders
- Learn the key indications and contradictions for medications used to treat Opioid Use Disorders
- Learn how physicians decide on treatment changes and reduce the risk of diversion

## Clinical Aspects of Serving Veterans in DWI Courts

Empire 2

Cheran Bodry, National Drug Court Institute

This session will cover several important areas of the discussion of clinical approaches to working with veterans in accountability court programs. Using the NADCP's Ten Guiding Principles, we will enhance and develop treatment curriculum for work specifically with veterans. This session will cover vital topics such as: special needs that relate to veterans, including military culture, working with trauma and PTSD, and reintegration into civilian life. Ms. Brody will also discuss effective treatment for veterans and explore findings in the research. Lastly, we want to be inclusive of our Veterans in accountability court programs - this may mean setting up a veteran's court or effectively incorporating their needs and care into already existing DUI and drug court programs.

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify special needs relating to veterans
- Describe effective treatment as defined by research
- Incorporate veterans into Accountability Courts

## Building Capacity in Drug Courts

Olympia

Kelly Van Develde, Center for Court Innovation

The effectiveness of drug courts has been proven through extensive research, yet many defendants who would benefit from court-mandated treatment are never identified or considered. What efforts can drug courts make to expand their capacity? This presentation will focus on how practical measures, such as expanding target population, universal screening, and maintaining fidelity to the drug court model, can help courts include more eligible defendants.

## Integrating Court Liaisons and Forensic Peer Mentors into Accountability Courts

Oconee River 2

Rebecca Nix, Andriea Washington, and Tara Zellous, GA Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) has played a vital role in the state's Criminal Justice Reform. In 2014, DBHDD, the Department of Corrections (GDC), Department of Community Supervision (DCS), and the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network (GMHCN) embarked on a partnership to offer innovative peer support to Georgia's



returning citizens through the development of a Forensic Peer Mentor Program (FPM) which utilizes peers who use their own unique lived experience of past involvement with the criminal justice system and their recovery from a behavioral health or substance use disorder to help the people that they will support with transition and release planning from accountability courts, prisons, day reporting centers, and state hospitals. To further the integration and fidelity of treatment into the judiciary system, DBHDD has assimilated Behavioral Health Treatment Court Liaisons into Accountability Courts across the state. This session will highlight the innovative Forensic Peer Mentor Program and the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Liaisons.

## Trauma Informed Policing

**Athena IJ**

*Vanessa Price, National Drug Court Institute*

Trauma-informed policing is a framework for law enforcement which considers the prevalence of trauma, acknowledges related symptoms and employs response tactics accordingly. A program, organization or system that is trauma-informed realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery; recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization. This session will provide an overview of trauma-informed policing for officers, law enforcement agencies, and communities. We will describe the phenomenon of trauma, share data about traumatic exposure, and share training tools to help agencies build trauma-informed responses.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the tenets of trauma-informed policing
- Understand the benefits of trauma-informed policing
- Address the prevalence of trauma in law enforcement encounters

**12:00pm – 1:30pm**

## Lunch & Keynote Speaker Presentation

**Grand Hall**

Terrence D. Walton, National Association of Drug Court Professionals

*From Active Addiction to Lasting Recovery: Critical Events on the Road to Long Term Recovery*

Conference attendees and exhibitors are invited to join team members and colleagues in the Grand Hall for lunch.

## Transition to Breakout Sessions

**1:30pm – 1:45pm**

## Breakout Sessions

**1:45pm – 3:00pm**

### Relapse Prevention (Repeated Session)

**Parthenon**

*Dr. Kevin Baldwin, National Drug Court Institute*

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## Legal Bootcamp: What Accountability Court Teams Need to Know About the Law

**Theatre**

*Alison Lerner, Judicial Council of Georgia/Administrative Office of the Courts, and Deanna Reisman, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit*

This session provides an overview of Georgia law geared towards lawyers and non-lawyers alike. It will function as a basic introduction to relevant legal topics and act as a refresher for attorneys and judges. Topics covered will include potential conflict in the role of the defense attorney, confidentiality and preservation of the record, legal eligibility criteria, sentencing options, when the right to counsel arises during sanctioning and termination, due process, and an outline of legal requirements at termination hearings. We will also cover operational legal issues including employment law, liability, and best practices for MOUs and transfer





orders. Additionally, we will examine recent appellate legal authority from across the country to highlight evolving legal issues in accountability courts.

### **Breaking Down Barriers: Partnering with DFCS to Increase Referrals**

**Athena IJ**

*The Honorable Alison Toller, Marisa Sullens, and Holly Campalongo, Hall County Family Treatment Court*

This session will discuss the new Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) referral protocol that is currently in place for Hall, Chatham, and Clarke Counties. The referral policy is expected to be implemented statewide and become an active DFCS policy. The session will highlight increasing civil dependency referrals for family treatment courts.

### **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: Evidence Based Practices and Treatment**

**Empire 1**

*Dr. Bridgett Ortega, American University*

Critical to the success of a JDTC program is ensuring that evidence-based treatment services are available for youth and families. During this session, participants will review the importance of having access to, and using a continuum of evidence-based substance use treatment resources—from in-patient residential treatment to outpatient services. Referral processes, case planning, use of family-based therapies, mental health services, and applying trauma-focused care for youth and families will all be discussed.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Describe why utilizing evidence-based treatment modalities for adolescents and families is critical to positive program outcomes
- Discuss the various types of cognitive-behavioral modalities, family therapies, and trauma-informed care processes that should be utilized in the JDTC program
- Utilize treatment modalities and dosages that are appropriate for youth
- Develop an understanding the importance of prosocial modeling, mentoring and community-based supports

### **Vicarious Trauma: The Cost of Caring**

**Athena F**

*Stephanie F. Charles LPC, CPCS, CCDP-D, Office of Health Services with the Georgia Department of Corrections*

The Cost of Caring trails the professional, organizational, and personal trauma impact that shadows service providers of all types. Commonly described as vicarious trauma, the cost of caring is a synopsis of conditions, risk factors, triggers, and suggestions for managing the continuous day to day challenges of providers and address the trauma influences that now appear into areas not normally considered.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Better understand vicarious trauma and its effect on organizations, professional & personal lives
- Distinguish between vicarious trauma, secondary trauma, STS, & burnout and other stress-related conditions
- Use strategies & interventions to better manage your own secondary trauma & offer peer support to others in addressing secondary trauma issues
- Understand and explain the negative affect of vicarious trauma on organizations, professional & personal lives

### **Building Capacity in Drug Courts (Repeated Session)**

**Empire 2**

*Kelly Van Develde, Center for Court Innovation*

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## Transportation Troubles? Don't Agonize, Get Creative! Assisting Participants RIDES

Athena GH

Barbara Honaker, North Enotah Drug Court and Robert Pelfrey, Alcovy Resource Court

This dual presentation will introduce strategies developed to solve transportation challenges for accountability court program participants. The presentation will discuss assisting with rides for individuals in drug addiction.

The session will outline the struggles of participants with no driver's license, no reliable means of transportation, and no public transportation options in the judicial circuit. The session will further discuss strategies to collaborate between your program, stakeholders, and community partners to develop a transportation solution.

## Understanding the 10 Key Components: Why Have a Drug Court?

Olympia

Vanessa Price, National Drug Court Institute

In fiscally challenging times, there is always the pressure to do more with less. This raises the critical question of whether certain components of the drug court model can be dropped, or the dosage decreased without eroding the effects. The "key components" of drug courts are hypothesized to include a multidisciplinary team approach, an ongoing schedule of judicial status hearings, weekly drug testing, contingent sanctions and incentives, and a standardized regimen of substance abuse treatment (NADCP, 1997).

Learning Objectives:

- Receive an overview of the 10 Key Components as a foundation for treatment courts
- Receive a summary of each standard in Volume I and II and some of the fascinating research on which they are based
- Learn why adherence to Best Practice Standards are essential for the continued success of the drug court model

## FivePoint Solutions: ACCM 4.0: The Future of Data Management in Accountability Courts

Oconee River 1

Amanda Lewis Day, FivePoint Solutions

FivePoint Solutions will be revealing demos of the new ACCM 4.0, an updated and streamlined version of the existing ACCM system. In addition, FivePoint will address the CACJ data repository and common questions related to data reporting. Finally, FivePoint will discuss common user questions and will entertain audience questions and suggestions.

## Intelligent Recovery: How Technology and Analytics Improve Drug Court Results

Oconee River 2

Ken Taylor and Tripper Ryder, Integrated Management Solutions

As drug courts continue to grow in support and client volume, more tools are necessary for optimizing their efficiency. The difference between having success with a few clients and many clients is the ability to easily collect, handle, and disseminate large amounts of data. This can be challenging given the complexity of the drug court team and the nuances of its interactions. Connexis Cloud (CNX Case) is a case management software system designed specifically for recovery/treatment courts, and it directly addresses the needs of each team role through task automation while uniting all efforts into a more intuitive collaboration.

This presentation will demonstrate how CNX Case functionality simplifies the drug court tasks of coordinators, case managers, treatment providers, probation officers, attorneys, and judges. It will break down how CNX Case analyzes and presents data in real time through the Estimated Community Value calculation, benchmarks and data visualizations, and machine learning algorithms and natural language processing.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn new, innovative strategies for maintaining an organized team effort in client management
- Identify and surmount the barriers to securing more court funding
- Learn how machine learning and artificial intelligence can predict outcomes, recommend actions, and advocate for the drug court movement

**Afternoon Break –** Afternoon break served until 3:30pm in conjunction with Discipline-Specific Networking Breakout Sessions

**3:00pm – 3:15pm**



## Discipline-Specific Networking Breakouts

3:15pm – 4:30pm

Seasoned accountability court professionals in discipline-specific roles will facilitate discussion among like-role, accountability court team members with the goal of sharing challenges and successes using topics and questions submitted by your peers. During this session you will have the opportunity to network with colleagues in the same role/discipline on teams from all accountability court types and across Georgia's diverse landscape. Come ready to share your experiences and learn from others.

### Attorneys

Theatre

Facilitators: Alison Lerner and Deanna Reisman

### Court Coordinators and Accountability Court Directors

Athena GH

Facilitators: Molly Laughlin and Beau Leyse

### Judges

Athena IJ

Facilitators: Judge Joe C. Bishop and Judge James F. Bass, Jr.

### Law Enforcement and Probation Officers

Parthenon

Facilitators: Gary N. Bowen and Justin Ussery

### Case Managers

Olympia

Facilitators: Modupeola Odegbami and Calvin Kirksey

### Treatment Providers

Athena F

Facilitators: Kristie Garrett and Dana Glass

## End of Day 1

4:30pm

Please visit the exhibitor hall. The exhibitor hall is open until 5:00pm.

### Judges, Attorneys, Law Enforcement Officers, and Probation Officers

Please visit the ICJE Table (Located Outside of Athena) for the following:

- Judges and Attorneys: CLE and CJE forms.
- Law enforcement and probation officers: To sign in each day for POST credit.



# Tuesday, September 17, 2019

## Conference Attendee Breakfast

7:30am – 8:30am

Grand Hall

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## Conference Registration Check-in

8:00am – 11:00am

Atrium

## Break and Transition to Theatre

8:30am – 9:00am

## Welcome and Plenary

9:00am – 9:15am

Theatre

## Cultural Competency and Special Populations

9:15am – 10:30am

Theatre

*Joseph "Joe" Luniewicz, National Drug Court Institute*

The Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards state that those who have historically experienced sustained discrimination or reduced social opportunities because of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, physical or mental disability, religion, or socioeconomic status receive the same opportunities as others. This session will explore how to determine if on average all participants regardless of race, ethnicity or gender have an equal opportunity to participate in and succeed in treatment court. It will help practitioner ensure equivalent access, retention, treatment, incentives and sanctions, dispositions, and stress the importance of providing team training on race, ethnicity culture, diversity and becoming a culturally competent and responsive program.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify and spot indicators of racial disparities in your collaborative court
- Describe model strategies/approaches for improving participation and outcomes for racial and ethnic groups
- Apply the Adult Drug Court Standards Best Practices for Historically Disadvantaged Groups

## Break and Transition to Breakout Sessions

10:30am – 11:00am

Please visit the exhibitor hall during the morning break.

## Breakout Sessions

11:00am – 12:15pm

### Translating ASAM Placement Criteria to Treatment Planning

Oconee River 1

*Terrence D. Walton, National Drug Court Institute*

The ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) criteria is the most widely used and comprehensive set of guidelines for placement, continued stay and transfer/discharge of patients with addiction and co-occurring conditions. This presentation highlights the difference between a screening tool and the assessment process. It emphasizes the importance of identifying a treatment provider and using licensed clinicians to conduct screenings and assessments. The assessment process coupled with developing clinical case plans is key to establishing a foundation for long-term sustainable recovery. When clinical case plans are developed based on ASAM criteria and the team understands severity of substance use disorder and the wrap around services needed to compliment recovery, participants get better. The presentation highlights the importance of a good clinical assessment and on-going assessments to ensure the success of the participant in treatment, which starts with placement in the level of care needed to meet the participants underlying needs.





Learning Objectives:

- Understand the difference between screening tools and the clinical assessment process
- Understand what ASAM placement criteria is
- Learn the importance clinical assessments in developing recovery-oriented case plans

## **~~The Defense Attorney's and Prosecutor's Role in Treatment Courts – CANCELED~~**

*This session has been canceled, registered attendees please complete and submit the On-site Change Form for the session you will attend which is available at the ICJE table located outside Athena A-E (Exhibitor Hall). If you amended your original registration prior to the beginning of the conference, please disregard these instructions.*

## **Drug and Alcohol Testing Challenges**

**Athena F**

*Michele Gable, Choice Lab*

This session will feature information for treatment court team members to better understand drug testing panels and how drug testing labs process samples. The session will include discussion on low creatinine and diluted test results, the causes of false positives, and understanding quantitative levels.

## **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: Monitoring the JDTC**

**Empire 2**

*Dr. Bridgett Ortega, American University*

This module introduces participants to the importance of on-going data collection and program evaluation in order to improve outcome for participants, especially youth from communities of color. Participants will review relevant research findings from the field of juvenile justice to allow for a deeper understanding of how and why data should drive program decision making. Trainers will review what standard and routinely collected data shall be collected in JDTC programs and will discuss how to remove barriers to effective data collection. The importance of qualitative data collection (e.g. information gleaned from exit interviews) will also be explored.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the drug court research that has highlighted the importance of data collection in the JDTC program
- Understand that data collection, and analyses are a continuous part of program operation; these activities are needed to identify success and failure of procedures and should be used as ongoing processes of improvement
- Develop procedures and processes for collection and use of data, to not only monitor program outcomes, but in order to address racial/ethnic disparities

## **Working with Dual Diagnosed Individuals: Accountability Courts and Mental Health**

**Theatre**

*Kim Jones and the Honorable James Chafin, NAMI Georgia*

Geared towards accountability courts that work with dual diagnosed individuals, this advanced level talk is designed for judges, lawyers, treatment professionals, law enforcement, case managers and coordinators who work directly with clients daily. It will provide a brief overview of public health and public safety statistics as it relates to mental illness and discuss the behavioral health conditions that have often resulted in law enforcement and judicial interaction when elevated to a crisis stage. It will also cover information on the array of services and supports that are available in the State of Georgia for dealing with individuals with Mental Illness, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases.

## **Extending Accountability Court Success in Our Community**

**Parthenon**

*Lynne Policaro and Sarah McKinney, Athens Clarke County Government*

Athens community-based team approach is a triangulated framework with accountability courts, an established 501(c)(3) partner, and robust Advisory Board. This session will provide guidance on establishing a Steering Committee and how to partner with a local 501(c)(3).



## Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Impact on Soldiers and Military Families; Treatment Approaches

**Olympia**

*Dr. Lucy Cannon, Ed.D, LCSW, CCDP-D, MATS, LEJ Behavioral Health Services*

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the military are commonly linked. Throughout history, people have recognized that exposure to combat situations can have a profound negative impact on the minds and bodies of those involved in these situations" (Tull, 2018). It is imperative that we as healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and the legal system work in conjunction with each other to meet the needs of this specialized population. This workshop will focus on the impact war/trauma as on the soldier, spouse and or significant other(s), and children from psychological and familial perspectives. Participants will become more familiar with common signs and symptoms of PTSD from the soldier's experiences and secondary PTSD that is experienced by family members specifically from a mental health and substance use disorders perspectives. Treatment interventions and resource linkages will also be discussed. The use of YouTube videos, small groups' discussions, and handouts will be used to provide education to healthcare professionals and legal system personnel to assist them in meeting the needs of military families.

### Learning Objectives:

- Learn the definition and an overview of characteristics of different types of trauma to include; combat stress, acute stress disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder when working with soldiers and military families
- Identify common signs and symptoms of PTSD and how it impacts mental health and other co-occurring disorders such as substance use disorders and medical related problems
- Learn the effects of trauma on behavior children and adolescents and family members experience before, during, and after deployment
- Learn therapeutic techniques, tools, and resources that are needed to treat military families
- Learn how systems such as mental health and the legal system can collaborate to meet the needs of this specialized population

## The Multi-Track Model in Practice for DUI Courts: Treating Participants According to Risk and Need

**Oconee River 2**

*Dr. Shannon Carey, NPC Research*

Research has indicated that the drug court model has the largest impact on high risk/high need participants. What about participants at other risk and need levels? Does drug and DUI court work for them? What happens to those defendants if they aren't eligible for DUI court? The speaker for this session will cover why and how you should assess for risk and need, and how implementing different tracks can benefit you and your DUI court participants. The speaker will also discuss in practical terms how different tracks have been implemented in specific programs and the lessons learned in the process.

## Building Your Team: How to Create a High Performing Drug Treatment Court Team

**Athena IJ**

*Kelly Van Develde, Center for Court Innovation*

This presentation will cover the ideal make-up of an adult drug treatment court team and why each member is a valuable participant. Topics will include who should be on your team, how to engage stakeholders, and the evidence behind high performing drug treatment court teams.

## Efficient and Effective Clinical Case Management

**Athena GH**

*Dr. Davine S. Ricks, LCSW, MAC, Sense of Equity LLC.*

In the workshop entitled, "Efficient and Effective Clinical Case Management," participants will be engaged in a didactic process where they will learn about the roles and responsibilities included in providing case management. Participants will also learn about three evidenced-based case management models. In addition, participants will increase their knowledge and awareness about four key components to successful case management, along with learning strategies to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in providing case management.

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify and define roles and responsibilities of case management
- Identify three evidenced-based case management models
- Identify four key components to successful case management
- Learn strategies to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in providing case management



**12:15pm – 1:30pm**

## **Conference Attendee Lunch**

**Grand Hall**

Conference attendees are invited to join team members and colleagues in the Grand Hall for lunch.

## **Transition to Theatre**

**1:30pm – 1:45pm**

## **Council of Accountability Court Judges Award Ceremony**

**1:45pm – 2:45pm**

**Theatre**

Join your colleagues as the Council of Accountability Court Judges celebrates and honors the 2019 Accountability Court Star Award Recipients and the 2020-2023 Model Drug Courts.

## **Afternoon Snack Break**

**2:45pm – 3:30pm**

**Athena A-E**

Please visit the exhibitor hall during the afternoon snack break to network with exhibitors and colleagues.

## **Breakout Sessions**

**3:30pm – 4:45pm**

### **Translating ASAM Placement Criteria to Treatment Planning (Repeated Session)**

**Oconee River 2**

*Terrence D. Walton, National Drug Court Institute*

The ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) criteria is the most widely used and comprehensive set of guidelines for placement, continued stay and transfer/discharge of patients with addiction and co-occurring conditions. This presentation highlights the difference between a screening tool and the assessment process. It emphasizes the importance of identifying a treatment provider and using licensed clinicians to conduct screenings and assessments. The assessment process coupled with developing clinical case plans is key to establishing a foundation for long-term sustainable recovery. When clinical case plans are developed based on ASAM criteria and the team understands severity of substance use disorder and the wrap around services needed to compliment recovery, participants get better. The presentation highlights the importance of a good clinical assessment and on-going assessments to ensure the success of the participant in treatment, which starts with placement in the level of care needed to meet the participants underlying needs.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the difference between screening tools and the clinical assessment process
- Understand what ASAM placement criteria is
- Learn the importance clinical assessments in developing recovery-oriented case plans

## **Using Motivational Interviewing with Colleagues as an Effective Communications Tool**

**Athena IJ**

*Dr. Kevin Baldwin, National Drug Court Institute*

Helping participants to engage in the treatment process requires the drug court team to use evidence-based practices. Motivational approaches focus on engaging substance users in considering, initiating and continuing substance abuse treatment while stopping their use of alcohol and other drugs. Motivational approaches involve combining "motivational interviewing" with a stages-of-change model. Stages of change include; pre-contemplation regarding change, contemplation, preparation, action, and maintenance. Motivational Interviewing is designed to help participants see what matters to them and helps them to be engaged, feel valued and develop a vested interest in their long-term recovery planning and case management. Through motivational interviewing the participant has buy in and a voice in identifying goals and a value system that gives them a major role in recovery planning.



Learning Objectives:

- Learn the principles and skills needed to deliver court responses effectively
- Gain an in-depth understanding of motivational interviewing as a technique to assist clients in changing their behavior
- Learn creative evidence-based outreach strategies to improve engagement
- Understand the value of building case plans that keep participants engaged

## **Marijuana: Cutting Through the Smoke**

**Theatre**

Allan Barger, Prevention Research Institute

This workshop will explore common beliefs about cannabinoids.

Learning Objectives:

- Definitions of Marijuana vs. Hemp, definitions of Sativa vs. Indica, Identifying “Marijuana” substances and forms (CBD, THC)
- Public health risks of THC use, including: acute impairment (driving and other), cognitive deficits, psychosis symptoms, cannabis use disorder/addiction, problems linked to adolescent use, and other health problems

## **The Practical Application of Incentives, Sanctions and Therapeutic Adjustments**

**Athena F**

Dr. Shannon Carey, NPC Research and Helen Harberts, National Drug Court Institute

The science of behavior change is complex and knowing how and when to use sanctions and incentives effectively can be challenging. What are effective incentives and sanctions? How should incentives and sanctions be delivered for maximum effect? This workshop will review the scientific principles of behavior change and provide extensive information on the practical application of these principles. This interactive workshop will: provide examples of meaningful incentives and sanctions, discuss how to prepare the judge with the information needed to have an effective conversation with participants, share videos of different judges delivering incentives, sanctions and therapeutic responses in the courtroom, and provide a practical matrix for making decisions in staffing for how to respond to participant behavior.

## **De-escalating the Crisis: Tips and Tricks for Court Teams**

**Parthenon**

Katie McFarland, LCSW and SPO Robie Cochran, Advantage Behavioral Health

Court participants often have mental health crisis situations that need to be addressed. This sometimes even happens in the courtroom setting. This session will provide focus on crisis management from recognizing emerging mental health crisis, to managing participants in crisis as well as tips and tricks on de-escalation. We will provide info on resources for participants, as well for as team members who may wish to have additional training.

## **High on our Highways: The Challenge of Drug Impaired Driving and Community Supervision**

**Athena GH**

Mark Stodola, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

In 2016, 43% of fatally injured drivers in impaired driving crashes with a known test result, tested positive for drugs, more frequently than alcohol was present. The growing number of states having legalizing recreational marijuana and the increased abuse of prescription drugs have created an increased threat to our roadways. Given that over two thirds of our criminal justice population is drug and/or alcohol involved, probation officers and treatment providers need to understand the challenge we face with drug impaired drivers. This interactive presentation will provide the audience information on the scope of our drug impaired driving problem, the use of assessment tools to determine risk and practical evidence-based sentencing, supervision and monitoring strategies to address these behaviors.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify drug impaired driving trends and their challenges
- Identify how assessment tools can help determine risk for drug impaired drivers
- Identify three supervision countermeasures and research-based practices that jurisdictions should be using to reduce the possibility of re-offense by drug impaired drivers





## How to Build a Veterans Mentor Program for Your Veterans Treatment Court

Empire 1

Jack O'Connor, Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court

This workshop will explore strategies and best practices for developing a successful mentoring program for veterans treatment courts. Participants will learn best practices for program operations as well as the dos and don'ts for veteran mentors.

### Learning Objectives:

- Understand what a veterans court is
- Understand the role mentors play in the court
- Understand how to work collaboratively with the VA Healthcare System to expand a veteran mentor program

## Leadership: Ethics, Integrity, and Effectiveness

Olympia

Dr. Davine S. Ricks, LCSW, MAC, LEJ Behavioral Health Services

Social Workers and Counselors at all levels of practice are leaders, servant leaders. Therefore, it is imperative that each individual become aware and maintain a high level of awareness of how to be an effective leader in practicing ethics and integrity. It is important that individuals learn and effectively practice the key components to implementing ethics and integrity. It is also important for individuals to identify their skillset according to the four phases of leadership growth and development and intentionally work toward increasing their level of effectiveness. In addition, individuals should be able to demonstrate competence in practicing strategies and utilizing tools that promote ethics and integrity. By obtaining this knowledge base, leaders will be better able to manage challenging situations when there are perceived obstacles in practicing integrity and ethics. Individuals who practice integrity and ethics are better able to maximize their potential and increase their level of effectiveness as leaders.

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify key components to implementing ethics and integrity as a leader
- Identify and define four phases of leadership growth and development that are essential to ensure the practicing of ethics and integrity
- Learn strategies and tools that invite practicing ethics and integrity and promote effectiveness
- Discover how to manage challenging situations when there are perceived obstacles in practicing integrity and ethics
- Increase awareness of how to be more effective as a leader and maximize potential and level of effectiveness by practicing integrity and ethics

## Coordinator Tips and Strategies

Oconee River 1

Tracy "T. J." BeMent, 10th Judicial District and Molly Laughlin, South Enotah Drug Court

Ever wonder what you are missing as a coordinator or feel like there is simply not enough time in a day? This session will cover helpful tips and strategies to be a better coordinator including your responsibilities as a coordinator as well as advice on being a leader in your program.

## Building Your Team: How to Create a High Performing Drug Treatment Court Team (Repeated Session)

Empire 2

Kelly Van Develde, Center for Court Innovation

This presentation will cover the ideal make-up of an adult drug treatment court team and why each member is a valuable participant. Topics will include who should be on your team, how to engage stakeholders, and the evidence behind high performing drug treatment court teams.

## End of Day 2

4:45pm



# Wednesday, September 18, 2019

## Conference Attendee Breakfast

7:45am – 8:45am

Grand Hall

Conference attendees and exhibitors are invited to join team members and colleagues in the Grand Hall for a continental breakfast.

## Break and Transition to Breakout Sessions

8:45am – 9:00am

## Breakout Sessions

9:00am – 10:15am

### Sanctuary Village: The Douglas County Solution to the Problem of Homelessness Among Accountability Court Participants

Athena F

*The Honorable William H. "Beau" McClain, Douglas County Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts*

In this presentation, Judge William H. "Beau" McClain will assert that accountability should "own" the problem of homeless participants and how it can be solved through community resources, Re-Entry Partnership Housing (RPH) through corrections/parole, and the creation of new resources operated by the court.

### How to Optimize Your Program's Data Collection and Submission

Olympia

*Christopher Hansard and Callie Weir, Judicial Council of Georgia/Administrative Office of the Courts*

This session will walk accountability court staff through the data collection and submission processes using both the data manual and the new resource data toolkit as guides. The session will discuss the importance of precision in data collection, how the data is used, and ways to sidestep common data collection and reporting pitfalls.

### Effective Advisory Board Engagement for Accountability Courts

Parthenon

*The Honorable Samuel Ozburn and Robert Pelfrey, Alcovy Judicial Circuit*

The Standards for Georgia accountability courts charges specialty courts with creating active, representative, and engaged advisory boards to monitor the courts' mission, coordination across the mental health and criminal justice systems, advocate for and support the court publicly, and support long-term sustainability. This session will outline the expectations of each program to establish, maintain, and effectively utilize advisory boards, as well as review best operational practices for judges, coordinators, and board members. The session will cover creative ways to engage board members and will present strategies to maximize time and resources when holding advisory board meetings.

Learning Objectives:

- Role, purpose, and responsibilities of board members
- Advantages of advisory boards
- Operational best practices
- Examples of successes and challenges

### SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

Athena GH

*Dazara Ware, Policy Research Associates*

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) helps states and communities increase access to Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) benefits for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. The SOAR Technical Assistance (TA) Center has been funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) since 2009. The SOAR TA Center coordinates the implementation of state and local-level SOAR Programs at no cost to the communities it serves.



## Legal Issues for Supervision Officers in Treatment Courts – CANCELED

*This session has been canceled, registered attendees please complete and submit the On-site Change Form for the session you will attend which is available at the ICJE table located outside Athena A-E (Exhibitor Hall). If you amended your original registration prior to the beginning of the conference, please disregard these instructions.*

## Understanding Drug Testing

**Theatre**

Helen Harberts, National Drug Court Institute

Drug testing supports recovery and underlies much of your team's responses to behavior via Incentives, sanctions and therapeutic responses. It is critically important to understand the best practice standards of drug testing, and to stay within those best practices in order to accurately response to participants. This class will be fast moving, and will discuss the basics of drug testing, the best practices of drug testing, and the "how to beat a drug test" business.

## Closing Plenary

### Recovery on Fire Presents: The Nudge from a Judge - Catalyst for My Journey into Recovery

**10:30am – 11:45am**

**Theatre**

Bill Carruthers, Recovery on Fire

Mr. Bill Carruthers, inspirational speaker and Director of peer workforce development and training at Highland Rivers Health recounts his personal experience of the impact access to mental health resources and "purpose and meaning in life" can have on recovery. "Before my recovery, I was all of those horrible, scary things that you hear about regarding mental illness and addiction. I was that in spades, not only on the outside, but on the inside as well. I believed that's who I was. It was a hopeless place to be and I was there for 40 years. Forty years is a long time to be anywhere, but especially there. My hope is to give others hope. Because we believe to a certainty that with access to treatment, appropriate levels of support and individualized case management, every person has the ability — as well as the right — to live a life of whole health and wellness in the community of their choice." - Bill Carruthers

## Closing Remarks

**11:45am - Noon**



## Congratulations to the 2020-2023 Model Drug Courts!

The goal of Georgia's Accountability Court Model Court program, supported by the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ), is to recognize the great work of accountability courts across the state, as well as identify strong programs that may serve as mentors for other courts. Programs identified as "Model Courts" are those that have met and exceeded adherence to Georgia's Standards as dictated by strong performance on certification and peer review processes.

Appalachian Judicial Circuit Drug Court

Chief Judge Brenda S. Weaver

Dawson County and Hall County Treatment Courts

Judge Jason J. Deal

Barrow County Drug Court

Judge Currie M. Mingledorff II

Henry County Adult Felony Drug Court

Judge Holly W. Veal

Colquitt SA/MH Treatment Court

Judge Brian A. McDaniel

Newton County Adult Felony Drug Court

Judge W. Ken Wynne Jr.

Coweta County Drug Court

Judge Joseph A. Wyant

Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court

Judge James F. Bass Jr.

To request assistance from a model drug court, please visit

[www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/modelcourts](http://www.gaaccountabilitycourts.org/modelcourts)

CACJ looks forward to extending this prestigious recognition to other court types in future years.





## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### KEVIN BALDWIN, PH.D.

**Dr. Baldwin** is a clinical psychologist with a dual emphasis on research and forensics. He serves as Senior Researcher for Applied Research Services in Atlanta, Georgia, providing criminal justice research and policy analysis nationally. He has directed federally-funded research projects, authored over a dozen articles in peer-reviewed journals, and has both designed and evaluated substance abuse treatment programs. Dr. Baldwin authored the U.S. DOJ SMART Office's publication entitled "Sex Offender Risk Assessment" (available for download at: [www.smart.gov/SOMAPI/sec1/ch6\\_risk.html](http://www.smart.gov/SOMAPI/sec1/ch6_risk.html)). Dr. Baldwin is also Director of Forensic Services at the Highland Institute, an Atlanta outpatient clinic specializing in the assessment and treatment of persons with sexual behavior problems. He performs forensic examinations for state and federal courts and probation/parole authorities, serves as an expert witness in both juvenile and adult courts (state and federal), and has worked in both inpatient and community-based mental health settings. Dr. Baldwin is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences and has provided training and technical assistance to treatment and court staff in a variety of settings. He has also served as faculty at the National Judicial College and the National Drug Court Institute. Dr. Baldwin earned his Ph.D. at Georgia State University, after completing an adult forensic internship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

### ALLAN BARGER

**Mr. Allan Barger** brings over 30 years of experience in the alcohol and drug field, having been a community volunteer, a Prevention Specialist in a community Mental Health Center, and adjunct faculty at Eastern Kentucky University. He has been a Research Analyst and Trainer with Prevention Research Institute for nearly 25 years. Allan holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Kentucky and is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the Research Society on Alcohol, and the recently formed Research Society on Marijuana. He reviews published research on marijuana, other drugs, drug effects in the human brain and the neurobiology behind the behavioral outcomes of alcohol and drug misuse. He presents nationally to professionals interacting with alcohol and/or drug-using individuals, including those in college campuses, community mental health centers, prevention and treatment programs, Juvenile Justice, DUI Programs, Drug Court programs and Judicial Colleges. He has presented at numerous conferences including NAADAC, the North Dakota Alcohol and Drug Symposium, the Indiana Judicial College, the West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders, the Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders and was on the faculty of the annual Kentucky School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies for over 20 years. He has four

daughters and six grandchildren which he says is a mind-altering experience.

### HONORABLE JAMES F. BASS JR.

**Judge James F. Bass Jr.** was appointed to the Superior Court on May 18, 1995 by Governor Zell Miller. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Bass was the Supervising Attorney for the Savannah Regional Office of the Georgia Legal Services Program. He formerly served as Chairman of the Access to Justice and Fairness in the Courts committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges from 2000-2008, and Chairman of the Georgia State Commission on Family Violence from 2006-2009. Additionally, he was a member of the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Marriage, Children and Family Law from 2007-2009, the Georgia Supreme Court Committee on Equality and the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Drug Courts from 2006-2009. He currently serves on the Accountability and Treatment Courts Committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges, the Peer Review Team of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia and the Executive Committee of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. Judge Bass began the first Accountability Court in Chatham County on October 2, 2001 with the establishment of the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court. The Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court was designated as a National Mentor Drug Court from 2013-2016 and 2017-2019 by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Drug Court Institute.

As for private organizations, he formerly served on the Beach Institute Historic Neighborhood Association, 1981-1983; Chatham/Effingham Regional Board for Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse 1995-8; Chatham/Savannah Citizens Advocacy Inc., Chatham/Savannah Youth Authority Advisory Council from 1990-1995; City of Savannah's Crime Collaborative from 1993-4; Board of Directors Parent and Child Developmental Services Inc, from 1983-1986; Tidelands Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Community Service Board from 1991-1994; Board of Trustees for St. Joseph/Candler Hospital System 1994-2010 and currently; Advisory Board of African American Heath Center of St. Joseph/ Candler Health System; Board of Directors American Diabetes Association of Savannah from 1996-1998; Board of Directors of Coastal Children Advocacy Center Inc. 1994-5; Union Mission Society from 1997-2000; Advisory Board of Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum from 2001-2002; and the Savannah Area Health Collaborative from 2005-2008.

Judge Bass also served as an adviser to the Male Initiative and the Fatherhood Programs of the Equal Opportunity Authority of Savannah Inc. from 1993-1998; Project Alpha and Megagenesis Programs of Beta Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity from 1985-present, the Young Men of



Honor Program of Spencer Elementary School from 2013 to the present, the Youth Leadership Academy, and the Court's in Session programs of the 100 Black Men of Savannah from 2015-present and Board of Trustees for St. Joseph/Candler Hospital System from 2012 to the present.

After earning a bachelor's degree, cum laude with honors, in history from Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey in 1972, Judge Bass went on to earn a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the College of Law, Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in 1977.

Judge Bass received the Reginald Huber Smith Fellowship in Community Service Law Award in 1977 and was named Man of the Year by the Beta Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in 1995. He was also the recipient of the Robbie E. Robinson Award by the Savannah Bar Association in 1991, the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service by the State Bar of Georgia in 2008, Special Recognition Award by Safe Shelter of Savannah in 2010, W.W. Law Legacy Award from the King-Tisdale Cottage Foundation in 2011, the Champion of Justice Award from the Georgia Legal Services Program in 2016 and 2018, the Lifetime Achievement Award of 100 Black Men of Savannah in 2018, the Savannah Technical College Foundation Community Star Award in 2018, Recognition of Support of Summer Bonanza Partnership, Inc. in 2018, and the Star Award from Council of Accountability Court Judges in 2018.

Currently, Judge Bass is a member of 100 Black Men of Savannah, a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the Frogs Inc. of Savannah. Judge Bass is married to Janice Green Bass and has a son James III, daughter in law Jennifer, granddaughter Riley and grandson Aaron, and was on the faculty of the annual Kentucky School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies for over 20 years. He has four daughters and six grandchildren which he says is a mind-altering experience.

## HONORABLE JOE C. BISHOP

**Judge Joe C. Bishop** served as Superior Court Judge of the Pataula Judicial Circuit for over 27 years until his retirement in 2018. Judge Bishop created a successful Drug Court for the rural seven county circuit in 2000.

He currently serves President of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards (GACSB). He is Past President of the Council of Superior Court Judges. He served as a member of the initial Council of Accountability Court Judges, Executive Board, from 2015-2018 and was recognized by the CACJ with a STAR award for dedicated and passionate service to Georgia's Accountability Courts. He is a 2013 recipient of the Justice Robert Benham Community Service Award.

He holds a B.F.A. in Speech Communication from Valdosta State University and a J.D. from the University of Georgia. He has been married to Dr. Carol Bishop, D.B.A., for 42 years. They

have 3 children and 3 grandchildren, which he says is a mind-altering experience.

## TRACY "T. J." BEMENT

**Mr. Tracy "T.J." BeMent** is the District Court Administrator for the 10th Judicial Administrative District of Georgia. He was previously the Court Administrator for the Athens-Clarke County Courts. T.J. received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the George Washington University in Washington, DC and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Public Administration from Valdosta State University. He is also a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management. Mr. BeMent is active in professional organizations at both the state and national level. T.J. is a past president of the Georgia Council of Court Administrators and the President-Elect of the National Association for Court Management.

## CHERAN BODRY

**Ms. Cheran Bodry-Stone, LCSW** is a Lead Treatment Clinician with the Athens/Clarke County DUI/Drug Court in Athens, Georgia. She has worked with clients in groups and individual counseling settings for about 15 years and has been a part of a DUI Court Team and Academy Court for the last 12 years. Cheran also teaches several Master level classes for the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia. Cheran works as a school counselor for a Montessori school, working with children, staff, and parents at the school who might be in crisis or need some direction. She is a Treatment Provider and a Clinical Evaluator for clients with Substance Use Disorders. Her office is at a non-profit counseling center, Family Counseling Service, where she enjoys the challenge of working with clients in and out of the legal system. Cheran's clinical focus is on a holistic approach looking at mind, body, and spirit of each client while bringing in sound research to provide helpful and intentional treatment.

## GARY N. BOWEN

**Mr. Gary N. Bowen** is a Senior Probation Officer employed with Athens/Clarke County Probation. He began his employment with Athens/Clarke County on 03-01-2005 and conducts supervision of the participants of the Athens DUI/Drug Court. His duties incorporate office visits, drug and alcohol tests, home and employment visits, downtown patrols, bar sweeps, welfare checks, investigation of complaints, warrant service and enforcement of probation conditions as well as DUI/Drug Court policies. Prior to his employment with Athens/Clarke County, Mr. Bowen was employed for 17 ½ years with the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles. As an Assistant Chief in the Athens Parole Office, Mr. Bowen was the program management supervisor. He oversaw treatment for substance abuse, mental health, sex offenders, cognitive skills and also conducted electronic monitoring. Mr. Bowen began his career as a Police Officer with the DeKalb County, Georgia Department of Public Safety. Mr. Bowen received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of



Georgia in 1985. He is a Georgia P.O.S.T. certified instructor and a P.O.S.T certified firearms instructor.

## HOLLY CAMPOLONG

**Holly Campolong** is a Regional Director for the Division of Family and Children Services in Region 2 (Northeast Georgia). Prior to starting her career with the Division, Ms. Campolong attended Oxford College followed by Emory University (1996-2000) obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a Minor in the Study of Violent Behavior. Ms. Campolong has nineteen years of experience in child welfare including frontline case management, supervision and county leadership prior to her current role. A strong believer in advocacy for vulnerable populations, Ms. Campolong has devoted her life to serving populations in need.

Ms. Campolong is married and resides in Suwanee with her husband and two dogs. She has a daughter currently attending the University of Georgia pursuing her master's in social work.

## DR. LUCY ROBERTS-CANNON

**Dr. Lucy Roberts-Cannon, LCSW, CCDP-D** is the CEO/Owner of LEJ Behavioral Health Services, LLC (Consulting and Training business) in Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia. She has worked in various inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse settings in the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Arkansas, and Georgia. She also provided mental and health and substance abuse counseling services to military families in Camp Zama, Japan. She has managed mental health programs in Alabama, Georgia, and Indiana. She is currently a Visiting Professor at DeVry University in Stockbridge, Georgia. She teaches undergraduate and graduate students in the business field. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Clark Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta, Georgia. She is a speaker/facilitator for Department of the Navy Reserve, Yellow Ribbon Program and she also serves as a Consultant for the Department of the Navy Reserve Weekend Warrior Program. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Georgia School of Addiction Studies Board and she is also a member of the Southeastern Institute for Chemical Dependency Board of Directors.

## SHANNON CAREY, PH.D.

**Dr. Shannon Carey**, Co-President and Senior Research Associate at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance abuse treatment for over 20 years, particularly in the area of drug courts and cost analyses. Altogether, she has been involved in performing process, outcome and/or cost evaluations in more than 300 adult, juvenile, family, reentry, DWI and veterans drug courts across the U.S. including federal drug and reentry courts in Oregon and Virginia. Dr. Carey also provides consulting and training in treatment courts operating in Australia, Chile, New Zealand, and England. Dr. Carey was involved with developing and

writing the NADCP Drug Court Best Practice Standards and has assisted several states in writing their state specific standards for all types of treatment courts. She also assisted in developing treatment court certification processes as well as a peer review process that has been launched in several states where treatment court teams visit and give feedback and support to each other on implementing research-based best practices.

## BILL CARRUTHERS

"Before my recovery, I was all of those horrible, scary things that you hear about regarding mental illness and addiction. I was that in spades, not only on the outside, but on the inside as well. I believed that's who I was. It was a hopeless place to be and I was there for 40 years. Forty years is a long time to be anywhere, but especially there. My hope is to give others hope. Because we believe to a certainty that with access to treatment, appropriate levels of support and individualized case management, every person has the ability — as well as the right — to live a life of whole health and wellness in the community of their choice." — **Mr. Bill Carruthers**

## HONORABLE JIM CHAFIN

**State Court Judge Jim Chafin** retired from the Henry County State Court in December 2018 and is now a Senior Judge. Judge Chafin joined the NAMI Georgia Board in January 2019. He served on the State Court Bench for 16 years, having been appointed by Governor Roy Barnes. Judge Chafin practiced law in McDonough, Georgia, for 15 years in a general practice before taking the State Court bench. He graduated from Georgia State College of Law, received a B.S. from the U.S.M.A at West Point in 1974. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves after 30 years of service. Near the end of his Judicial term, Judge Chafin chaired a collaborative effort from multiple Henry County agencies to divert select misdemeanor offenders in mental health crisis from incarceration to the regional Emergency Receiving Facility in Spalding County for evaluation, stabilization, short term treatment and then released on citation for their charges. The diverted offenders are given a court date to appear on a special docket and are given pre-adjudication conditions focused on treatment with the possibility for dismissal of the charges.

## STEPHANIE CHARLES

**Ms. Stephanie F. Charles LPC, CPCS, CCDP-D**, is a Program Consultant Supervisor (Mental Health) for the Office of Health Services with the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Experience includes juvenile corrections officer, adult felony probation officer; Spectrum Health Systems, Inc., director of the Substance Abuse Aftercare Services (SAAS) program; interim clinical director of Rainbow House, Inc., (an emergency residential placement shelter for infants, children, and adolescents) where she provided master's level clinical



supervision and counseling services for child sex abuse survivors & non-offending care givers.

She is a frequent conference presenter and continuing education provider on co-occurring disorders and recovery related issues in the Jonesboro, GA area.

## HONORABLE JEREMY CLOUGH

**Judge Jeremy Clough** is the Juvenile Court Judge for the Enotah Judicial Circuit. After earning his JD from Georgia State, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Enotah from December 2003 until being appointed to the bench in 2015, ending his prosecution career as the Senior ADA in the White County office where he specialized in the prosecution of serious violence and sex crimes, having tried some 59 jury trials to verdict and argued three times before the Georgia Supreme Court.

Clough became a convert to accountability courts while serving as a charter member of the Mental Health Court team and currently presides over the Enotah Family Treatment Court which serves participants from all four counties in the circuit. Since Enotah was one of the first FTC's in Georgia, he was part of the "Casey Courts" group that received extensive training from the Casey Foundation and wrote the standards for Georgia FTC's. He has served as the FTC representative on CACJ's Training and Standards & Certification Committees.

## ROBIE COCHRAN

**Senior Patrol Officer Robie Cochran** has worked for the Athens Clarke County Police Department for 10 years. After being in the uniform patrol division for 7 ½ years and responding to numerous crisis calls involving individuals with mental illness, Officer Cochran transferred to the Crisis Intervention Response Unit (CIRU). In his current unit, Officer Cochran focuses on assisting the police department in responding to and caring for individuals having behavioral health crises. Officer Cochran works side by side with a Mental Health Clinician in order to link individuals to services and resources. He is the primary liaison with Advantage Behavioral Health Systems and he was named their 2016 Community Partner of the Year. Officer Cochran is the CIT Training coordinator for the Police Department and currently sits on the State's CIT Advisory Board. He was the 2017 NAMI Georgia CIT Officer of the Year, and was also a recipient of The Chief's Leadership and Innovation in Policing Award.

He is a trained Crisis Negotiator and serves on the ACCPD Negotiation Team. Additionally, he is a POST Certified Instructor, a Trainer for Mental Health First Aid, and SAMHSA GAINS "How Being Trauma Informed Improves Criminal Justice Outcomes."

## AMANDA LEWIS DAY

**Ms. Amanda Lewis Day** graduated from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 2010 and is licensed to practice law in Georgia and Tennessee. After clerking for Superior Court Judge Samuel D. Ozburn in the Alcovy Circuit, she helped him start the circuit's mental health court in 2013 and was coordinator for that program until 2017 when she became coordinator of the mental health court in the Tallapoosa Circuit. Amanda began working for FivePoint Solutions in February 2019 and is the project manager for all Georgia courts, the liaison with the CACJ, and the project owner for ACCM projects nationally. Amanda, along with Sam Morgan and Andrew Hickman, is spearheading the development of the new ACCM 4.0, which will be rolled out to courts in 2019 and 2020.

## MICHELE GABLE

**Ms. Michele Gable** is one of the founding members, and Director of Operations for Choice Lab, INC. Choice Lab assists their clients with substance abuse monitoring programs and help to establish testing parameters specific to their needs.

Before starting Choice Lab 19 years ago, she worked in the healthcare field working as a nurse in Cardiology and family practice. Michele has worked closely with many addiction treatment centers, doctors specializing in substance abuse care and held a contract with Department of Family and Children Services for many years. She currently works with Judicial Drug and DUI court programs. Choice Lab has established substance abuse monitoring programs for medical professionals, Aviation and Airline programs as well as working with legal teams to assist in safety plans. Michele has been married for 27 years and has two daughters. In her free time, she can often be found camping, boating and spending time with family.

## KRISTIE GARRETT

**Ms. Kristie Garrett** is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has been professionally working with the addicted population for over 20 years. She has successfully worked in many local psychiatric hospitals while maintaining her own private practice. In 2002, she helped start one of the first Accountability Courts in the state and has since been instrumental in opening the Cobb County Mental Health and Veterans Treatment and Accountability Courts. Though she has been coordinator of the above different class of courts in the past, she now oversees all Treatment for the Cobb County Adult Accountability Courts. She enjoys traveling around the state visiting other courts with for peer evaluation.





## DANA GLASS

**Dana P. Glass, LCSW**, serves as Chief Executive Officer for Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services in southwest Georgia. Dana joined Aspire BHDD Services in August 2014 in Utilization Management and Billing. In 2016, she was promoted to Chief Clinical Officer where she supervised, managed, and directed the clinical/social service activities of mental health and addictive disease services in a (15) county geographical service area. By January 2019, Dana was promoted to Deputy Director for the organization and then to Chief Executive Officer in June 2019. Dana is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 20 years of clinical experience serving a broad range of diverse populations from children and adolescents to the geriatric population in rural South Georgia. Her previous professional experience includes work in child welfare with the state of Georgia as well as management experience in behavioral health and addictive disease settings. When asked what she loves most about her job, Dana shared, "I feel that one of the greatest opportunities we have as a Community Service Board is the opportunity to lift others up. This includes staff and the individuals we serve! By encouraging staff to use their gifts and abilities, learn new skills, and allowing them opportunities to demonstrate these, we create an environment that fosters positive outcomes."

## CHRISTOPHER HANSARD

**Christopher Hansard** has worked for the Judicial Council's Administrative Office of the Courts since 2010 and is the Director of the Judicial Services Division. This Division handles research and court professional issues, including providing services to the Council of Accountability Court Judges. Mr. Hansard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Georgia, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina and is an Institute for Court Management Fellow. He has been to 477 counties and all but three states, and if you can guess which three on the first try, he'll buy you lunch.

## HELEN HARBERTS

**Ms. Helen Harberts, M.A., J.D.** has been working in criminal justice since 1983. As a prosecutor, Ms. Harberts began as an entry level DA and rose to become the Chief Deputy District Attorney of the Criminal Division in Butte County, CA. As a Chief Probation Officer (1995-2002) (sworn peace officer) over 5 years she implemented an adult drug court, juvenile drug court, DUI Court utilizing naltrexone, Domestic Violence Court, and Mentally Ill Offenders Court, all based on the problem-solving court model. She created a gang unit and directed a community-based narcotics task force called BASS. After the stint in probation, she returned to her roots as a prosecuting attorney where she practiced law exclusively in problem solving courts for over 5 years. She retired in 2011. She popped out of retirement for 5 months in 2012-13, she served as the Interim Director of the Harris County (Texas) Community Supervision and Corrections Department in Houston. Ms.

Harberts serves on the faculty of the National Drug Court Institute, National Center for DWI Courts, National Judicial College and others. She conducts site visits and training on behalf of SAMHSA. She participated in the creation of the 10 Guiding Principles of DWI Courts, the community supervision curriculum for the Practitioner's training series for NADCP and was core faculty on several of the practitioner's series trainings. She has trained in all 50 states, and retains her license to practice law.

## BARBARA HONAKER

**Ms. Barbara Honaker** is Court Coordinator and Program Director for the North Enotah Drug Court. She has been with NEDC since 2014. Barbara has earned her Master of Arts Degree in Family Counseling from Liberty University, and she is currently working towards her PhD. in Christian Clinical Counseling. Barbara is an ordained Minister of Counseling, and she has served on an Adult Felony Peer Review Team for the State of Georgia.

Mrs. Honaker has had many years of experience in the field, working for the Department of Family and Children's Services as a Case Manager/Investigator, a Case Manager for the Floyd County Mental Health Department, as well as a Case Manager for a Women's Shelter in the State of Georgia, and an Instructor of Parenting Classes.

She was a teacher at Young Harris College for 8 years and she has had an extensive background in the medical field working in Neuro/Orthopedic Surgery as an Electro-Neuro Diagnostic Technologist. In her earlier years, Mrs. Honaker worked as a Flight Attendant for Eastern Airlines and later with AirTran Airways. Throughout her life, she has owned and operated her own Studio of Performing Arts and was a nationally renowned choreographer for the Christian Stage. She was the former "Majorette Queen of America", and has won hundreds of titles and awards in both dance and baton twirling on the state, national, and international arena.

Barbara is married to Chuck Honaker, a U.S. Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient from Union County Georgia, and together they have 5 children; the youngest is serving our country in the United States Coast Guards.

## KIM JONES

**Ms. Kim Jones**, NAMI Georgia's Executive Director, a senior level professional is a results-oriented, self-starter with over 15 years of experience directing the startup and expansion of not-for-profit programs and corporate multi-site operations. She exhibits professionalism in communicating with senior-level management, public officials, members of Boards of Directors, and customers/clients representing diverse cultural backgrounds. She has proven expertise in marketing and business development utilizing strategic partnership development, relationship building, and needs analysis to deliver innovative win-win solutions. Articulate and persuasive,



with exceptional communication, negotiation and presentation skills, she is a frequent presenter and advocate for NAMI Georgia and better mental health care. Most importantly Ms. Jones is the VERY proud mother of a child recovering from mental illness and has numerous peer-reviewed publications including examinations of race and gender impacts in drug court. She has spoken at many national and international conferences.

## JEFF JONES

**Mr. Jeff Jones** is currently the Substance Abuse Director for Cornerstones Counseling Center, Inc., a treatment provider serving the Enotah Family Treatment Court, Enotah Adult Felony Drug Courts, Mountain Family Treatment Court, and Mountain Adult Felony Drug Courts. Jeff has or is currently working as a court treatment liaison, counselor, and group facilitator for these accountability court programs. He has been instrumental in the foundation and implementation of all of these programs. Jeff previously worked in the construction field as a CEO, General Contractor, Project Manager, and Superintendent for many years before getting his CAC1. He started working full time in the accountability court programs in 2013 and was the recipient of the 2016 Tommy Day Wilcox Leadership Award from the CACJ.

## KALVIN KIRKSEY

**Mr. Calvin Maurice Kirksey**, M.Ed., is the Senior Case Manager for the Muscogee County Adult Drug Court. He has 10 years of experience in the addiction field. He started as a counselor at Midtown recovery and transitioned to case management with the Adult Drug Court. As senior case manager he supervises two case managers and 115 participants. During this time, he has received a proclamation from the mayor and the 2018 employee of the year award. He is a proud graduate of Valdosta State University where he received his B.S in Criminal Justice and Troy State University where he received his Master's in Education. He lives by the motto "Culture for Service and Service to Humanity."

## MOLLY LAUGHLIN

**Ms. Molly Laughlin** attained her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 2011 and Master's Degree in Public Administration in 2012, both from Georgia Southern University. She has been featured as an Outstanding Alumni from the Georgia Southern University Honors Program and nominated for the 2019 Alumni Association's 30 under 30. She received the Tommy Day Wilcox Award from the CACJ in 2017 for her outstanding service as a coordinator, and she currently serves as the coordinator liaison for the Executive Committee. She has been the coordinator of the South Enotah Felony Drug Court since 2013. She is also a member of the Lumpkin County Domestic Violence Task Force and garnered recognition as Task Force of the Year in 2016. She enjoys being able to provide a valuable resource to offenders who would otherwise be

incarcerated with the help of her amazing team and serving as a peer review team member.

## ALISON LERNER

**Ms. Alison Lerner** is a Staff Attorney with the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts. At the AOC, she provides legal support to the Council of Accountability Court Judges, the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Dispute Resolution, Commission on Interpreters, and the Board of Court Reporting. In that role, she leads ethics investigations into registered neutrals and ADR programs, court reporters, and court interpreters. Ms. Lerner began her career as a juvenile public defender, later moving to felony jury trial work. She has first-chaired dozens of jury trials, including a two-week long murder trial. After leaving criminal defense, she joined a small civil litigation boutique firm, acting as lead attorney in matters including product liability, EEO claims, premises liability, professional liability, first party insurance coverage, and auto and trucking cases, from case inception to resolution. Ms. Lerner holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Wesleyan University, Connecticut, and a J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.

## BEAU LEYSE

**Mr. Beau Leyse** has a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health, accompanied by a minor of Sociology, from Georgia Southern University. He is a member of the 2018 Georgia Southern Class of 40 under 40. Mr. Leyse has been a Drug Court Coordinator since 2014 in the Pataula Adult Felony Drug Court, located in Southwest Georgia, covering seven counties (Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, and Terrell). He has served as a peer reviewer for the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) for the last two years. Mr. Leyse received the STAR Award in 2018 from CACJ for his service as a Drug Court Coordinator.

## MELISSA LINE

**Ms. Melissa Line** currently serves as Executive Director of Community Helping Place in Dahlgonega, Georgia after working as the Program Manager with Enotah CASA for the previous four years. Prior to joining the staff of CASA, Mrs. Line was a CASA volunteer and then a foster-adoptive parent along with her husband, John. She earned a BS in Family Psychology and a master's in social work, is a credentialed advocate with the NACP and a member of the NASW. Melissa and John share their home with 6 kids and a bunch of animals. Melissa especially loves Rottweilers and teaching children's Sunday school, and dislikes ironing.

## JOSEPH "JOE" LUNIEVICZ

**Mr. Joseph Luniewicz**, BA- Senior Managing Director, ACRIA Centers at GMHC with over 28 years of experience working in the fields of Drug treatment and HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, Joe Luniewicz has worked for the past four years





with ACRIA's senior management team and is now the Senior Managing Director of the ACRIA Centers on HIV & Aging and Technical Assistance at GMHC. He was previously Director of the Training Institute at National Development Research Institutes (NDRI) and Executive Director of its subsidiary NDRI-USA. Joe's background in working with older adults living with and at risk for HIV includes overseeing the Research on Older Adults with HIV (ROAH) 2.0 study, which has sites in New York City, Upstate New York, San Francisco, Oakland, and Chicago. Through ACRIA's Center on Technical Assistance he manages the translation of this research into practice. Joe is also faculty for NADCP specializing in Drug Court workshops on Cultural Competency, Working with Young Adults in Drug Court, Teambuilding, Treatment Modalities, Understanding and Coping with Participant Relapse, Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Participants, and Presentations.

## HONORABLE WILLIAM "BEAU" MCCLAIN

**Judge McClain** was elected to the Superior Court of Douglas County in 2008 and prior to that time served as Assistant and Chief Assistant District Attorney in two judicial circuits for 27 years. The judge-initiated Douglas County's felony accountability courts and presides over Drug Court with Judge Cynthia Adams over Mental Health Court.

Judge McClain's avocation for many years has been assisting low income families through several ministries which he founded and leads, including Faith in Action, which picks up and delivers used furniture and appliances; Operation Christmas, which serves 8,000 children each year, and Sanctuary Village. He has also volunteered at the Pantry, a community food bank, since 2007.

Judge McClain and his wife Heather have been married for 38 years and are the parents of three Eagle Scouts. The McClains are members of the Church at Chapel Hill in Douglasville.

## MAGDALENE MCDONALD

**Ms. Magdalene McDonald** received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of North Georgia (NGCSU) and a Master of Criminology from Florida State University. She founded the Parent Accountability Court in the Enotah Judicial Circuit. She is currently in her 6th year as Court Coordinator for the Enotah Family Treatment Court serving four counties in the Enotah Judicial Circuit. She has served on the Lumpkin County Extension 4H Advisory Board since 2016, The Enotah Family Treatment Court Foundation Board since 2015, and was Secretary and a Merit Badge Instructor for Boy Scout Troop 303.

## KATIE MCFARLAND

**Ms. Katie McFarland** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 17 years in the behavioral health field. Katie's roles have

included case manager, counselor, clinic manager, and program manager. Currently, she's the Program Manager for Court and Criminal Justice Services at Advantage Behavioral Health Systems. Katie manages services and with Court programs including Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, and a Family Treatment Court. She is also the Mental Health liaison for the Athens Clarke County Police Department's Crisis Intervention Response Unit where she works alongside a police officer responding to and caring for those in crisis. She coordinates Advantage's involvement with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to law enforcement and has taught CIT to officers in Athens Clarke County for over 10 years. She's trained in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) and Collaboration Assessment and Management of Suicide Risks (CAMS). She is also a trainer for Mental Health First Aid, Policing the Teen Brain, and SAMSHA's "How being Trauma Informed improves Criminal Justice Responses". Originally, from Augusta, Georgia, she received her BS in Sociology from Georgia Southern University and her Masters in Social Work from The University of Georgia. She loves cooking, yoga, and University of Georgia Football.

## SARAH MCKINNEY

**Ms. Sarah McKinney** serves the Athens Area Community Foundation as President | CEO. Prior, she had awesome jobs at the University of Georgia and Georgia 4-H Foundation as well at the Athens Community Council on Aging.

Sarah has a sprinkled education including a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Georgia, Certificate of Gerontology from Kennesaw State University, a Certificate of Leadership from the University of Dayton, and Certificates of Basic and Advanced Nonprofit Financial Management from Duquesne University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute.

A proud member of the Rotary Club of Athens, 2017-2018 LEAD Athens class, and Leadership Georgia of 2019, she loves an opportunity to grow her brain. Sarah enjoys serving Athens Church, East Jackson FFA Alumni, the Rotary Plungefest, Envision Athens, and the Jackson County School System on the Empower College and Career Academy's Strategic Partner committee.

Today, as a professional working in philanthropy, Sarah's role is centered on helping convene the interest of donors, nonprofits, and community institutions to build, distribute and preserve philanthropic assets that will enhance quality of life in the Athens area for generations to come.

Authentic relationships, a firm hand shake, a hearty thank you, and a handwritten note are critical components to Sarah's work in philanthropy. When she isn't smiling at work, Sarah is hanging out with her husband of 17 years, John, and their kids Nate and Anna.



## REBECCA NIX

**Ms. Rebecca Nix, LPC, MAC** is currently a Behavioral Health Treatment Court Liaison with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). Rebecca came to DBHDD in 2017 after over 10 years of service with Community Service Boards providing direct services. While there, she served as the Hall Mental Health Court (HELP) Liaison. Rebecca received her Master's in Clinical Counseling from Brenau University in 2007 and her Master Addiction Counselor certification in 2015.

## DR. MERRILL NORTON

**Dr. Norton** is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University Of Georgia College Of Pharmacy with his specialty areas to include psychopharmacology and addiction pharmacy. He has also been a faculty member of the Fairleigh-Dickinson University Postdoctoral Training Program in the Masters of Psychopharmacology, Alliant International University of San Francisco College of Psychology, University of Georgia School of Continuing Education, and Berry College in the areas of Psychopharmacology and Addiction Pharmacy. His area of specialty in addiction pharmacy is the management of chronic pain in the addicted patient. Dr. Merrill Norton was recently honored by the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association in receiving the prestigious Distinguished Service Award for 2015. The award is bestowed on individuals for recognition of their long term support and commitment to the treatment and welfare of those affected by alcohol and drug addiction in Georgia and nationally. Dr. Norton's efforts of educating thousands of behavioral health practitioners nationally to the disease states of substance use disorders and his dedication to the early prevention and intervention of addictive disease in Georgia's families makes him a person uniquely qualified for this award. Also, Dr. Norton was the 2009 recipient of the Georgia School of Addiction Studies (GSAS) Excellence in Addiction Treatment Individual Achievement Award "for his unselfish dedication to the treatment of addicted families, not only in the state of Georgia, but nationally." Dr. Norton was recognized by the GSAS Board of Directors for the ongoing development of undergraduate and graduate curriculum and drug research in the area of addiction pharmacy. His book, *The Pharmacology of Psychoactive Chemical Use, Abuse, and Dependence*, and his DVD series, "The Hijacking of the Brain" have been used to train thousands of mental health professionals nationally; they have become the standards of teaching excellence in the addiction treatment profession. His new book, *The Pharmacology of Substance Use Disorders* will be released in 2016.

## JACK O'CONNOR

**Mr. Jack O'Connor** is a combat infantry veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Vietnam. Upon discharge from the service, he received a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Counseling (1974) from Canisius College in Buffalo,

NY. Jack was the Director of Medicaid Services for the Erie County Department of Social Services. In 2007, when Judge Robert Russell decided to start a unique court to assist Veterans, Jack Was asked to pull together a group of veterans to act as "Mentors" He continues as the Mentor Coordinator for the Buffalo Veterans Court. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y. Jack also is a trainer for Justice for Vets. He has been married to Pat for 50 years, has 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

## MODUPEOLA ODEGBAMI

**Ms. Modupeola Odegbami** is a native of Lagos, Nigeria. In 2005, she immigrated to the United States, and quickly established a passion for the mental health profession. By 2014, Mrs. Odegbami earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Shortly after, she relocated to Atlanta, GA where she became a CIT certified Detention Officer at the Fulton County Jail. After experiencing the lack of advocacy afforded to those with a severe and persistent mental illness while incarcerated, she decided to focus her efforts on being a part of the solution. This led to her signing on to become a Compliance Coordinator with the Behavioral Health Treatment Court of Fulton County in 2016. In addition to her services with the Accountability Court of Fulton County, Mrs. Odegbami regularly trains Fulton County Sheriff's Cadets on abnormal psychology, and best practices on how to interact with offenders who may have mental health concerns. Recently, to further assist in her pursuits, she became a mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution programs.

## BRIDGETT ORTEGA

**Dr. Bridgett E. Ortega** is a lawyer and Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. She is the Past President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Juvenile Defender Center and is currently the Equity and Inclusion Officer for the Georgia affiliate of the ACLU. Bridgett has spent over 30 years working for criminal and juvenile justice reform. Bridgett was formerly Deputy Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Reclaiming Futures Initiative, a juvenile justice reform initiative aimed at creating strategies for intervening in the lives of young people with substance abuse and other issues that bring them into the criminal justice system. Bridgett was featured in the ABC Nightline "Kids in Court" series and the Frontline Juvenile Justice documentary, and in 1998 she was awarded the ABA Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award for outstanding advocacy in juvenile justice. In 2013 she received the NAACP Freedom Fund Civil and Human Rights Award. In December of 2017, she was recognized by the National Juvenile Defender Center as a champion for juvenile justice for her work in defending youth rights. She co-founded the Santa Clara County California Juvenile Treatment Court with the Honorable Judge Thomas Edwards. She is a national trainer on issues impacting juvenile and adult drug courts and



she is also on the National Institute on Domestic Violence training team. Bridgett is a J.D., Ph.D., and also holds graduate degrees in Organizational Management and Leadership. Her doctoral dissertation is entitled, *Compassionate Jurisprudence: A Praxis for Justice*.

## HONORABLE SAMUEL D. OZBURN

**Judge Samuel D. Ozburn** has served as a Superior Court Judge in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit for 23 years. He is a lifelong resident of Newton County and graduated from Oxford College of Emory University, the University of Georgia, and the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. Prior to his appointment as judge, he practiced law in Covington, Georgia, for 19 years. He is Chairman of the Court Security Committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges, member of the Court Emergency Management Committee of the Judicial Council of Georgia, member of the Georgia Municipal Courts Committee on Court Security, member of the Council of Accountability Courts Training Committee, and served as Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia by special designation in May, 2005. In 2013, Judge Ozburn implemented the Alcovy Judicial Circuit Mental Health Accountability (Resource) Courts, where he still presides. In addition, is the former president of the Alcovy Circuit Bar Association, Kiwanis Club of Covington, Newton County Mental Health Association; former member of the Board of Directors of Covington-Newton County Chamber of Commerce and the Covington-Newton County Recreation Commission; Chairman of Board of Trustees of the Homer F. Sharp Memorial Scholarship Trust. He received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service in 2011, and the R.O. Arnold Award in 2013, bestowed by the Newton County Chamber of Commerce in recognition for a lifetime of community involvement and service.

## ROBERT PELFREY

**Mr. Robert Pelfrey** joined the Alcovy Circuit Mental Health Courts as coordinator in August 2017. Before becoming the coordinator for the mental health courts in Newton and Walton, Robert worked with accountability courts in Athens-Clarke County as program coordinator for Athens-Oconee CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and as a foster care case worker with the Division of Family & Children Services. He holds a degree in Psychology from the University of Georgia."

## KRISTEN ADAMS – PELHAM, PSY.D.

**Dr. Kristin S. Adams-Pelham** is a Louisiana native living in Leesburg, Georgia. She received her B.S. from Louisiana State University in 2001 and her Masters and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, with a Forensic Psychology Specialty, from Nova Southeastern University in 2004 and 2007, respectively. She has been licensed to practice psychology in Georgia and Florida for approximately 10 years and has been working in the forensic psychology field since the early 2000's. She has

worked in various settings to include state and federal prisons, psychiatric hospitals, jails, and various court systems in Florida and Georgia. Dr. Adams-Pelham currently works full-time, as an outpatient forensic psychologist, for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and also runs a part-time, private psychology practice doing various forensic evaluations as well as Social Security Disability evaluations. Much of her time is spent conducting forensic evaluations with defendants in correctional settings all over South Georgia and North Florida, as well as providing expert testimony in various courts in the same areas. Additionally, she has collaborated with the Treatment Court in Dougherty County, Georgia for approximately 8 years, as well as provided training courses for members of the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) and presented at the annual CACJ Conference on several occasions.

## LYNN POLICARO

**Ms. Lynne Policaro** is the Court Administrator for Athens-Clarke County serving six courts and thirteen Judges. She holds a BA in Business Administration and Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies from Clayton College and State University. She is a state certified Court Mediator as well as a Certified Court Manager by the Georgia Council of Court Administrators. Prior to becoming a Court Administrator, she served as Deputy Director for the Fulton County Superior Court Accountability Courts. Having a long history of working with Accountability Courts, Lynne created the first DUI Court in Henry County, later serving as their Accountability Court Director. As Court Administrator, Ms. Policaro oversees many aspects of day-to-day operations, including budgeting, human resource administration, grant writing and administration, court liaison, logistics, public relations for the courts and special projects such as the Criminal Justice Reform, and SPLOST. She is the proud mother of two wonderful sons, with a fantastic daughter in love! The apple of her eye is her grandson. Lynne enjoys the outdoors during all seasons, walking, swimming, water and snow skiing and SCUBA diving. Lynne believes in shooting for the moon, if you do not make it, you can still land on a star.

## VANESSA PRICE

**Ms. Vanessa Price** was employed as a police officer with The City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of Inspector and was assigned to Operations Administration as the Interim Executive Director for Weed and Seed Programs. Mrs. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012. Her prior assignment from May of 1998 to September 2009 was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of The Oklahoma County Drug Court Program, including policy manual development, budgeting, and staff training. Training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the signs of mental illness, identification of a subject under the influence of drugs, effectively communicating with consumers, strengths-based



interviewing, team building, drug testing, program planning and development, grant writing, community supervision, cultural proficiency for consumers served, ethics & confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders, and community resource identification and development. In May 2014, Mrs. Price was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In January 2015 she was reappointed to a four year term and elected to serve as Chair of organization. Mrs. Price joined the staff of NADCP in August of 2016 to serve as the Director of NDCL. Mrs. Price has an Associate's Degree from Oklahoma State University in Applied Police Science and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, in Criminal.

## DEANNA REISMAN

**Ms. Deanna Reisman** serves as an Assistant District Attorney in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit. She is the Accountability Court Prosecutor for the circuit-wide Adult Felony Drug Court and Adult Felony Mental Health Court. She was selected to be the inaugural prosecutor and assisted in defining standards for the accountability courts in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit. She also maintains a felony caseload in the Superior Court of Walker County and has served as lead counsel on a number of felony criminal jury trials. Ms. Reisman began her career as an Assistant Public Defender in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit representing defendants in the State Court of Jackson County, and later moving to felony jury trial work in the Superior Court of Barrow County. Ms. Reisman holds Bachelor's degrees in History and Spanish from the University of Georgia, and a J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law. Deanna was honored with the STAR award for prosecutors by the Council of Accountability Court Judges in 2018.

## DR. DAVINE RICKS

**Dr. Davine S. Ricks, LCSW, MAC** is a dedicated and enthusiastic leader with over 28 years of experience in developing and implementing behavioral healthcare systems in the public and private sectors, and faith-based organizations. Dr. Rick's areas of expertise include providing treatment services in the areas of criminal justice, substance use and mental health. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Master Addiction Counselor (MAC), and Certified Alcohol and Drug E-Counselor (E-CADC). She has provided direct services and leadership in Drug Courts, DUI Courts, Veteran's Court, Re-Entry Services and Community Integration programs. Dr. Ricks is also accomplished as a federal and state grant writer and reviewer, program evaluator, teacher, and provider of clinical supervision.

Dr. Ricks provides training on local, state and national levels. She is a Certified John Maxwell Teacher, Mentor, Trainer and Motivational Speaker. Dr. Ricks has more than 15 years of experience in presenting for various organizations including: Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJJ), Alcohol & Drug

Abuse Certification Board of Georgia (ADACB-GA) National Association of Social Workers, Georgia School of Addiction Studies, Morehouse School of Medicine Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC), Berean Christian Church Leadership Team, View Point Health Leadership Academy, Southeastern Institute on Chemical Dependency and the Dekalb County Board of Education.

Dr. Ricks' background includes extensive experience as a CARF Administrative and Program Surveyor and Consultant effectively interfacing with local, state, and national organizations in helping them to successfully achieve national accreditation. In her private practice, Sense of Equity, LLC she provides leadership training, program development, grant writing and accreditation services. In addition, she serves as a support Chaplain for the Atlanta Dream WNBA Team. In all areas, she seeks to add value to others and embraces opportunities to engage, educate and empower. Dr. Ricks is also actively engaged in the choir and counseling ministries at Berean Christian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

## TRIPPER RYDER

**Mr. Tripper Ryder** is a data scientist certified through the Microsoft Professional Program. Before joining the iMs team he was a touring musician for over 15 years.

## PAUL STANLEY

**Mr. Paul Stanley** graduated from High School at 17 and entered the U.S. Air Force. After 5 years he was promoted to Staff Sergeant but left active duty--moving to the Air Force Reserve to pursue college. He graduated from college then went to work at Exxon as an information technology consultant where he participated in the Valdez cleanup effort. He then worked for Price Waterhouse and Progressive Insurance before returning to law school. After law school, he started law practice as an appellate attorney specializing in criminal law. He later worked for child support enforcement and as a felony prosecutor where he was the first prosecutor in the Hall County drug court. He started representing DFCS in 2000 as an associate and was appointed as a SAAG himself in 2003. Since then, he has continuously represented White County, while also representing (or assisting with) Banks, Barrow, Jackson, Lumpkin, Towns, and Union Counties.

## MARK STODOLA

As NHTSA's Probation Fellow, **Mr. 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 field supervisor and 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 including budget, case processing,





program development (including the establishment of Arizona's first municipal mental health court) and managing personnel. 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. Mark received his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Master's Degree in Education from Northern Arizona University. Mark became a Graduate Fellow through the National Council of State Courts Institute of Court Management. In his spare time Mark serves on a number of boards and is actively involved in community activities with his wife Susan.

## MARISA SULLENS

**Marisa Sullens** is the Coordinator for the Hall County Family Treatment Court under Judge Alison Toller. Marisa is a 2000 graduate from Piedmont College where she majored in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. Marisa began work in 2000 for Hall County DFCS as a foster care and adoptions worker, foster care supervisor, and worked with numerous families over the years. She left DFCS in 2007 and began work with the Hall County Juvenile Court as a juvenile probation officer. Marisa began her role as Coordinator for the Hall County Family Treatment Court in 2010. When initially taking over the program, she began with 15 participants. Today, the Hall County FTC currently works with over 50 participants and serves over 100 children. Marisa recently helped start the Dawson County Family Treatment Court and will remain with that program to help get it off its feet. Marisa serves as a peer mentor for other coordinators and is actively involved in a peer review team. Marisa received the 2016 Coordinator Start Award at the CACJ Conference.

## KEN TAYLOR

Owner and CEO of Integrated Management Solutions, Inc., **Mr. Ken Taylor** has over 30 years executive experience in data management systems across a variety of fields. He is the former Vice President of Worldwide Strategy for IBM and Chief Intelligence Officer for Blue Cross / Blue Shield Hawaii. Ken is a father of five and an avid music fan.

## HONORABLE ALISON TOLLER

**Judge Alison Toller** was raised in Atlanta, Georgia. She attended Emory University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Political Science in 1996, and attended Georgia State Law School, graduating with her Juris Doctor in 1999. She started her career in criminal prosecution in the DeKalb County Solicitor's Office in January 2000 followed by the Hall County District Attorney's Office in November of 2000.

While in the District Attorney's Office, Judge Toller worked as a prosecutor in Hall County, and later as the drug court prosecutor in both Hall and Dawson Counties. While in the District Attorney's office, her true passion continued to be her work with accountability courts. She served as the Hall County Drug Court prosecutor for ten years and also helped form the Dawson County DUI and Drug Court programs, which she assisted with for several years before returning to a trial team leader position. Judge Toller left the District Attorney's office in May of 2013 to join the Weaver Law Firm. There, she handled a wide variety of matters in general civil practice and criminal defense as well as many types of domestic cases including divorces, legitimations, and custody cases. Judge Toller was appointed to the bench on December 1, 2014, joining Chief Judge Lindsay H. Burton to fill the role vacated by the retirement of Judge Cliff Jolliff. Judge Toller used her knowledge and experience with accountability courts to take the reins of the Hall County Family Treatment Court. In addition to her role as the presiding judge of Family Treatment Court, Judge Toller also presides over dependency, CHINS, and delinquent cases in both Hall and Dawson Counties. Judge Toller currently serves as an advisory member to the Standards and Certification Committee and serves as a member of the Funding Committee for the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. She is the Family Treatment Court representative for the Executive Committee for the Council of Accountability Court Judges. She also serves as the chair of the Accountability Courts committee for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges. She also continues to work with the other Family Treatment Court Judges to continue the work started with Casey Family Programs to make Georgia Family Treatment Courts the nationwide model.

## KELLY VAN DEVELDE

**Ms. Kelly Van Develde** is a Senior Program Manager for Technical Assistance at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, Ms. Van Develde provides expert assistance to jurisdictions nation-wide, and advises attorneys, judges, and other practitioners on issues relevant to drug courts, court-based opioid intervention programs, and other forms of problem-solving justice. Prior to joining the Center Ms. Van Develde was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office. Ms. Van Develde was a member of the Alternative to Incarceration Bureau where she worked with several problem-solving courts. Ms. Van Develde is a graduate of Wellesley College and Brooklyn Law School.

## TERRENCE D. WALTON

**Mr. Terrence D. Walton**, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), is among the nation's leading experts in providing training and technical assistance to drug courts and other problem-solving courts. Prior to being named COO in October 2015, Terrence Walton was the NADCP Chief of Standards. In addition to being responsible for the daily operation of NADCP and



planning the national conference, he retains his responsibility for establishing and implementing best practice standards nationwide. Previously, Terrence Walton was Director of Treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA), in Washington, D.C. During his nearly 15 years at PSA, he was responsible for directing the PSA operations that provide substance use disorder and mental health assessment, treatment, and social services for all adults released under PSA supervision in the District of Columbia. His responsibilities included overseeing the city's adult Drug Court, the DWI Initiative, the Mental Health units and various other programs for assessing, treating and supervising justice system involved men and women. Previously, he excelled as the director of what was then the District of Columbia's leading adolescent outpatient substance abuse treatment center. Terrence Walton has directed programs in Dayton, Ohio and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has helped evaluate a multi-million-dollar White House Anti-Drug Media Campaign and served on the substance abuse task force as a part of the White House Best Practices Collaborative. In addition to his extensive work domestically, he has assisted addiction treatment programs in Bangladesh, Barbados, Guam, Mexico and Bermuda. Terrence Walton is an internationally certified alcohol and other drug abuse counselor with over twenty-five years of experience helping individuals and organizations champion positive change. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Master of Social Work degree with specializations in program administration and substance abuse. Noted for his practical strength-based approaches to complex issues, Terrence Walton is actively sought out for insight on treating and supervising justice system involved individuals who are living with substance use and mental health disorders. Terrence Walton is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). A gifted and entertaining speaker, Terrence Walton travels extensively informing and inspiring audiences across the globe.

## DAZARA WARE

**Ms. Dazara Ware**, MPC is a Senior Project Associate for the SOAR TA Center. Dazara's areas of expertise include assisting with the implementation of SOAR in criminal justice settings and reentry plans for state Department of Corrections facilities. Prior to joining PRA, she served as the State of Georgia's SOAR Program Coordinator and State Team Lead at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). While there, she led a pilot program to implement SOAR in Georgia's state hospitals, jails and prisons to promote successful transitions to community living. Her educational and employment background in criminal justice and mental health disciplines have helped shape her commitment to addressing the needs of those who are vulnerable to the experience of homelessness. Dazara earned her MPC from Argosy University.

## ANDRIEA WASHINGTON

**Ms. Andriea Washington, MA, LPC, NCC, CCMHC**, is a Behavioral Health Treatment Court Liaison with the office of Adult Mental Health at Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). At DBHDD, she provides linkages to the Community Service Boards and State Courts that she services in the West Central and South-Central regions of the state of Georgia, as well as managing contracts for CSBs in her catchment area. Prior to coming to the Office of Adult Mental Health, Andriea served as a Forensic Behavioral Health Counselor at West Central Georgia Regional Hospital (DBHDD), and co-created The Resiliency Program, a trauma-informed program designed at facilitating community re-integration of forensically involved women who have experienced complex trauma.

## CALLIE WEIR

**Ms. Callie Weir** attended Emory University, graduating with a B.A. in International Relations in 2011. She attended Syracuse University College of Law and graduated with a J.D. in 2015, as well as graduating with an LLM in National Security and US Foreign Relations Law from The George Washington University Law School in 2016. Callie has been with the Judicial Council's Administrative Office of the Courts since 2017. She is staffed to the Council of Accountability Court Judges. In that capacity, Callie analyzes all data submitted by the courts each quarter, performs quality analysis, brainstorms innovative ways to utilize and share the data that is submitted to the CACJ, drafts annual reports and manuals, and serves as a resource for courts who may have questions regarding data submission. Callie is also the dedicated Magistrate Court analyst with the Research Department at the AOC. Outside of work, Callie enjoys running charity races, playing with her two dogs, and spending time with family and friends.

## MARTIN WELCH

**Mr. Martin Welch** has been practicing law in the four Counties that make up the Enotah Circuit for 48 years. He has been practicing Juvenile Law for the last 8 years and has been a member of the Enotah Family Treatment Court Team for 7 years. He represents both children and parents in Juvenile Court. He served as Chief Magistrate for White Count for 8 years and was on the Council of Magistrate Court Judges.

Martin has been active in the community as well. He was president of the White Count Heart Association and the White County Optimist Club. He has also been president of the White County Band Booster Club and the Fairview Elementary School PTA. He also served on the Northeast Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Recently he appeared as a pro-dancer for the South Enotah Casa fund raiser, Dancing with the Stars. He has three adult children and six grandchildren which keep him busy.





## KATHLEEN WEST, DRPH

**Dr. Kathleen West** is a public health professional with expertise in substance use disorders prevention, early intervention and treatment, and pharmacology of substances, including a focus on medication assisted treatment; public mental health, and violence issues across the spectrum (interpersonal, DV, community, and global). Her more than 30-year career has focused on intergenerational trauma and developing resiliency, and trauma-informed/responsive systems of care serving at-risk individuals, families, and communities. Since 2007 she's worked with military/veteran-connected individuals and their families to address the multiple effects of service and trauma-related issues, including PTSD, TBI, and legal challenges. She helped develop the first Family Drug Court curriculum, has worked with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the California Judicial Council for 30 years and as a consultant for numerous national and state agencies. She directed the CA Drug Endangered Children Resource Center, developing multidisciplinary team interventions with methamphetamine labs and continues

work with DEC teams. Kathleen is an appointed member of the California Collaborative Courts Committee among others. She teaches at the USC Department of Preventive Medicine and the UCLA Department of Social Welfare. Her masters and doctoral degrees are from UCLA and undergraduate degrees from Kalamazoo College.

## TARA ZELLOUS

**Ms. Tara Zellous** is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor-II (CADC-II) with over 10 years of experience working with mental health and substance use disorders. She received a Master of Arts in Community Counseling from Argosy University in Atlanta, GA and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Human Services from Clayton State University in Morrow, GA. Tara works with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Office of Adult Mental Health; as a Behavioral Health Treatment Court Liaison and as the Statewide Forensic Peer Mentor Coordinator.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CACJ has obtained pre-approval for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the following disciplines: POST, GACA, ADABCBGA, MCLE and MCJE. Please check the CACJ website for the number of hours have been pre-approved.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2019 you will receive by email, one evaluation link for (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday sessions. This feedback is essential in conference planning. Final accreditation by all organizations will not be given until the surveys are complete and the links close. **Please submit your feedback before the deadline of Friday, October 4, 2019.**

Credit will be awarded based on the session selections made during registration. IMPORTANT: If you attend a session other than what was selected during registration, you must complete and submit the On-site Change Form which is available at the ICJE table located outside Athena A-E (Exhibitor Hall).

After the conference, each court coordinator will be emailed a link to access Certificates of Attendance for each attendee that registered to attend the training. From there, each attendee will submit their *Certificate of Attendance* to their respective disciplines to obtain their POST, GACA, MCLE, ADABCBGA and MCJE credits.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

We ask that all team members seek reimbursements for mileage, meals (please refer to the state allowances) and lodging directly from your program/county. Once attendees receive the reimbursement from the county, court coordinators should *then* submit this expense with the grant reimbursement request (SER) to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), based on the awarded funds from your court's FY20 Grant.

## RESOURCE ROOM: GRAND HALL 1

Please visit the Resource Room located in Grand Hall 1. Publications and handouts from our national supporters, facilitators, and other important documents can also be found on the CACJ website and mobile app.

## ART EXHIBIT

Please check out the art exhibit located in the Resource Room. All artwork was submitted by accountability court participants. They were asked to create artwork that was reflective of the conference theme: Transformations. Thank you to all of our team members who brought art from their participants!

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Council of Accountability Court Judges Information Table will be located across from Athena A-E.



## CACJ Coordinator Mentor Program

The goal of Georgia's Accountability Court Coordinator Mentor program, supported by the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ), is intended to encourage, guide, and support the mentee as they progress in their role as an accountability court coordinator.

Applications for accountability court coordinators interested in serving as a coordinator mentor or participating as a mentee will be available October 7, 2019.



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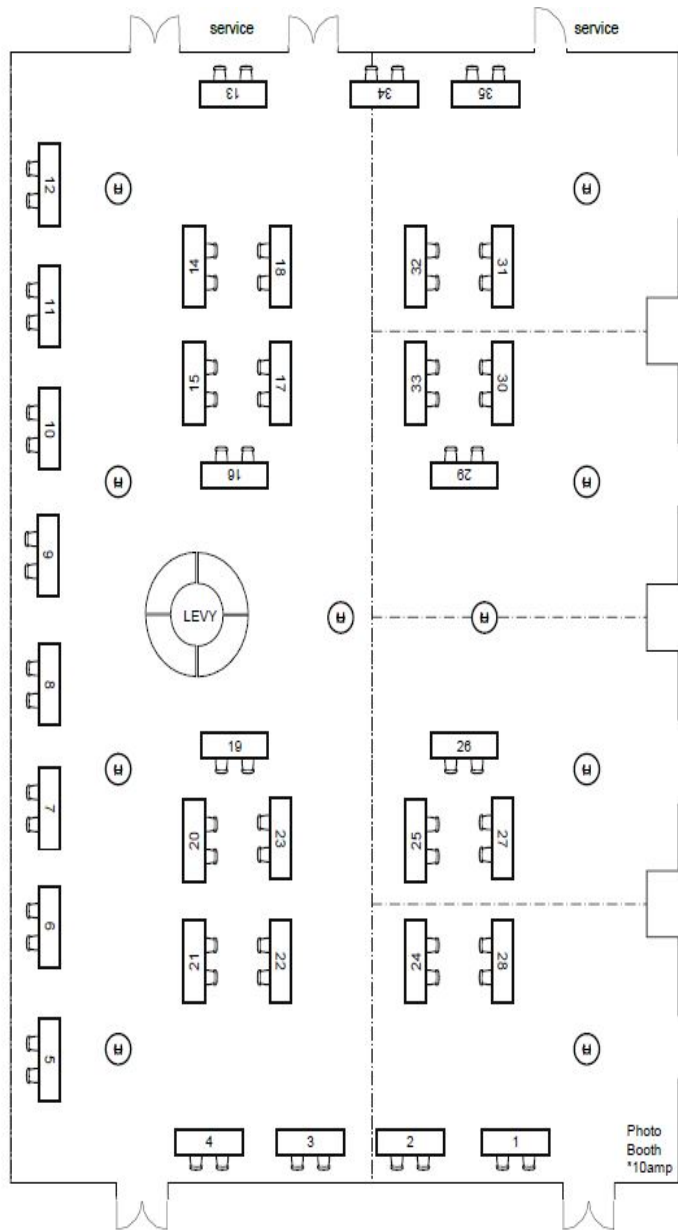
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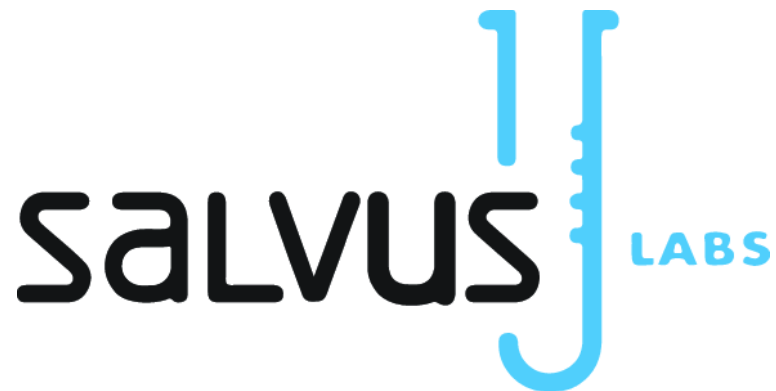
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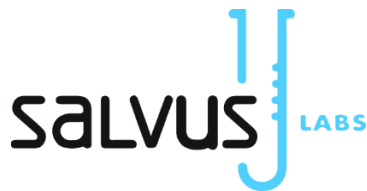




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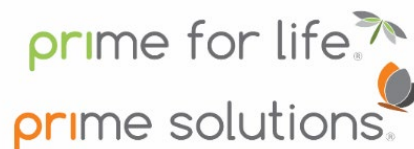


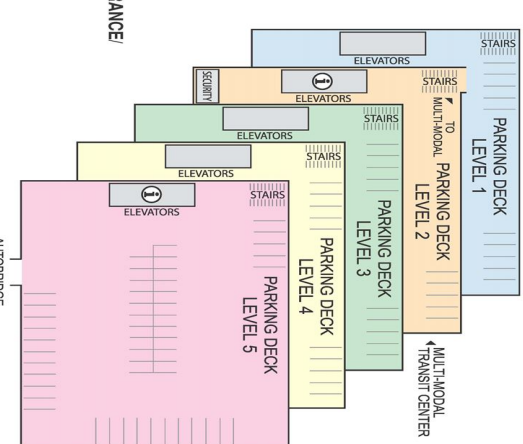
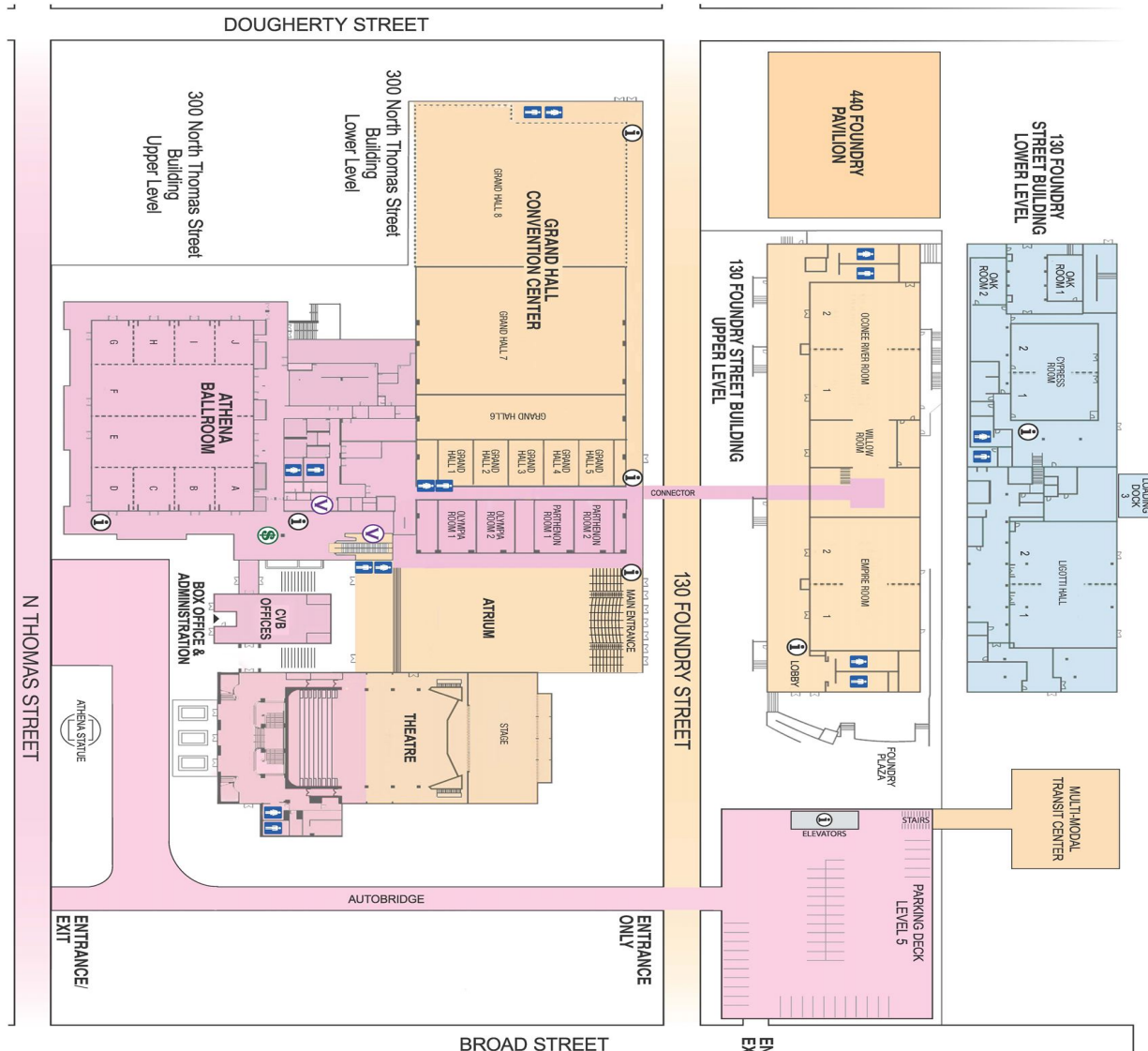
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