



ILAPSC

2021 CONFERENCE VIRTUAL

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

2021 Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Virtual Conference October 13-15, 2021

The mission of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts is to promote problem-solving courts in Illinois by providing education, assistance, training, and development through collaboration of behavioral health and justice systems.

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Welcome and Overview

Hon. Janet Holmgren, 17th Judicial Circuit, President, ILAPSC Board of Directors

Scott Block, Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

1:15 p.m.

General Session – CBD and THC. Meet your New Neighbors

Amy Miles, Director of Forensic Toxicology, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Darrin Grondel, PhD, Vice President of Traffic Safety and Government Relations, Responsibility.org

Since the provisions to the Farm Bill in 2018, THC, hemp and CBD rates of use are on the rise. This session will provide current and up to date information regarding policies and regulations for THC, CBD and hemp. The presenters will dispel myths about the current cannabis, CBD and hemp products and cover human performance effects.

3:00 p.m.

Break and Exhibits

3:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

1 The Role of the Prosecutor and Defense Attorney in Treatment Courts

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

1.25 Hours MCLE Professional Responsibility Professionalism Credits Approved

Helen Harberts, JD, NDCI Consultant

Prosecutors play an important role in treatment courts and take on responsibilities that differ from those found in traditional criminal courts while maintaining the duty to protect public safety. In a traditional court of law, the prosecutor is tasked with seeking justice by convicting those who have violated the law. In drug courts, prosecutors are expected to use a therapeutic approach, with a willingness to work with others on the drug court team and to support the mission and goals of problem-solving courts. Effective prosecutors for treatment courts are skilled in the core competencies of this unique role and are proactive team members in and outside of court.

2 Treatment Providers Working Effectively with the Team

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

Steve Hanson, MEd, LMHC, CASAC, Associate Commissioner, Courts and Criminal Justice, NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services

This presentation will focus on the role of the treatment provider on the drug court team. The discussion will include looking at various issues, including confidentiality, effective treatment approaches, the importance of MAT, potential conflicts, dealing with relapse, etc. The discussion will help treatment providers work effectively within the drug treatment court setting while providing the best care to their patients.

3 **The Impact of Marijuana Use on Brain Development and Cognitive Responses**

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

Brian Meyer, PhD, NDCI Consultant

Brain Development is generally completed by the time we reach early adulthood. Many factors can impact the brain's ability to develop, including the medical and environmental conditions of the individual entirely. Ace's Study sites at least thirteen different factors that can impact brain development, including drug use and exposure. Drugs work in two specific ways that affect the brain's development and functioning. These include certain drug compounds that imitate the brain's natural messaging system and overstimulation of the reward system in the brain. Depending on the type of drugs used, family history, environmental cues, and general physical and mental health of the individual, drugs can impact each person differently. The neurobiology of brain development will be introduced, and the impact of drugs on its development. This session will look at several drug use indicators that impact brain development, including heroin/opiates, methamphetamines, marijuana, cocaine, and alcohol. Contact and communication with collaborative justice court participants will be explained in the context of the highly social human brain. The neuroscience of addiction, trauma, and recovery, specifically the neuroscience supporting targeted interpersonal recovery interventions that have been shown to shape brain change and enhance commitment to recovery, will be described. Insights and practical science-based strategies for engaging adults without activating a fight, flight, or freeze response will be emphasized to promote successful behavior change in collaborative justice court settings.

4 **Motivational Techniques for the Treatment Court Judge: Therapeutic Methods for Compressed Timeframes**

Michael Clark, MSW, Director, Center for Strength-Based Strategies

This training session will offer 13 therapeutic techniques that judges can use with defendants who appear before their bench. These techniques have been gathered from the Brief Family Therapy field to offer helpful techniques to the PS court judge or magistrate—all to be used in very short time frames of 2-3 minutes. These will include techniques for treatment participants (A) who are experiencing trouble or regressing, (B) for those who are losing hope or are overwhelmed, and (C) several techniques for participants who have made recent progress. *If you don't have much time, make the best use of the time you have.*

5 **Essential Elements and Growing Trends in Today's Veterans Treatment Courts**

Hon. Robert Russell, City Court Judge, Buffalo, New York

At last count, there were over 425 Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) in the nation! As these courts continue to expand, the essential elements and core principles that bring about VTC participants' successful outcomes should be periodically revisited and examined by the VTC's multidisciplinary team. This plenary identifies the core principles of successful VTCs as well as explores growing trends and promising practices that VTCs are implementing in different jurisdictions across the country.

6 **Illinois Problem-Solving Courts Standards, Projects and Certification 2021 Update**

Justice Kathryn Zenoff, Justice, Second Appellate District of Illinois

Nick Lurz, Problem Solving Courts Manager, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) oversees multiple facets of problem-solving courts such as certification, recertification, and data collection. AOIC has had several projects underway since being awarded a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant in 2019 and has worked on the Illinois Problem-Solving Court Initiative with this grant funding. A new statewide data collection system will begin operation in 2022 impacting all Illinois problem-solving courts. Data collection will provide an essential tool to help identify trends and promising practices. Training for problem-solving courts is also an ongoing project for collaboration with the National Center for State Courts and part of the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant awarded to AOIC. Legislative initiatives relating to mental health and co-occurring disorders and the work of the Illinois Mental Health Task Force will also be discussed.

8:00 a.m.

General Session – Fostering Trauma-Informed Practices in Your Courtroom

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Presiding Judge, Problem-Solving Courts, Queens, NY

Trauma-informed courts acknowledge the prevalence of trauma among justice-involved people as well as the risk for vicarious trauma among professionals working in these settings. This session will cover key concepts on the importance of adopting a trauma-informed approach and will provide practical information on how to implement trauma-informed practices. Screening and assessment for trauma, staff training and developing policies that support a trauma-informed approach will be addressed.

9:45 a.m.

Break and Exhibits

10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

1 So We Are Not Supposed to Use Jail? Alternatives to Incarceration

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

Helen Harberts, JD, NDCI Consultant

Shannon Carey, PhD, NDCI Consultant

By definition, drug courts are a nod to the inherent harms of incarceration and its overall ineffectiveness in addressing the health needs of drug-using offenders. Jail sanctions, however, remain a common drug court practice, used to hold participants accountable for certain incidences of noncompliance. This presentation will take a fresh look at this practice and ask: "is it time for change?" The session will also describe a different approach to responding to participant behavior and will cover a variety of options for effective responses that don't involve jail. Common questions will be addressed such as - What if we believe the participant is going to overdose? What if we're waiting for a treatment bed? What if the participant is homeless and we don't want him on the street? What if the participant has threatened the integrity of the program? And what if the participant is dangerous?

2 Mental Health Courts in the 21st Century: What the Research Demonstrates

Lisa Callahan, PhD, Policy Research Associates

Mental Health Courts (MHCs) have been in existence for 30 years, yet no national standards or best practices have been developed to date. Unlike drug treatment courts, mental health courts have received little federal support in the form of grants. Some states provide "on par" support for all treatment courts, and in those states, MHCs flourish. Mental health courts are substantially different from other types of treatment courts in terms of their target population, eligibility criteria, implementation, defining "success," and primary focus on individualized treatment. There is a substantial body of research that demonstrates the effectiveness of mental health courts in stemming recidivism among defendants with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder, and in more quickly connecting the participants to more suitable community-based treatment.

3 Adapting Drug Court Best Practice Standards in Rural Jurisdictions

Norma Jaeger, PhD, Consultant

Research continues to demonstrate how adherence to the foundational ten key components of drug court and application of research based best practices results in the most effective outcomes for participants in drug courts. This session will examine these key components and the published Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards through the lens of rural jurisdictions. It will identify key standards and potential approaches to their implementation in rural drug courts.

4 Professional Self Care and Compassion Fatigue

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

1.75 Hours MCLE Professional Responsibility Mental Health and Substance Abuse Credits Approved

Doris Perdomo-Johnson, LMFT, Family Therapist, University of Miami

This session recognizes that working in certain professions or job situations can bring high levels of stress. In some cases, these stressors can lead to burnout, vicarious trauma, or compassion fatigue. In this workshop, we will clear up these terms to be used and referenced appropriately. We will discuss the importance of actively being involved in self-care and how a workplace or work team can build resiliency.

5 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): How to Identify and How to Provide Treatment

Meghan Geiss, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Veterans Affairs

In this session, the speaker will discuss the epidemiology of TBI and the clinical and psychosocial characteristics of injured service members and veterans with TBI. The speakers will describe the VA's Polytrauma System of Care and the collaborative efforts of the DoD and VA to identify, assess and treat TBI survivors, as well as the research and clinical and care coordination initiatives to provide lifelong care and support for this population.

6 Understanding Criminal Thinking

Michael Chaple, PhD, Columbia University School of Psychiatry

Joseph Madonia, LCSW, NYU Graduate School of Social Work

Criminal thinking is defined as patterns of thought that perpetuate criminal behavior. Criminal thinking is an important component of antisocial cognition, which is one of the "big four" criminogenic risk factors associated with the likelihood that someone will re-offend. This webinar will introduce participants to the concept of criminal thinking as a means of describing, understanding, assessing and changing criminal behavior. Understanding the nature of criminal cognition and how it differs from non-criminal thinking and decision making provides critical insight for criminal justice practitioners as they design programming intended to reduce recidivism among individuals in custody or under supervision. As such, this webinar will introduce participants to emerging cognitive behavioral interventions for criminal thinking, which are proving feasible and effective with offenders in the United States and abroad. This includes an emphasis on two commonly employed approaches that are designed to address criminal thinking by improving social skills development and problem-solving skills (Thinking for Change) and increasing moral reasoning (Moral Reconation Therapy [MRT]) in order to decrease recidivism.

12:00 p.m.

Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Annual Business Meeting

12:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

General Session – Racial Justice, Mental Health and Criminal Justice Reform

1.75 Hours LSW/LCSW Cultural Diversity Credits Approved

Sarah Vinson, MD, Board Certified in Child and Adolescent, Adult and Forensic Psychiatry

The demographics of those in the criminal justice system speak volumes. Both those with mental illness and Black, Brown and Indigenous people are over-represented. The criminal justice system has consistently produced racially inequitable outcomes and disproportionately incarcerated those with mental illness. Any reforms that fail to acknowledge and account for this reality risk perpetuating - or even worsening - the system's current inequities.

2:45 p.m.

Break and Exhibits

3:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

1 Welcome to the Matrix – Roles, Responsibilities and Expertise to Strengthen The Treatment Court Team

This Session Will Not Be Recorded

1.25 Hours MCLE Professional Responsibility Professionalism Credits Approved

Vanessa Price Director, National Drug Court Institute

This session will discuss the various treatment court models, looking at concepts of team development, communication, interaction, and role expertise. The session will also discuss ways to handle team issues, such as transition and conflict management to ensure collaborative team outcomes that improve participant engagement and success.

2 Risk, Need and Responsivity

Norma Jaeger, PhD, Consultant

Outcome research showing the effectiveness of drug court participation relies upon the correct matching of participants to programming that is suited to their level of risk, their assessed needs and considerations of responsivity factors. Targeting drug court operations to participant risk level and organizing the drug court into appropriate phases will ensure the best possible outcomes.

3 **Mentor-Mentee Relationship Fundamentals**

Patrick Welch, PhD, Veterans Advocate and Educator

A mentor's influence can be critical to the veteran mentee's success while in the Veterans Treatment Court. This session provides an overview of that role and uses case studies to help depict the ideal relationship-building between mentor and mentee.

4 **Justice-Involved Women in Drug Courts**

Colleen Gibbons, JD, Deputy Director for Upstate Office, Center for Court Innovation

Monica Christofferson, JD, Senior Program Manager, Center for Court Innovation

This presentation will cover the unique factors to consider for women and their involvement with drug courts. This session will cover the demographics of justice-involved women and the trends in the number of incarcerated and drug court involved women. Additionally, this session will dive into the unique issues presented with women drug court participations including research on SUD and mental health for women, intimate partner violence, primary caregiver status, child abuse and neglect and agency involvement, and how each of these topics play a role in drug court's response to treatment, retention, and graduation for women participants.

5 **Using Your Problem-Solving Court to Lead Change: Lessons Learned from the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness**

Michelle O'Brien, JD, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Patricia Tobias, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Scott Block, Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

The prevalence of behavioral health disorders is greatly impacting the U.S., our states, and our communities and has a disproportionate effect on our courts and justice system. State courts are too often the primary point of intersection between the community and those with behavioral health issues. Local jails and detention centers are the largest providers of mental health services in the country. Problem-solving courts were developed to help courts deal with the impact of behavioral health disorders and are a crucial piece in addressing this crisis. However, problem-solving courts are only one piece of the solution. What is the role of the problem-solving court in this larger picture? How can a problem-solving court be a leader in improving court and community responses for persons with behavioral health needs?

6 **Recover Yourself**

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All of us eventually experience being triggered. This isn't bad but it happens. No matter how good we are at our jobs being triggered, especially when we are in contact with others, may grossly affect our performance. This workshop has been built primarily to address this issue. Designed to help guide professionals who have a handle on their jobs and lives to a deeper understanding of triggers and how to address them in real time. We address how perceptions, and stories we tell ourselves effect our actions. Even if we would not endorse these actions or thoughts under slightly different circumstances, they often lead the way when we are triggered. We will also confront Awareness Avoidance and how, when triggered we revert to a salient mindset. Doing this allows our conscience mind to go offline while we may escalate, retreat, or appease. Helping participants identify and learn their triggers protects them from burnout, fatigue, and executing their job in a way they would never intend.

6:00 p.m.

Fish Sticks Comedy Improv

The ILAPSC Board of Directors welcomes you and your family to enjoy a live, interactive improv comedy event with Fish Sticks Comedy.

Fish Sticks Comedy is one of the largest, all age-appropriate improv comedy teams in the US. Fish Sticks delivers a unique approach to online improv focusing on connection. They performed over 100 shows in their first year online with thousands of audience members from over 50 countries and 6 continents. Fish Sticks Comedy has local troupes based in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver and Milwaukee that allow them to better serve businesses, churches, schools, charities, conferences and more in those areas. Their national team has nearly 30 professional improv comedians who are much more able to mobilize coast-to-coast. The events are fast-paced improv comedy shows. The audiences get to see and participate in a variety of made-up-on-the-spot funny scenes and sketches.

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We're so excited to see you at the upcoming show at the start of the ILAPSC Conference! Our online improv shows are designed to be a time to laugh and be together – something we especially need at this time.

Here's the info you need for your show:

Show Time: October 14, 2021 at 6pm Central Time

Show Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81356076990>

You'll want to login through a browser from your computer, tablet or phone using the link provided above (you can also just click on the link). This show is being provided through Zoom, so you may already have their app on your computer, tablet or phone. If not, there is a short process to go through – but give yourself an extra couple of minutes if this is your first time using Zoom. Once the app is up and running, you'll want to "Join with Computer Audio" to get the best experience.

Along the way, we will ask for audience suggestions and participation. You don't have to give suggestions or participate, but if you do, you can give suggestions through the chat function at the bottom of the screen (although you might not see this if you haven't moved your mouse or tapped on the screen for a bit – just move the mouse or tap and you'll see it).

We've had people ask, so we want to make sure you know that we can't hear or see you and others can't hear or see you when you're logged in to the show. That only happens if we get you on screen or ask you to speak and you allow it on your end.

Please note that all Fish Sticks shows are all-age appropriate. With our online shows, it is very likely that there will be younger children watching or running around in the background. So please keep that in mind when giving suggestions or if you're "on stage" with us.

Thanks for sharing some time with us online. See you soon!

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7:00 a.m.

Exhibits

8:00 a.m.

General Session – Evidence-Based Practices

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC, On the Mark Consulting

In this general session address you will learn evidenced based approaches to substance use disorders treatment, including: Feedback Informed Treatment; the use of motivational incentives; behavioral couples' therapy; community reinforcement approach; drug courts; 12 step facilitation; the Matrix Model; trauma informed CBT. Emphasis will be placed upon reasons some clinicians are more effective utilizing evidence-based practices than others and the benefits of mastering multiple approaches.

9:45 a.m.

Break and Exhibits

10:15 a.m.

Problem-Solving Court Graduate Panel

Moderator – Hon. Jeffrey Ford, Ret. Champaign County Problem-Solving Court

Gregg Ash, Champaign County Drug Court

Angela Guderath, Jefferson County Drug Court

Rachel Sipin, Kendall County Drug Court

Tori Tischer, Kane County Drug Court

Stephen Wells, Kankakee County Veterans Court

Christopher Wright, Fayette County Mental Health Court

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

1 Applying the Principles of Criminogenic Risk and Need in Your Veterans Treatment Court

Scott Tirocchi, MA, MS, LPC, Major, U.S. Army (Retired), Director, Justice for Vets. A division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Failure to recognize and address the issues that put a justice-involved veteran or service member at risk for continued criminal behavior can result in the person returning to the criminal justice system again and again. This session will focus on identifying the most significant risk factors for criminal justice involvement and actions that can be implemented to reduce a veteran participant's likelihood of further criminal justice involvement.

2 Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Emerging Adults

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC, On the Mark Counseling

Emerging Adults (18-to-25-year old's) are often the most difficult to engage in substance use disorders treatment. In addition, they often have the highest relapse and recidivism rates. In this presentation you will learn: the unique features of emerging adulthood; reasons emerging adults are difficult to engage in substance use disorders treatment; How to engage emerging adults in substance use treatment; establishing an egalitarian therapeutic relationship with emerging adults; Helping Emerging adults achieve the developmental milestones of adulthood; and family work with emerging adults.

3 Better Mental Health

Rose Hamann, NAMI McHenry County

This is my personal story of recovery. I will discuss stigma, loss, blame, forgiving, acceptance, recovery and attitude. Participants will learn that there is help and hope in going forward despite being afraid of your feelings.

4 *Implementing a Peer Mentoring Program*

Heath Hayes, MA, MHR, Senior Director, Communications and Strategic Engagement, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Tony Stelter, Director of Recovery Supports, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

This presentation will provide statistics on the success of specialty courts in Oklahoma, best practices and how peer support fits in, an overview of what a Peer Recovery Support Specialist is, competencies, and how to implement peer support into Specialty Courts.

5 *Procedural Justice and Drug Courts*

1.25 Hours MCLE Professional Responsibility Professionalism Credits Approved

Monica Christofferson, JD, Senior Program Manager, Center for Court Innovation

Caitlin Flood, JD, Senior Program Manager, Center for Court Innovation

Research on procedural justice has shown that when defendants and other court users perceive the court process to be fair, they are more likely to comply with court orders and follow the law in the future—regardless of whether they receive a favorable outcome. The Center for Court Innovation works to promote procedural justice in the U.S. and internationally. This session will walk participants through the key components of procedural justice, the application of procedural justice to treatment courts, and the benefits of operationalizing procedural justice to help move towards a more people-centered criminal legal system. This session will include current research on procedural justice and how those research findings are applicable to the implementation and enhancement of the drug court best practice standards.

6 *The Role of the Drug Recognition Expert*

Adam Carson, Lake in the Hills Police Department

During this session, the DRE 12-step process, along with a brief history of the program, will be explained and how a DRE can be utilized other than in a DUI action/arrest will be discussed. The definition of a drug and the seven different drug categories that a DRE uses to identify impairment will be defined.

Once trained and certified, DREs become highly effective officers skilled in the detection and identification of persons impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. DREs are trained to conduct a systematic and standardized 12-step evaluation consisting of physical, mental and medical components. Because of the complexity and technical aspects of the DRE training, not all law enforcement officers may be suited for the training.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Continuing Education Units: 13.75 (Day 1 – 3; Day 2 – 6.5; Day 3 – 4.25)

Provided by UnityPoint Health Trinity Robert Young Center

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, LSW/LCSW,
including 1.75 Cultural Diversity

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, LPC/LCPC

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Nurse



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IAODAPCA # 15686 – Counselor I or II, Preventionist I or II, CARS I or II, CODP I or II or III, PCGC II, CCJP I or II, CAAP I or II, CRSS I or II, CVSS I or II, ATEGCE, CPRS I or II, MAATP I or II, RDDP, CFPP I or II, NCRS II

Provided by Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts

MCLE Credits: 13.75 General Credits Approved, 5.5 Professional Responsibility Credits including 1.75 Mental Health and Substance Use and 3.75 Professionalism Credits

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In order to receive continuing education credits, you must log in to the conference using the email address that you registered for the conference with. Your attendance at each session will be tracked, so you may receive credit for those sessions. At the end of each session, a session evaluation will appear on your screen. You **MUST** complete this evaluation in order to receive credit for the session. The evaluation will not be available any other time than immediately after the session.

Certificates will be emailed to you 2-4 weeks after the conference.

PRESENTERS

Thank you to our 2021 Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Conference Presenters



Scott A. Block MA, LCPC, CADC, CCJP, CCM holds a master's degree in counseling, is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor, a Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional, and a National Center for State Court's Certified Court Manager. Scott is a dynamic leader with extensive executive experience and education in all facets of behavioral healthcare, government, and not-for-profit management. His areas of expertise include strategy/policy/program development, vision formulation, project management, resource allocation, contract negotiation, compliance monitoring, outcome evaluation, and performance management. As the AOIC's Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator, Scott serves as the Illinois Judicial Branch's dedicated voice and resource, committed to furthering local, state, and national behavioral health and justice initiatives as they affect the courts. In this capacity, he acts as the project director for the Illinois Mental Health Task Force, provides behavioral health related administrative support to the Illinois Supreme Court, and acts as liaison to state and national behavioral health and justice affiliates and organizations. Prior to joining the AOIC, Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator Block served as Executive Director of the McHenry County Mental Health Board, where he was responsible for strengthening the community through identifying, planning, coordinating, fostering development, and contracting for quality mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disability services. In that role, Scott developed and nurtured strong working relationships with public and private sector partners, legislators, and government institutions while holding numerous governance roles within various local and statewide associations, not-for-profit boards, coalitions, and task forces. Prior to serving the McHenry County Mental Health Board, Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator Block was Director of the Office of Special Projects for the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit Court of McHenry County, Illinois, where provided quality control and compliance oversight of the court's Psychological/Forensic evaluations contract and planned, designed, implemented, and led daily Problem-Solving Court operations. Notably, the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit Court's Mental Health Court and Adult Drug Court programs were subsequently awarded AOIC Certification and the Adult Drug Court was recognized by the National Drug Court Institute with "Mentor Court" status. While working within Problem-Solving Courts, Scott served as the President of the Mental Health Court Association of Illinois and Vice President of the Illinois Association of Drug Court Professionals and assisted in the merger of the associations and subsequent establishment of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts where he served as Vice President and Conference Committee Chair. He is also an adjunct professor at Aurora University in the School of Social Work with a focus on substance use disorder and addictions.



Lisa Callahan, PhD is a Senior Research Associate at Policy Research Associates, Inc. where she is involved in research, technical assistance and training. She received her PhD from Ohio State University in 1983 and completed a NIMH Post-Doctoral program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School. Dr. Callahan works on many SAMHSA projects at the GAINS Center Policy Research Associates, leading numerous Communities of Practice on MAT, competence to stand trial and building a community crisis system. Other recent work includes a SAMHSA/BJA Expert Panel on MAT in the Justice System, Best Practices for Psychiatrists Working with Justice Involved People in Community Care, Assisted Outpatient Commitment, and Competence to Stand Trial. Dr. Callahan's expertise on treatment courts is frequently sought in presenting at many statewide and national conferences. In addition, she frequently speaks to justice professionals on the importance of becoming a trauma-informed justice system. Her current research interests include outcomes of specialty courts, the impact of Medicaid expansion on jail recidivism, competence to stand trial, school safety and vicarious trauma. Dr. Callahan has conducted several studies in both the adult and juvenile justice systems, including funding from NIJ, NIMH, OJJDP, the Russell Sage Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation. Dr. Callahan is faculty for the National Drug Court Institute, working with them to develop a mental health court training curriculum. She is Professor Emerita from The Sage Colleges where for 18 years she taught courses in juvenile and criminal justice, mental health, and research methods and established the MS in Forensic Mental Health Program, one of the first in the country. She has numerous publications on topics central to her research and experience. Dr. Callahan is the 2021 co-recipient (with Dr. Debra Pinals) of the American Psychiatric Association's Guttmacher Award that recognizes an outstanding contribution to the literature of forensic psychiatry for their work on competence to stand trial.



Dr. Shannon Carey, co-president and senior research associate at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance use treatment for 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 over 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. She was involved with developing and writing the NADCP Adult 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, in which treatment court teams visit and give feedback and support to each other on implementing research-based best practices.



Sergeant Adam Carson, BA has been in law enforcement as a police officer with the Lake in the Hills Police Department since October 2002. He was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant in 2019 and became a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor in 2013. Adam is one of three DRE's in McHenry County and is currently one of 20 Instructors in the State and is considered a senior instructor. The intense DRE program has increased his ability to determine if a person is impaired, or if there is a medical condition, as well as the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. He instructs officers and citizens throughout Illinois. Adam attended St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He has made over 350 DUI arrests in his over 18-year career as a police officer, and has been recognized by his department, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM), and the State of Illinois for enforcement in this area. He is actively involved in community safety presentations for teens, women, and seniors. Since 2016, Adam has represented the Lake in the Hills Police Department at the McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition and was recently appointed to be a Board member for the McHenry County Mental Health Board.



Michael Chaple, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the New York State Psychiatric Institute's (NYSPI) Division on Substance Use Disorders at Columbia University Medical Center. Prior to his transition to NYSPI in May 2019, Dr. Chaple held a dual appointment as the Executive Director of the Training Institute (TI) and Director of the Center for the Integration of Research and Practice (CIRP) at the National Development & Research Institutes (NDRI), Inc. where he worked for the previous 20 years. Dr. Chaple's diverse body of work reflects the growing need to "bridge the gap" between research and practice by developing research studies relevant to emerging issues in the field and by translating findings into practical guidelines for immediate clinical application. Through his work, Dr. Chaple has gained considerable expertise in applied research consisting of efficacy and effectiveness trials, including implementation science, as well as large-scale training and technical assistance initiatives designed to disseminate evidence-based and promising practices. His work has been focused on behavioral health issues and co-morbid conditions, including substance use, mental illness, HIV/AIDS, with a focus on criminal justice populations. Dr. Chaple received his PhD in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University.



Monica Christofferson, JD is as Associate Director for the Technical Assistance Department at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role she provides expert assistance to states around the country on implementation and enhancement of treatment courts. Prior to her work at the Center, Ms. Christofferson developed, implemented, and directed the specialized domestic violence docket in Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court. Ms. Christofferson has also worked as a crisis intervention specialist and independent living program manager. Ms. Christofferson received her BA in Political Science from John Carroll University and JD from Catholic University of American, Columbus School of Law. Ms. Christofferson has presented on her expertise at local, state and national conferences.



Michael D. Clark MSW is the Director for Center for Strength-Based Strategies, a Michigan-based (USA) training and technical assistance group. He has trained over 200 Problem Solving Courts and currently serves as contractual faculty for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). Michael has served as a secretariat for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Clark is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) and is co-author to the book, "Motivational Interviewing with Offenders: Engagement, Rehabilitation and Reentry" published (2017) by Guilford Press.



Caitlin Flood, JD, the Senior Program Manager, National Training and Technical Assistance Team, CCI is on the National Training and Technical Assistance team. In this role, she provides consulting and training services to jurisdictions on problem-solving justice, including support of the Community Court Grant Program through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, as well as other diversionary models. Before joining the Center, Ms. Flood worked on securing grant funding and developing reentry programming at The Fortune Society, a reentry non-profit in Queens, NY serving individuals with justice involvement. Ms. Flood began her legal career as a public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Hudson County Trial Region (NJ), representing individuals facing felony charges. She holds a BA in Government & Law and Philosophy from Lafayette College and a JD from the New York University School of Law.



Hon. Jeffrey Ford (Ret.), Champaign County, ILAPSC Board of Directors, received a BS in Psychology from the University of Illinois and a JD from the University of Illinois Law School. He was an Assistant State's Attorney in Champaign County from 1976-1980, was in private practice with McClellan & Langan from 1980-1981 and the Meyer Capel Law Office from 1981-1985. He was appointed Associate Judge in 1985 and was reappointed in 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003. He started Champaign County's Drug Court in 1999. In 1991 he began what is now nationally called a DUI Court in Champaign County. He is a member of the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning and has been on numerous committees for the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Secretary of State, University of Illinois Springfield and the Supreme Court for traffic matters, involving traffic safety, DUI, and graduated driver's licensing. He has been an Adjunct Instructor with the University of Illinois Police Training Institute since 1980. Ford was a past president of the Illinois Association of Drug Court Professionals. Ford was awarded the 1994 Illinois State Outstanding Support Person by MADD, the 2010 Joanne Blair Award for Leadership from the Illinois Traffic Safety Leaders, the 2011 University of Illinois Department of Psychology's Distinguished Alumni Award, the 2012 National Public Citizen of the year by the National Association of Social Workers, the 2013 Distinguished Service Award by the University of Illinois Police Training Institute, the 2014 Stanley M. Goldstein Hall of Fame Award by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals for preeminent contributions to the drug court field, the 2015 Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the 2016 Distinguished Downstate Alumni Award from the Downstate Alumni Society of the University of Illinois College of Law.



MartinJon Garcia, The Recovery Mentor, is an artist, speaker and former addict. His addictions started with drugs and alcohol, but while searching for sobriety, no surprise, he attached himself to a myriad of other vices. With over 20 years clean and sober MartinJon is spreading the information that recovery is no longer just for addicts. As his time keeps on adding up, it also becomes increasingly less important. Why? Because his focus is constantly shifting to what is in front of him. Realizing that adding what he is "Recovering To" to his "Recover From" conversation was pivotal in the trajectory of his life. Today, as the host of the Recover Yourself podcast, MartinJon is interviewing some of the seminal voices in recovery and experts in the fields that touch on the concepts we face when we're recovering ourselves (i.e., restorative justices, colonialism, evolution/change). Determined to spread the message that we each are a bit more messed up than we are willing to admit MartinJon has spent the past 2 years working with treatment centers. There, he has been talking to our counselors and clinicians about the complexities in the system and in ourselves. He has accomplished this through workshops as well as by being a guest to IOP programs.



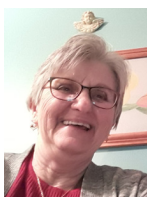
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Colleen Gibbons, PhD is the Deputy Director of the Center for Court Innovation's Upstate office. Colleen works on a variety of state court initiatives, including supporting the expansion of opioid courts; developing new projects in the criminal, civil and family court systems; and overseeing the office's numerous existing initiatives. In addition, Colleen works with the Center's National Technical Assistance team, helping to provide training and technical assistance to jurisdictions across the country on a wide range of justice issues. Prior to working at the Center, Colleen practiced not-for-profit and elder law at a private law firm. Colleen completed her JD at the Syracuse University College of Law. She received her MS and PhD in Human and Community Development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her BS in Exceptional Education at Buffalo State College. She completed her post-doctoral work at Syracuse University's Falk College as the Project Manager for a National Institutes of Health grant.



Darrin Grondel, ED, MPH, currently serves as the Vice President of Traffic Safety and Government Relations for the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility. In this role he leads national efforts to prevent underage drinking and manages various programs to eliminate drunk and drugged driving through federal and state legislation, financial assistance, programming, and technical assistance. A major initiative currently underway is the creation of a national coalition of subject matter experts to address multi-substance impaired driving to improve the DUI system to include training, roadside stops, toxicology, adjudication, sentencing, probation, and treatment. Dr. Grondel serves as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Highway Safety Committee, the IACP Drug Evaluation and Classification Technical Advisory Panel, the National Sheriffs Associations Traffic Safety Committee, the Transportation Research Board Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program, and the National Safety Council's Workplace Impairment Committee. Dr. Grondel is a featured presenter with the National Marijuana Institute Speakers Bureau addressing the impacts of impaired driving and the legalization of Marijuana. Dr. Grondel previously served as the Director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and as a Captain for the Washington State Patrol. He was responsible for initiating and implementing proven traffic safety strategies by partnering with Federal, State, Tribal, and local government agencies, and private/public partners to make Washington's roadways the safest in the nation. He began his career as a trooper with the Washington State Patrol in 1992, and over his 25-year career he promoted through the ranks to Captain with varying job assignments and progressive management responsibilities from field operations, criminal investigations, internal affairs, and the commercial vehicle division. In 2009, Dr. Grondel was nominated to the Governors Distinguished Managers Association, and in 2012 he was appointed by Washington Governor Christine Gregoire as Director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. (He was later reappointed to the same position in 2013 by Governor Jay Inslee. Grondel served in this capacity for over eight years and the last five of his career with the WSP). Dr. Grondel holds an Educational Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University, a Master's in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University. He is also a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.



Rose Hamann has been a Group Leader for Recovery International.org for over 40 years as well as a former NAMI Connections Facilitator. With the use of the Recovery International method of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy she has functioned in spite of having a mental illness. Through leadership in groups, she shares knowledge and understanding of coping skills so others can gain hope and have more peace in their lives. She was awarded "Spirit of Recovery" in 2010 and the "Vision of Hope" Award in 2016 from NAMI McHenry County.



Steve Hanson, MEd, is the associate commissioner of treatment for the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). He is responsible for the oversight of state-operated treatment programs, adolescent services, and criminal justice and recovery services. Mr. Hanson has been with OASAS since April 2001, when he was appointed director of the John L. Norris Addiction Treatment Center in Rochester. In 2007, he was named director of the Bureau of Addiction Treatment Centers, and in 2009 he was named director of treatment services. Mr. Hanson has over 30 years of experience in the field as a treatment provider, educator, and consultant. His ability to train criminal justice practitioners on substance use and treatment has been recognized both nationally and internationally. He has been a faculty member of NDCI and NADCP for 16 years.



Helen Harberts, MA, JD has been working in criminal justice since 1983. As a prosecutor, Ms. Harberts rose to become the chief deputy district attorney in Butte County, California. As a chief probation officer (1995 to 2002), she implemented multiple problem-solving courts. After the stint in probation, she returned to her roots as a prosecuting attorney, practicing law exclusively in problem-solving courts for over five years. She retired in 2011 but popped out of retirement for five months in 2012 to 2013 to serve as the interim director of the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department in Houston. She has published a Client Life Skills Workbook for the Hazelden Community Corrections Program, as well as writing chapters in Drug Courts, published by Springer Publications (2007), and NDCI's The Drug Court Judicial Benchbook. Ms. Harberts continues to train probation and justice professionals across the United States. She was California's Chief Probation Officer of the Year in 2000 and was honored as the 2009 Prosecutor of the Year by Region 8 of the California Narcotics Officers Association. In 2013, Ms. Harberts was inducted into the Stanley Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame. It was the achievement of a professional lifetime.



Heath Holt Hayes resides in Oklahoma City and serves as the Chief Communications Officer for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Heath's responsibilities are focused on leading a cross-functional team engaged with strategic initiatives that include policy implementation, program development, and service delivery, as well as community organizing, governmental affairs, and public relations. Heath is a nationally recognized leader helping others embrace lived experience with mental health and has successfully integrated recovery-oriented, holistic, and person-driven continuums of care at the local, state, and national levels. In addition, Heath is a member of the American Psychiatric Association's Policy Advisory Board, Co-Chairs the National Association State Mental Health Program Directors' Division of Recovery Support Services and is alumni of the National Council for Behavioral Health's Addressing Health Disparities Leadership program. Heath received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Central Oklahoma and several graduate degrees from the University of Oklahoma in Human Relations, Administrative Leadership, and a Women's and Gender Studies.



Hon. Marcia P. Hirsch is the presiding judge of the Queens drug treatment court, the DWI treatment court, the mental health court, the veterans court, and the drug diversion court. She was appointed to the New York Court of Claims in March 2005 and was assigned to the Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Term. There she presided over hearings and trials before being assigned to the therapeutic courts in October 2005. Judge Hirsch has lectured extensively on therapeutic justice, trauma-informed courts, and procedural justice. She is a past president of the New York Association of Treatment Court Professionals. She joined the faculty of the National Judicial College in 2015. Judge Hirsch is a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, New York, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law. She served for nine years on the Rockville Centre School Board and also was a member of her community's Drug and Alcohol Task Force. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Hirsch was the general counsel and deputy commissioner at the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. Before that, she was in private practice for many years.



Hon. Janet Holmgren is the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile and Problem-solving Courts Division of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court. Judge Holmgren presides over the Winnebago County Adult Drug Court, the Therapeutic Intervention Program (TIP) Mental Health Court, and Youth Recovery Court, a juvenile mental health court in both Winnebago and Boone Counties. Judge Holmgren also supervises the Winnebago County Veterans Court and Family Drug Court, a court which targets parents with substance abuse issues who are involved in juvenile abuse and neglect court. Judge Holmgren was appointed as an Associate Judge in 1995, elected Circuit Judge in 1998 and retained in 2004, 2010, and 2016. She is the president of the Illinois Problem-solving Courts Association, a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Special Advisory Committee on Mental Health and Justice Planning, and a member of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council. From 2007-2012, Judge Holmgren served as the Chief Judge of the 17th Circuit Court. She has presented at local, state and national conferences on a variety of topics including therapeutic justice, problem-solving courts, professionalism and juvenile justice and dependency.



Norma Jaeger spent more than thirty years managing and evaluating substance use disorder prevention and treatment systems, mental health programs, and integrated behavioral health services in North Idaho, Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington. She developed interdisciplinary behavioral health initiatives throughout the Northwest from children's mental health services and pregnant and postpartum women's programs to reentry services for seriously mentally ill offenders. She served as Programs Manager for the Idaho Department of Correction and as the Statewide Coordinator for Idaho's 70+ Drug and Mental Health Courts. She served two terms on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and received the Stanley M. Goldstein Hall of Fame Award from that association in 2018. She taught for fifteen years at Boise State University in the Department of Criminal Justice and currently serves as Executive Director for Recovery Idaho, a statewide recovery community organization. She holds a Masters' Degree in Health Administration and is completing a dissertation for a PhD in Public Policy and Administration from Boise State University focused on procedural justice. She is honored to serve as Executive Producer for *I Married the War*, a documentary film exploring the stories of wives of combat veterans.



Nick Lurz serves as the Problem-Solving Courts Manager for the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. Before joining the AOIC in January 2021, Nick worked for the 1st Judicial District in Colorado as a Problem-Solving Court Coordinator. Nick also worked for Nebraska State Probation from 2009 to 2019 holding several positions but was primarily involved in the problem-solving courts in Omaha, Nebraska. Before leaving Nebraska, he was the PSC Coordinator for the Douglas County Veterans Treatment Court and Douglas County Young Adult Court. Nick earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska – Omaha.



Joseph R. Madonia, LCSW-R, CASAC is currently the Executive Director of the Joseph Leroy and Ann C. Warner Fund, a private grant-giving foundation. In this role he oversees all aspects of the foundation including administering grants to organizations that improve the lives of children with disabilities and children in foster care. He is laser focused on empowering these children to reach their full potential in new and innovative ways. Mr. Madonia is also a Clinical Associate Professor at the New York University Silver School of Social Work where he lectures on graduate and post-graduate courses. He is also the 2019 recipient of the NASW (National Association of Social Workers) Emerald Award for Leadership and Innovation in the field of Social Work. Prior to the Warner Fund, Mr. Madonia spent 15 years as the Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court where he was responsible for the implementation of policy and planning for judicial diversion courts including Brooklyn Diversion, Veterans, and DWI courts. In this role he managed oversight of clinical operations, management of federal grants, and supervision of staff. He hosted numerous site visits to the court by international dignitaries and local and national visitors and was the chairperson for Brooklyn Treatment Court's Clinical Advisory Board and the Brooklyn Veterans Stakeholder Board. Mr. Madonia was the co-developer of the Brooklyn Treatment Court Training Academy and conducted training for drug court practitioners through the New York State Unified Court System and the Center for Court Innovation. He also conducted numerous workshops at the State and National levels and served on the curriculum development team for implementing veteran's treatment courts in New York State. He stays close to court innovations by currently serving as an active board member of New York State Drug Court Professionals. In September of 2009 Mr. Madonia was appointed by Governor David Patterson to sit on the New York State Board for Medical Misconduct and acted in that capacity for four years. Mr. Madonia is a graduate of New York University and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He holds several degrees and certifications including Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor and Forensic Mental Health Counselor and has over 27 years-experience working with the Forensic and Co-Occurring Disorders populations. He conducts numerous professional development trainings for practicing clinicians throughout the United States and maintains a private psychotherapy practice in New York City where he treats adolescents and young adults with substance use and mental health disorders.



Brian L. Meyer, PhD, LCP is a clinical psychologist and the psychology program manager for community-based outpatient clinics at the Central Virginia VA Health Care System. He is also an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Virginia Commonwealth University. He earned his A.B. from Harvard University in 1980 and his PhD in clinical psychology with a specialization in adolescents and families from Duke University in 1990. Dr. Meyer has worked in the child welfare and child and adult mental health fields as a clinician, administrator, teacher, policy maker, program developer, expert witness, researcher, consultant, and trainer. He has been the deputy clinical director of the New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department Protective Services Division; the executive director of the Albuquerque Child and Family Guidance Center; the executive director of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children; and the interim associate chief of mental health clinical services and PTSD-SUD specialist at the McGuire VA Medical Center. In his current roles, Dr. Meyer oversees psychologists at five regional VA community clinics; provides evidence-based treatments for veterans who have problems with PTSD, substance use, depression, traumatic brain injury, and other co-occurring conditions; and develops and conducts research on treatments for PTSD, substance use, and co-morbid conditions. Dr. Meyer has given more than 300 presentations and trainings on a wide range of topics and is the co-author of *Transcending Self Therapy: Group Integrative Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Book for Facilitators* (2019), a treatment manual for people with substance use disorders.



Amy Miles is the Director of the Forensic Toxicology Program at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) and has over 20 years of experience in forensic toxicology. In addition to managing the Forensic Toxicology Program, Amy provides expert court testimony and interpretation of laboratory reports for coroners, medical examiners, attorneys and law enforcement officers. Amy also provides expert consultation for drug impaired driving cases both locally and nationally. Amy attended the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school held in Wisconsin in 2004 and provides training and support for the DRE program not only Wisconsin but all across the country. In 2005 Amy received an award from Citizens Against Drug Impaired Drivers (CANDID) for her outstanding dedication to the DRE program. In the spring of 2017, Amy was awarded the DRE Emeritus Award from the Wisconsin DRE Program for her over 12 years of leadership and dedication to the DREs of Wisconsin. From 2011-2019, Amy was the toxicology representative on the IACP DRE Technical Advisory Panel. In 2020, through a partnership between Responsibility.org and the WSLH, Amy became the first National Resource Toxicologist. In this role, Amy provides support for toxicology laboratories across the country and is a resource for attorneys, judges and law enforcement. Amy has given hundreds of presentations on the topic of drugs, alcohol and human performance at state and national conferences and in-service trainings and has contributed several newsletter articles to national publications. Amy is a faculty member of the Robert F. Borkenstein Course: The Effects of Drugs on Human Performance. Amy has been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as a Guest Faculty member of the Illinois Judicial Conference Committee on Education. In 2016, Amy testified in front of the Canadian Parliament regarding proposed laws pertaining to drug impaired driving. She is a member of several professional organizations and committees that pertain to alcohol, drugs and human performance. Amy is an Associate for the Justice Speakers Institute and is the President for the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. In 2019, Amy received the Public Service Award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and in 2020 she received the IACP DRE Ambassador award.



Michelle R. O'Brien, JD is a Principal Court Management Consultant with the National Center for State Courts. Prior to working with NCSC, Ms. O'Brien was the Executive Director of the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice where she provided statewide and local training and technical assistance for jurisdictions working with persons with behavioral health disorders involved with the criminal justice system to improve program designs, policies and case processing. She was also the Specialty Courts Administrator for the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Winnebago County, Rockford, Illinois and a Winnebago County Assistant State's Attorney. Ms. O'Brien helped develop the mental health court for Winnebago County and served as the prosecutor from its inception in 2005. With over 25 years of experience in the criminal justice system, Ms. O'Brien has specialized in the effective administration of courts using evidence-based principles to guide initiatives from implementation to long-term impact sustainability. Ms. O'Brien is a current board member of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts, the past president and past board member of the Mental Health Court Association of Illinois and past board member of the Illinois Association of Drug Court Professionals. She is the past president of the Winnebago County Bar Association. Ms. O'Brien is co-author of a chapter in *The Sequential Intercept Model and Criminal Justice*, contributor and editor to the Illinois Department of Human Services Forensic Handbook, and a peer reviewer for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, Volume II. She is a trainer for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* and is a trainer for the Council of State Governments' *Mental Health Court Curriculum*. Ms. O'Brien received her JD from Drake University Law School and received a BA in Criminal Justice from Simpson College.



Doris Perdomo-Johnson, MA, LMFT is a project director for the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). She is a bilingual licensed marriage and family therapist and supervisor with more than 25 years' experience. She is a certified trainer and supervisor for Multidimensional Family Therapy with extensive training experience at the national and international level. Her work experience has ranged from crisis intervention, intervention, and inpatient and outpatient work to evidence-based treatment. Prior to coming on board with NDCI, she worked for 19 years at the University of Miami with evidence-based treatment models. Additionally, she has worked with Florida's Miami-Dade County drug courts as a treatment provider. Currently, Ms. Perdomo-Johnson oversees the provision of onsite technical assistance for BJA Drug Court Discretionary Grant recipients.



Vanessa Price is a division director for the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). She was employed as a police officer with Oklahoma City from 1990 to 2012, working with the Oklahoma County drug court from May 1998 to September 2009. She was instrumental in the development of the drug court program, including policy manual development, budgeting, and staff training. Her training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the signs of mental illness, identifying 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 and confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders, and community resource identification and development. In 2014, Ms. Price was appointed by the governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In 2015 she was reappointed to a four-year term and elected chair of the organization. She joined the staff of NADCP in 2016 to serve as the director of NDCI. Ms. Price has an associate degree from Oklahoma State University in applied police science and a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in criminal justice. In July 2020, Ms. Price was elected to serve as a member of the national NAMI Board of Directors.



Hon. Robert Russell is an Associate Judge for Buffalo City Court and serves by appointment, as an Erie County Court Judge. Judge Russell has been presiding over Treatment Courts since December of 1995, having created during the course of his tenure, Buffalo's Drug Treatment Court, its Mental Health Treatment Court, and its Veterans Treatment Court. In January of 2008, he created and began presiding over this country's first "Veterans' Treatment Court". His work in the Treatment Court field led to his induction into the "Hall of Fame" of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the "Hall of Fame" of Justice for Vets. He is the recipient of the "2014 White House Advocates for Action Award", presented by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and is the recipient of Awards of Merit from the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Erie County Bar Association.



Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC is an international speaker, trainer, and consultant in the behavioral health field whose work has reached thousands throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, Caribbean and British Islands. Mark is the author of five books, which focus on behavioral health. Recent writings include *Slipping through the Cracks: Intervention Strategies for Clients Multiple Addictions and Disorders*, *Recovery Management: and Relationship Detox: Helping Clients Develop Healthy Relationships in Recovery*. He has had two stories published in the New York Times best-selling books series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Mark has been a certified addictions counselor for 34 years. He has received numerous awards including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Addiction Counselor Certification Board and the Barbara Bacon Award for outstanding contributions to the Social Work profession as a Loyola University of Chicago Alumni. Mark is co-founder of Serenity Academy of Chicago, the only recovery high school in Illinois. He is past president of the board of the Illinois Chapter of NAADAC. He has had a 30year career as a university educator having taught at the University of Chicago, Illinois State University, Illinois School of Professional Psychology, and Loyola University of Chicago, School of Social Work.



Tony Stelter, MHR, C-PRSS, LPC resides in Moore, Oklahoma and serves as the Director of Recovery Supports for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Tony is responsible for planning, developing, and managing administrative and programmatic aspects of advocacy for the development of recovery support services, programming, and inclusion in the state's mental health system and assists facilities in transitioning toward a recovery oriented, holistic, consumer driven system. In addition, Tony serves on the Region 6 Peer Support Advisory Committee, a representative of Oklahoma for the Division of Recovery Support Services for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors and a member of an inter-state agency Childhood Obesity Workgroup. Tony has over 10 years of experience working in mental health and substance abuse services in a variety of roles including outpatient, direct care and advocacy. Tony recently served as the Assistant Director of the Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center, prior to his current role. Tony received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Psychology and Received his Master's Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Tony is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Oklahoma.



Scott Tirocchi, MA, MS, LPC is a division director for Justice For Vets (JFV), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). He served in the U.S. Army reserves and the Rhode Island Army National Guard for a combined total of 21 years. His occupational specialty was military police officer. While deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 to 2004, he served as commander for the training and doctrine component of Training Assistance Group II to the Afghan National Army. He retired at the rank of major. He is a licensed behavioral health clinician and a certified clinical trauma professional. He has an employment background rooted in treatment and criminal justice. Prior to coming on board with Justice For Vets, he was employed with the Rhode Island Judiciary, serving in a dual capacity as deputy director for their district court's pretrial services unit and program coordinator for their veterans treatment court. He has served as a behavioral health clinician in correctional and hospital settings and in various community behavioral health agencies located in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.



Patricia Tobias, MSJA has been with the National Center for State Courts's Court Consulting Services division as a Principal Court Management Consultant since August 2014. Ms. Tobias has experience working in a wide variety of national, statewide, and local projects including those involving leadership and governance, case flow management, strategic planning, child welfare, criminal justice reform and improving the justice system response to mental illness. She works with national court organizations and often presents at state and national conferences. As part of a NCSC team, she currently supports the work of the National Judicial Task Force to Examine the State Courts' Response to Mental Illness. Prior to becoming a Principal Court Management Consultant, Ms. Tobias served as the Administrative Director of the Idaho Courts for 20+ years, since November 1993. She previously served as the Clerk of the Court, St. Louis County, Missouri (1986-1993); Director of Court Services Division, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Missouri Supreme Court (1980-1986); and Adult and Juvenile Probation Services, Champaign County Circuit Court, Illinois (1976-1979). Ms. Tobias served as President of the Conference of State Court Administrators and as Vice-Chair of the NCSC's Board of Directors (2002-2003) and on the Council of State Governments' Justice Center Board of Directors (2009-2011). She received the NCSC's Warren E. Burger Award for Administrative Excellence, 2012; the Robert L. Doss, Jr., Memorial Scholarship, 2011; the Justice Management Institute's Ernest C. Friesen Award of Excellence, 2008; the Idaho State Bar's Award of Distinction, 2003; the Public Policy Leadership Award, 2003; and the Kramer Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration, 2001. Ms. Tobias received her MSJA from the University of Denver College of Law and her BS from the University of Illinois.



Sarah Y. Vinson, MD is a triple board-certified physician who specializes in adult, child & adolescent, and forensic psychiatry. In addition to maintaining an active clinic practice where she sees a socioeconomically diverse clientele, she is the founder of Lorio Forensics, a multidisciplinary culturally and structurally informed forensic mental health consultation company. She has consulted on cases in over a dozen states and testified and been admitted as an expert in state, federal, criminal and family courts. Dr. Vinson graduated Summa Cum Laude from Florida A & M University. After graduating from medical school at the University of Florida with Research Honors and as an Inductee in the Chapman Humanism Honors Society, she completed her general psychiatry training at Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School. While there, she also received specialized training in trauma through the Victims of Violence Program. She then returned to the South to complete fellowships in both child & adolescent and forensic psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine, where she continues to serve as adjunct faculty. Dr. Vinson is an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Morehouse School of Medicine, where she was the lead architect and is the Program Director for the Child Psychiatry Fellowship, the first and only at an HBCU medical school. She has been elected and/or appointed to national and statewide office by her professional peers and is on the board of both the American Association of Community Psychiatry and the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. She is also one of two National Psychiatric Advisors for the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative, a collaboration between the Council of State Governments and the American Psychiatric Association that designs and delivers trainings for Judges regarding mental health and criminal justice. Additionally, at the invitation of the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), she serves on the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness. She is the co-editor of two texts, *Social (In)Justice* and *Mental Health and Pediatric Mental Health for Primary Care Providers*.

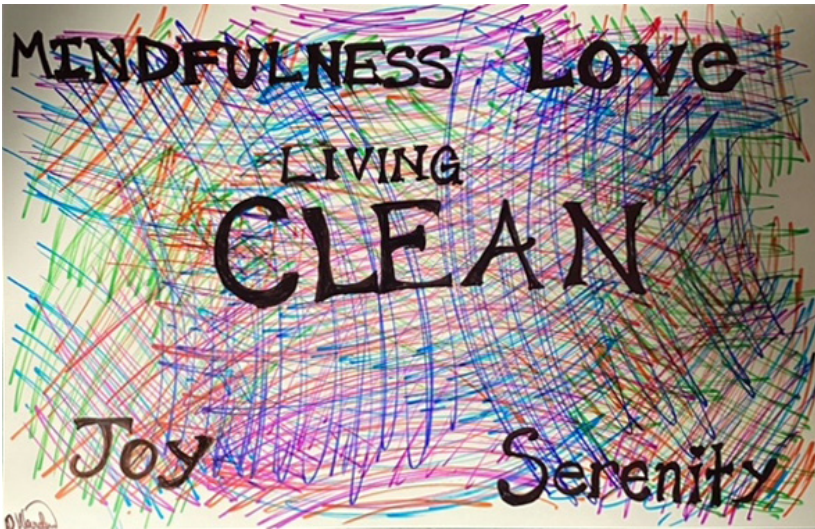


Patrick Welch, PhD is a Veterans Advocate and Educator. He started his military career at 17 when he enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam and was severely wounded in action and was hospitalized for 2 years recovering from his wounds. Dr. Welch was an international hospitality industry executive for 48 years, has worked in over 50 countries and has been a CFO (Chief Financial Officer), COO (Chief Operating Officer), CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and owner of several businesses. In December 2007, he and his partners retired. In January 2008, Dr. Welch was asked by the Erie County Executive to serve as Director of Veterans Services for Erie County, New York and the 100,000 veterans who live there. Concomitantly, he was offered a position as an Adjunct Professor at Daemen College. Also in 2008, Dr. Welch became involved in the Buffalo Veterans Treatment court as a Veteran Mentor and in 2010, he founded The Center for Veterans and Veteran Family Services at Daemen College in Amherst, NY. He is currently the Board Chair for the MYVA Western New York Community Board. At a national level, he has played a significant role in the development and ongoing sustainment of Justice For Vets' National Mentor Corps.



Hon. Kathryn E. Zenoff, Justice, Second Appellate District of Illinois received her JD degree from Columbia University Law School. She practiced in the private sector in New York City and Chicago and served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook and Winnebago counties. Justice Zenoff became an Associate Judge in the 17th Circuit in 1995, was appointed a Circuit Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court in 1998, won election and was retained in 2004, 2010 and 2016. She served as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division and the Mental Health (Therapeutic Intervention Program) Court in the 17th Circuit and chaired the community-wide task force that created the problem-solving court. In 2003, she was elected Chief Judge and served until her assignment to the Appellate Court in May 2007. She served as Presiding Justice of the Second Appellate District from August 2008 to December 2010. Justice Zenoff chaired the Specialty Courts Committee of the Illinois Conference of Chief Judges, which issued a comprehensive report on mental health and drug courts in Illinois. She was named National Co-Chair of the Judges' Leadership Initiative for Criminal Justice and Mental Health Issues in 2007 (now Judges' and Psychiatrists' Leadership Initiative) and has contributed to the Chief Justice Initiative and the Judges' Guide to Mental Health Jargon. Justice Zenoff has also participated in the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Transformation Initiative project convened by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health. She currently serves as Chairman of the Illinois Supreme Court Special Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning. She is a member of the Leadership Council for the Kennedy Forum Illinois. Justice Zenoff was named as a member of the National Judicial Task Force to State Courts' Response to Mental Illness by the Conference of Chief Justices and National Center for State Courts. She has been recognized by the Illinois House of Representatives for her service in helping to implement initiatives designed to improve the criminal justice system and received the 2017 Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Leadership and Justice Award. Justice Zenoff has testified in Washington, D.C. before the United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law at a hearing entitled, "Human Rights at Home: Mental Illness in our Jails and Prisons."

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