



NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TREATMENT COURT PROFESSIONALS

Annual Training Conference – Virtual March 3 and 4, 2022

Thursday March 3, 2022

9:30AM – 10:45AM

Plenary Session 1: High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends

Session Description: This workshop will provide attendees with the ability, knowledge, and confidence to help prevent and identify individuals who are abusing drugs and / or alcohol. Attendees will also be taught the strategies and different terms that are consistent with alcohol & drug abuse. There are several identifiers, logos and terms that are commonly related to drug (illegal and over the counter) and alcohol abuse, marijuana abuse, and drug concealment on school, home, and work property. These items, along with much more, will be discussed.

Session Presenter: Officer Jermaine Galloway

Legal Moderator: Dennis Reilly, Esq. Statewide Drug Court Coordinator, NYS Unified Court System

Learning Objectives:

1. Quickly identify alcohol and drug use and abuse indicators of possible at-risk individuals, through products, stash compartments, clothing brands, lingo, music lyrics, etc.
2. Recognize the current drug culture at first observation or interview
Identify concealment methods for alcohol and drugs in the classroom or workplace
3. Provide education for improved policy and procedures regarding current alcohol and drug abuse prevention and intervention
4. Recognize area specific alcohol and drug abuse information and content in relations to trends, culture, and identifiers in their area

Presenter Bios: Standing at 6'9", **Officer Jermaine Galloway** can look intimidating. But in fact, he's a devoted, passionate man who cares about America's (and beyond) youth and communities. That passion informs what he does with Tall Cop Says Stop™. Now a Texan by choice, Officer Galloway worked in Idaho law enforcement for over 18 years. He is well known as the "Tall Cop", and is a nationally and internationally recognized presenter, national award winner and resource for those involved with prevention, education, treatment, and enforcement. As a full time, trainer, the Tall Cop dedicates thousands of hours to community scans, research, and substance abuse identification in large and rural communities across the country.

Dennis A. Reilly Esq. is the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the New York Unified Court System’s Division of Policy and Planning. Previously, Mr. Reilly served as Project Director at the National Drug Court Institute and as the Director of Operations for Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Prior to joining the New York Unified Court System, Mr. Reilly worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Special Deputy Sheriff, Trial Court Clerk, Pretrial Services Officer, Supervision Officer, and Court Planner, and was a founding team member of Connecticut’s first three drug courts. Mr. Reilly served as Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court and the Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator for the Kings Supreme Court. Mr. Reilly has served as an expert consultant to the National Drug Court Institute, the Justice Management Institute, the American University Drug Courts Program Office, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut’s School of Administration and Management, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Amsterdam School for Executive Development in International Relations.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

11:00AM – 12:15PM

Session 1A: Fostering Hope & Healing: Role of Resource Parents and Kinship Caregivers in Supporting Family Recovery & Reunification

Session Presenters:

Kelly Jones MPA, Senior Program Associate

Brian Southworth LICSW, Senior Program Associate

Co-presenters:

Ambi Daniel, Director of Family Support Navigation Services

Mindy Thomas, Resource Coordinator II

Moderator: Kimberly Schwarz, MS Regional Project Manager NYS Unified Court System

Session Description: Substance use disorders have a profound effect on all relationships in the family unit and recovery support must extend beyond the usual professional services to kinship and resource family support. Cross-system collaboration and communication that improves understanding and promotes valuable role identification for these family resources will benefit family well-being and recovery. By expanding the family’s support network to include resource families and kinship caregivers, all treatment courts can help families break the cycle of substance use and pave the way to healthy, stable home environments where adults attain stable recovery and children thrive. This presentation will make the case for why all family treatment courts should pay greater attention to engaging resource families and other natural supports –however they define them. This presentation will also review the importance of focusing on family recovery, quality kinship and resource family engagement, and practical strategies to move towards a more family-centered and supportive approach.

Learning Objectives:

1. Summarize the research linking the strengthening of kinship and resource family supports to improve outcomes for parents, children, and families.

2. Examine practical strategies for engaging kinship and resource families as a support to families affected by substance use disorders.
3. Discuss direct successes and challenges experienced by FTC practitioners in New York.

Presenter Bios:

Kelly Jones, MPA: Ms. Jones is a Senior Program Associate at Children and Family Futures working in the Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program where she provides coaching, training, and technical assistance to build and strengthen the capacity of state- and local-level court, child welfare and substance use disorder treatment practitioners to implement trauma-informed, family-centered approaches and evidence-based models, practices and policies to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families affected by substance use. Her expertise includes program development and implementation; strengthening multi-disciplinary collaborative teams; policy and practice analysis and reform; identifying and addressing systemic barriers to improve policies, practices, and outcomes; and minimizing systemic barriers within child welfare, courts, juvenile and criminal justice, public health, and other family serving agencies. She has 10+ years of professional experience with CFF working in a variety of program areas including the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare where she substantively contributed to the development of *A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical, and Service Providers* and two *Child Welfare* special topics journals focused on families involved with child welfare systems and affected by parental substance use. Ms. Jones holds a Master of Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, Fullerton. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in her community.

Brian Southworth, LICSW: Mr. Southworth currently serves as a Senior Program Associate with the Family Treatment Court Team at Children and Family Futures (CFF). In this capacity, he provides technical assistance to promote family-centered practices that can ensure that families receive services and supports in a manner that best helps them to be successful in maintaining the safety and well-being of their children. Mr. Southworth has 35 years of practice and program management experience in child welfare and mental health systems of care and is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. Prior to joining CFF, Mr. Southworth served as Director for Clinical Services at Lund Family Center, a non-profit agency providing residential and outpatient services for pregnant and parenting women with mental health and substance use disorders. Prior to his Lund experience, Brian worked for fifteen years as the Team Leader with the Vermont division of Casey Family Services, the direct service arm of the Annie E Casey Foundation. His work at Casey focused on supervising a team of social workers to develop programming and provide effective family-centered outpatient services related to foster care, adoption, and family support for families in need.

Ambi Daniel: Ambi is the Director of Family Support Navigation Services (FSN) at Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc. (CFLR, Inc.) Her professional background includes clinical counseling, peer supervision, program development, providing trainings on various impacts of substance use for SAMHSA BRSS TACS, OASAS, teaching at Utica College, NYS EPICS team coordinator, and is FOR-NY Best Practice Trainer and part of the NYCB Trainer Registry. Working with NYS OASAS and the statewide team of FSNs, Ambi has worked to develop a service to provide families with education and skills to engage their loved ones, where they can find support, hope, and the ability to influence progress and wellness in family recovery. Ambi has worked with her team to develop CFLR, Inc.'s Peer Collaborative to build mutual aid support in Oneida County with significant structure in extensive skills training, dedicated

individual and group supervision, and a community team mindset of working together. In 2017, Ambi joined statewide team with a proposal for a SAMHSA BRSS TACS initiative with the goal to create change teams in treatment court systems to develop protocols to implement peer services within the courts. Continuing as the Team Coordinator with NYS EPICS, the team has supported multiple courts in their peer integration. The NYS EPICS team launched a 2-year series of statewide trainings for agencies, courts, and peer professionals in skills and education to build the foundation of supporting peer services. Oneida County is proud to be a launching site for peer services in the specialty court system! Through CFLR, Inc., it is Ambi's hope, in her work with her team, to truly bring forth the CFLR, Inc. mission; to impact individuals struggling with addiction, mental health, and behavioral issues by inspiring hope, providing help, promoting wellness, and transforming lives.

Mindy Thomas: Mindy Thomas has worked in the substance use disorder treatment field for 15 years, beginning her career in outpatient and residential treatment programs prior to entering the treatment courts. Ms. Thomas was the drug court case manager for Broome County Drug Court for almost five years until she assumed her current position in April 2015 as the Family Treatment Court (FTC) Coordinator for Tompkins County, NY. Ms. Thomas coordinates a large multidisciplinary team to facilitate the engagement of families into services to achieve increased health, safety, and permanency within the child welfare system. Ms. Thomas and the FTC team serve approximately 70 families and 120 children with a strong focus on trauma-informed care to treat the co-occurring risk factors of trauma and substance use. Tompkins County FTC is a national Peer Learning Court where Ms. Thomas coordinates multiple courts from across the country to observe evidence-based practices along with innovative strategies to improve outcomes for children and families with a strong collaboration among the court, child welfare and treatment agencies.

Kimberly A. Schwarz, MS, is the Regional Project Director for drug treatment courts in the Division of Policy and Planning, Office for Justice Initiatives, New York State Unified Court System. In this capacity, she assists with the implementation of policy, best practices, education and training, grant writing, committee work, and strategic planning. Kim works with approximately 80 drug courts in central and western New York. Prior to that appointment, she worked as the Project Director of the Syracuse Community Treatment Court (SCTC) and the Onondaga County Family Treatment Court from 1997 to 2016. Kim received her bachelor's degree from Springfield College in Springfield, MA. She earned her master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Keuka College in Keuka Park, NY. Kim currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New York State Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals, after having served as Secretary and Vice President. She is also a consultant of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, where she trains drug court professionals throughout the country. She is a certified Moral Reconciliation Therapy Trainer.

Session 1B: A Review of Drug Testing Specimens in Treatment Court Abstinence Monitoring

Session Description: While urine remains the specimen of choice for abstinence monitoring in a treatment court environment, alternative specimens provide the court with opportunities to enhance their surveillance for prohibited substances. Two important concepts will be discussed in this session: 1) there is no perfect drug testing specimen – each specimen has advantages and disadvantages; 2) each specimen type assesses a different detection period of covert drug usage. The selection of the most appropriate screening specimen(s) is critical to the success of abstinence monitoring and provides the

court with critical information in the assessment of participant recovery goals. This session will address many of the questions raised by the numerous drug testing specimen choices.

Presenter: Paul Cary, M.S.

Legal Moderator: Dennis A. Reilly, Esq. Statewide Drug Court Coordinator, NYS Unified Court System

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the most appropriate drug testing specimens for treatment court abstinence monitoring
2. Describe the advantages and disadvantages for each specimen
3. Express the detection window for each specimen
4. Summarize the approaches to determining which specimen works best in your treatment court environment

Presenter Bio:

Paul L. Cary, M.S., is an independent forensic toxicology consultant. He retired as director of the nationally recognized Toxicology Laboratory at the University of Missouri in 2015 after working there for 40 years. The laboratory performed drug testing for drug courts, hospitals, mental health facilities, attorneys, coroners and medical examiners, athletic programs, and public and private employers. Mr. Cary has authored numerous scientific publications and monographs, served on a variety of clinical and technical advisory committees, taught at the university, and was involved in drug testing research, and he continues to serve as a consultant in toxicology-related matters. He has also provided judicial education, including lecturing at the National Judicial College on alcohol pharmacology, the use of expert testimony, and drug testing issues. He has been certified as an expert and provided expert testimony in court (local, state, and federal) and in labor arbitration. He is a member of the Society of Forensic Toxicology. Mr. Cary has been a resource to drug court teams throughout the nation and oversees and serves as visiting faculty for NADCP, the Center for Court Innovation, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and NDCI.

Dennis A. Reilly Esq. is the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the New York Unified Court System's Division of Policy and Planning. Previously, Mr. Reilly served as Project Director at the National Drug Court Institute and as the Director of Operations for Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Prior to joining the New York Unified Court System, Mr. Reilly worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Special Deputy Sheriff, Trial Court Clerk, Pretrial Services Officer, Supervision Officer, and Court Planner, and was a founding team member of Connecticut's first three drug courts. Mr. Reilly served as Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court and the Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator for the Kings Supreme Court. Mr. Reilly has served as an expert consultant to the National Drug Court Institute, the Justice Management Institute, the American University Drug Courts Program Office, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut's School of Administration and Management, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Amsterdam School for Executive Development in International Relations.

Session 1C: Access to Veterans Treatment Court and Legislation Affecting Justice-Involved Veterans

Session Description: In March 2021, the Governor of New York signed a bill which allows all justice-involved veterans to access veteran's treatment courts (VTC) in New York state. The presenters will cover the elements of the legislation, including where the VTCs are located and how to transfer cases to them. This session will also cover the benefits of having justice-involved veterans participate in a VTC.

Session Presenters: Sky L. Pena-Davis, MA, CASAC, Hon. Robert Russell (ret.)

Legal Moderator: Valerie Raine Youngblood, Esq.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about veteran's treatment courts and how they benefit veterans.
2. Learn about the procedural anomalies of *representing veterans* in a non-adversarial, treatment-focused setting.
3. Learn the operational impacts of the statute, and how to avoid the adverse effects case transfers can have on veterans' criminal history records/RAP sheets.
4. Learn where the veteran's treatment courts located in New York State.

Presenter Bios:

Sky L. Pena-Davis, MA, CASAC is a Regional Project Manager at the NYS Unified Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives/Division of Policy and Planning. Sky utilizes over 25 years of experience as a criminal justice and addictions professional and works on statewide initiatives that include program development, project management, technological implementation, strategic planning, best practices and ongoing support to drug courts and veterans' courts. Sky developed and supervises an internship program for undergraduate students interested in criminal justice. Sky is a member of the NYS Bar Association's Committee on Veterans. She is a lecturer on drug court and veterans court topics and serves on multiple associations, committees, and advisory boards. Sky worked at the Center for Court Innovation and New York City Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities. She received her bachelor's degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and her master's degree from Long Island University/CW Post College. She is also a New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor.

Judge Robert Russell is a recently retired Associate Judge for Buffalo City Court and Acting Erie County Court Judge. Presently, Russell serves on the New York State Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council. In January 2008, he created and began presiding over this Country's first "Veterans' Treatment Court." Russell is the recipient of the National Vietnam Veterans of America Achievement Medal, The National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, James E. Dan Zandt Citizenship Award, and the 2015 AMVETS- American Veterans (National) Silver Helmet Award. Russell is also the recipient of the 2014 White House Advocates for Action Award, presented by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Russell created and presided over Buffalo's Drug Treatment Court since December 1995. His work in the treatment court field led to his induction into the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Hall of Fame. He is also the recipient of the New York State Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals' Leadership Award. In addition, in 2002, he established and presided over Buffalo's Mental Health Treatment Court. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), an advocacy organization for the mentally ill, has awarded Russell with the Nancy D. Smith

Memoriam Award. Russell is the Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Inc., and the Past President of the New York State Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals, Inc. Previously he served on the National Advisory Board of the Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative (JLI). The JLI is co-coordinated by the Council of State Governments' (CSG) and The National Gains Center. He is the recipient of several Awards of Merit from the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Erie County Bar Association. Community Awards include the Buffalo News 2009 Outstanding Citizen Award and the Leadership Buffalo 2010 Openness to Change Award. Russell is a graduate of Howard University Law School in Washington, DC.

Valerie Raine Youngblood currently serves as a consultant on criminal and family court justice projects. She served as the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the NYS Unified Court System from 2014 – 2017, assisting in the development and operation of drug treatment courts throughout New York. From 2000 to 2014, she served as director of drug treatment court projects at the Center for Court Innovation. From 1996 to 2000, she served as project director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court, where she helped develop and manage New York City's first drug treatment court. Previously, she worked for 14 years at the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division in Kings County, where she was appointed attorney-in-charge in 1994. She is a graduate of Hunter College (1977) and the University of Virginia School of Law (1982).

Session 1D: Engaging Young Black Males: H.E.A.T (Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy)

Session description: H.E.A.T. is a holistic, afro centric, strength based, trauma informed model that emphasizes a positive and engaging approach to treatment. This manualized intervention targets African American males, age 18- 29 with involvement in the criminal justice system. The holistic approach of H.E.A.T. focuses on treating the complete person by addressing spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, environmental, and experiential factors that influence one's sense of self, behaviors, and choices. The curriculum seeks to validate life experiences and help the client address and resolve emotional and psychological issues that have shaped his self-image, behavior, and lifestyle choices. H.E.A.T. is spreading across the country. It is the only culturally responsive intervention of its kind in the country.

Session Speaker: Darryl P. Turpin, BSW, MPA

Moderator: Craig Stratton, MS, CASAC-2

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Session will address how cultural issues have clinical implications in a treatment setting
- 2) Session will address why a culturally responsive, trauma informed, developmentally appropriate and gender specific manualized curriculum is more effective and engaging with young African American males
- 3) Session will discuss how to implement HEAT in treatment or criminal justice settings

Presenter Bio:

Darryl P. Turpin is currently Director of Equity and Cultural Engagement at Lines for Life, Portland, Oregon. He is also the Co-Principal for a social justice firm, The Pinwheel Group. He is the principal investigator for

clinical research with young black men in the criminal and juvenile justice system. Formally he was the Director for the City of Louisville, Kentucky, Department of Public Health and Wellness, Men's Health initiative. His work included oversight of the African American Male Empowerment Network. He is the immediate past chair of the Thurgood Marshall Action Coalition (TMAC), addressing inequities in the criminal justice system across the country.

His prior work experience has been as Senior Technical Associate with The MayaTech Corporation located in Silver Spring, Maryland, Branch Manager of Program Development for the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, the Director of the Drug Court Programs Office in Louisville, Kentucky where he provided oversight to adult drug, juvenile, reentry, and family treatment courts. As a Consultant, Mr. Turpin has worked with the Native American Alliance Foundation and provided technical assistance to Tribal Nations across the United States. Mr. Turpin also serves as faculty member for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Drug Court Institute, faculty member for the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Kentucky School of Alcohol and Drug Studies, National Black Addictions Institute, and the Treating People of Color Conference. He serves as consultant to American University, National Treatment Alternatives to Street Crimes (TASC), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Mr. Turpin holds a bachelor's degree in clinical social work as well as a master's degree in public administration from Kentucky State University.

Craig Stratton, MS, CASAC-2 is a Case Manager-I with Albany County Treatment Court. Craig has worked in the Substance Use Counseling field for approximately 19 years. Prior to employment with the Treatment Court, he has worked for TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities) and other substance use treatment programs in the Capital District of New York. In addition to working with the Treatment Court, Craig is an Adjunct Professor at Hudson Valley Community College in which he teaches courses in the Chemical Dependency Counseling Department where he teaches for following courses: *(Introduction to Chemical Dependency, Cultural Competence in Addiction Counseling, and The Chemical Dependency Treatment Process)*.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions 2

1:15PM – 2:30PM

Session 2A: Making the Best of Our “New Normal”

Session Description: Covid-19 protocols forced everything—from assessment and treatment to parenting time and court—to go virtual. As those measures eased, we began to ask, “How can we leverage virtual or hybrid supports/services for treatment court participants and families—as well as operational protocols for treatment court professionals—to keep improving outcomes and encouraging participation?” This session explores what we've already learned about virtual and hybrid approaches while discussing how to support engagement and manage behavior in digital environments. New York Family Treatment Court team members will share effective strategies for developing these and other skills in our “new normal.”

Session Presenters: Kirstin Frescoln, PhD, CPM; Kelly Jones, MPA

Session Panel: Hon. Paul Deep, Tabatha Sellick, LMSW, CASAC-II, Hon. John Rowley

Moderator: Nicole Dempsey, MS

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the pros and cons of conducting various case plan activities virtually.
2. Summarize strategies to improve FTC participant engagement in case plan activities (even when some of those activities are held virtually).
3. Implement at least one new strategy to effectively engage FTC participants in case plan activities.

Presenter Bios:

Kirstin Frescoln Dr. Frescoln is a Senior Program Associate with Children and Family Futures where she supports implementation of Family Treatment Courts. She has more than 25 years' experience developing, implementing, and evaluating community-based programs and policies to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals and families. She has worked at the local, state, and federal level; former positions include North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Manager, Senior Consultant for the National Drug Court Institute, Senior Research Associate with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Urban and Regional Studies, and Maternal, Infant, and Child Home Visiting Coordinator with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Children, and Youth. She has provided technical assistance and training for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice, Center for Court Innovation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Drug Court Institute, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Children and Family Futures, and Reclaiming Futures, as well as numerous local and state entities. She is a Certified Public Meetings Facilitator and Mediator and has a doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Public Manager Certification from North Carolina State University, and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs and History from the University of Virginia.

Kelly Jones, MPA Ms. Jones is a Senior Program Associate at Children and Family Futures working in the Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program where she provides coaching, training, and technical assistance to build and strengthen the capacity of state- and local-level court, child welfare and substance use disorder treatment practitioners to implement trauma-informed, family-centered approaches and evidence-based models, practices and policies to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families affected by substance use. Her expertise includes program development and implementation; strengthening multi-disciplinary collaborative teams; policy and practice analysis and reform; identifying and addressing systemic barriers to improve policies, practices, and outcomes; and minimizing systemic barriers within child welfare, courts, juvenile and criminal justice, public health, and other family serving agencies. She has 10+ years of professional experience with CFF working in a variety of program areas including the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare where she substantively contributed to the development of *A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical, and Service Providers* and two *Child Welfare* special topics journals focused on families involved with child welfare systems and affected by parental substance use. Ms. Jones holds a Master of Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, Fullerton. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in her community.

Hon. Paul Deep – Judge Deep is a 2001 graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. He then attended Syracuse University College of Law and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2005. After graduating from Syracuse, Judge Deep worked as an associate attorney at the law firm of Nicholas,

Perot, Smith Welch & Smith. In 2005, Judge Deep opened a solo practice in Utica, New York focused primarily on Family Law and Appeals. In addition to his private practice, Judge Deep was also an Assistant District Attorney for Madison County from 2014-2017. In November of 2017 Judge deep was elected as a Family Court Judge for Oneida County. In March of 2019 he became the presiding judge for the Oneida County Family Treatment Court. In March of 2021 he we appointed as the Coordinating Judge for all Problem-Solving Courts for Oneida, Oswego, Jefferson, Lewis, and Herkimer Counties. He is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Attorney for Children’s Program Fourth Department; a Member of the Mohawk Valley Regional Youth Justice Team; a founding member of the Juvenile Treatment Court for Oneida County; a former Attorney for Children and Respondents in the Oneida County Family Treatment Court; a recipient of the Michael F. Dillon, Attorney for the Child Award in 2010; a two-time recipient of the Peacemaker Law Guardian of the Year Award in 2007 and 2011. A member of the Oneida County Bar Associations; a Past President of the Oneida County Bar Association and a member of the Executive Committee for the Oneida County Bar Association.

Tabatha Sellick, LMSW, CASAC-II, has been working with the 5th District Unified Court System since 2007 and is currently the Resource Coordinator II for Oneida County Treatment Courts, which includes: Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, Human Trafficking Court, Mental Health Court and Opioid Intervention Court. In 2016, she obtained her Master’s in Social Work (MSW) from Syracuse University and in 2018 obtained her New York State Social Work License. Ms. Sellick strives to apply her professional development by providing quality care through accepting participants as they are while challenging them to achieve more for themselves and their families.

Hon. John C. Rowley, Tompkins County Judge, Ithaca, New York – Judge Rowley is a graduate of Cornell University, With Distinction in all Subjects, and the S.U.N.Y Buffalo School of Law, cum laude. He was first elected to his current position, Tompkins County Judge, Family Court Judge and Surrogate, in 2000, and re-elected in 2010. He has served as an Acting Supreme Court Justice since 2003 while presiding over an Integrated Domestic Violence part. In addition to his criminal court, family court, and surrogate court caseloads, he presides in two other problem-solving courts which he founded: the Family Treatment Court and the Sexual Offender Compliance Court. Judge Rowley was the founding chairperson of the NYSBA Judicial Wellness Committee. He speaks frequently on issues of domestic violence, lawyer and judicial alcoholism and addiction, stress management, vicarious trauma, and problem-solving courts. Judge John Rowley has been a leader in drug treatment courts for the past 24 years. His primary focus now is the Tompkins County Family Treatment Court where the FTC team continues to improve their support of families struggling with substance use disorder through evidence-based practices and trauma informed responses.

Nicole Dempsey, M.S. currently serves as the Resource Coordinator III for the Nassau County Felony Treatment Court (NCFTC) and has been employed with the Unified Court System since 2008. Nicole was responsible for the implementation of the Judicial Diversion program in Nassau County Court in 2009 and has remained as the Resource Coordinator for the past ten years. Nicole oversees the daily operations of the Felony Treatment Court and supervises the Case Management staff assigned to the part. Prior to being assigned solely to the NCFTC, Nicole was assigned to both the Sex Offense and Integrated Domestic Violence parts in Nassau County Court. Nicole worked as a Victim Advocate in Connecticut prior to her employment with New York State. Nicole is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals and has served on the Executive Board as Secretary since 2019. She was certified as a Moral Reconciliation Therapy Trainer in

2016. Nicole graduated from Quinnipiac University with a BA in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science Degree from the University of New Haven in Criminal Justice.

Session 2B: The Promise of Opioid Intervention Courts

Session Description: In 2016, Erie County had the highest rate of opioid-related deaths of any county in New York. As a result, in May 2017 the first opioid intervention court (OIC) was launched in Buffalo, New York. The Buffalo OIC's primary goal is saving lives through rapid access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and supporting stabilization through intensive court supervision, peer support, and drug testing. This presentation will explore lessons learned in the Buffalo OIC, and the results of a comprehensive process, outcome, and cost evaluation by NPC Research. In addition, a how-to manual will be shared for those interested in, or in the process of implementing, OICs in their own jurisdiction.

Session Presenters: Jeff D. Smith, Projector Director II, Eighth Judicial District, Shannon M. Carey, Ph.D. Co-President, NPC Research

Legal Moderator: Dennis Reilly, Esq., Statewide Drug Court Coordinator, NYS Unified Court System

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will learn about the goals and establishment of the Buffalo OIC, and how the court has modified practices based on evaluation findings
2. Attendees will examine how courts can reduce overdose deaths by improving immediacy of access to treatment and access to medication for opioid use disorder
3. Attendees will understand how rapid access to services reduces recidivism and saves money
4. Attendees will explore responses to individuals with stimulant use disorder, who are now at increased risk of overdose due to fentanyl

Presenter Bios:

Shannon M Carey, Ph.D. – NPC Research- Dr. Shannon Carey, Co-President and Director of Development at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance abuse treatment for over 20 years, particularly in treatment courts and cost analyses. Altogether, she has been involved in performing process, outcome and/or cost evaluations in over 400 adult, juvenile, family, reentry, DWI, veterans and federal treatment courts across the U.S. Dr. Carey recently completed a process, outcome, and cost-benefit study of the nation's first opioid intervention court in Buffalo New York. She 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 Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards as well as the Family Treatment 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 in implementing research-based best practices. Dr. Carey earned her Ph.D. from Portland State University in Systems Science and Applied Psychology. She is also a NADCP faculty member for the National Drug Court Institute and the National Center for DWI Courts.

Jeffrey D. Smith - Jeff is the Project Director for the 8th Judicial District. He has been the Project Director and/or Coordinator for multiple Problem-Solving Courts within the 8th District since 1996. Currently, Jeff is assisting with the development and operation of all Problem-Solving Courts within the 8th District. Jeff

continues to be a member of several planning initiatives within NYS and the 8th District, including the planning and implementation of the Opiate Intervention Court in the City of Buffalo. The majority of Jeff's Drug Court career has been involved with the "start-up" of various problem-solving courts from the initial stages to the full implementation of said courts. Jeff has written or co-written grants awarded by BJA for the DWI court in Erie County, Veteran's Court in the City of Buffalo, Drug Courts within 8 different counties, and most recently the Opiate Intervention Court in the City of Buffalo. Jeff has acted as team leader for all the above, as well as the person responsible for community mapping and linkages to all stakeholders for each project. Jeff is the primary contact for all problem-solving courts within the 8th District and interacts with all problem-solving court Judges, staff, and community partners daily.

Dennis A. Reilly Esq. is the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the New York Unified Court System's Division of Policy and Planning. Previously, Mr. Reilly served as Project Director at the National Drug Court Institute and as the Director of Operations for Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Prior to joining the New York Unified Court System, Mr. Reilly worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Special Deputy Sheriff, Trial Court Clerk, Pretrial Services Officer, Supervision Officer, and Court Planner, and was a founding team member of Connecticut's first three drug courts. Mr. Reilly served as Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court and the Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator for the Kings Supreme Court. Mr. Reilly has served as an expert consultant to the National Drug Court Institute, the Justice Management Institute, the American University Drug Courts Program Office, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut's School of Administration and Management, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Amsterdam School for Executive Development in International Relations.

Session 2C: Mitigating Trauma by Understanding the Brain

Session Description: Substance use and trauma change brain architecture, leading to frustrating or unexpected behaviors. This session will discuss structural changes commonly found in the brains of people struggling with substance misuse and trauma, which will help us understand some of our participants' frustrating behaviors.

Presenter: Kim McGinnis, JD, PhD.

Moderator: Hon. Marcia Hirsch

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn practical suggestions for making your courthouses more welcoming, including environment, language, and rules reduction.
2. Learn how trauma and substance misuse change are potential barriers to case plan progress.
3. Realize participants' repeated return to use and trauma responses.

Speaker Bios:

Kim McGinnis, Pueblo of Pojoaque chief judge, earned a Ph.D. in neuropharmacology from the University of Michigan in 1999 and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Massachusetts General

Hospital, Department of Neurology, Molecular Neurogenetics Unit. She graduated from Boston University School of Law in 2004 and clerked at the Michigan Court of Appeals before joining Detroit Legal Aid and Defenders as a felony-level public defender. In 2008, she became an assistant defender with the Michigan State Appellate Defender Office, where she served as the principal appellate attorney investigating convictions tainted by Detroit Crime Lab malfeasance. In 2011, she moved to Taos, New Mexico, and practiced domestic relations law, primarily representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in state and tribal courts. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Council appointed her associate judge in 2013 and chief judge in 2015. Judge McGinnis presides over Pojoaque's Path to Wellness Courts and is project director for Pojoaque's Sober Living/Re-Entry Project. She is a certified handler of ADW Kiki, the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court's service-trained courthouse facility dog.

Hon. Marcia Hirsch, JD is the Presiding Judge of the Queens Drug Treatment Court, the DWI Treatment Court, the Mental Health Court, the Veterans Court, and Drug Diversion Court. She was appointed to the New York Court of Claims in March 2005 and was assigned to Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Term. She presided over hearings and trials before she was assigned to therapeutic courts in October 2005. Judge Hirsch has lectured extensively on therapeutic justice, trauma-informed courts, and procedural justice. She joined the faculty of the National Judicial College in 2015 and the National Drug Court Institute in 2019. Judge Hirsch is a graduate of Union College, 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 was a member of the 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.

Session 2D: Peer Recovery Professional-What are they good for?

Session Description: A growing workforce, peer recovery professionals are trained non-clinical advocates and coaches who enhance positive outcomes for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and looking to build recovery. This session looks at professional training, certification and ethical standards in this workforce and presents front-line experience of peers at work in a recovery community services center.

Session Presenters: Ruth Riddick, CARC-RCP, and Lisa Nichols, CRPA

Moderator: Sheila McCarthy, LMSW

Learning Objectives: As a result of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the competencies of peer recovery professionals
2. Describe the deployment of peers in at least one service environment
3. Evaluate the potential of peer recovery professionals in their own practices, services, or environment

Presenter Bios:

Ruth Riddick, CARC-RCP, is a widely acknowledged peer recovery subject matter expert supporting professional development at all levels of the community in New York State. As ASAP Community Outreach, she also serves as consultant to the ASAP-NYCB Ethics Committee and to the Univ. Missouri Peer Recovery Center of Excellence. Ruth is a 2021 Samaritan Daytop Village Women's Advocacy awardee and a 2019 Irish America Healthcare honoree.

Lisa Nichols, CRPA, is a passionate advocate for recovery and continuing education. As a Peer Learning Community Coordinator, working with a network of organizations ranging from prevention to recovery-based services across the Western New York region, she facilitates learning opportunities and growth within the peer workforce. Nichols also works with ASAP-NYCB on digital learning course development. Her background in public education and sustained, long-term recovery is essential to her work.

Sheila E. McCarthy, LMSW is a senior program manager for the Center's Technical Assistance department, leading and delivering a wide range of onsite and remote technical assistance projects including drug/opioid court teleservices initiatives, statewide strategic plans, and training events. Prior to joining the Technical Assistance team, Ms. McCarthy worked for the New York State Unified Court System for over a decade in several capacities within family court. Her career in the court system began as a coordinator for a program aimed at increasing offender accountability in domestic violence cases in Queens Family Court. She then transitioned to a Citywide position with the Child Welfare Court Improvement Project, a federally funded initiative that supports the family court's mandate to promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of abused and neglected children. Her last position before joining the Center was focused on a statewide initiative aimed at improving the child welfare, family court, and chemical dependency systems. In addition to her macro level work, Sheila has experience directly serving clients ranging from victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, to assisting criminal justice involved individuals with cooccurring mental illness and substance use disorders. She holds a B.A. in Sociology from Boston College and a M.S.W. from Columbia University School of Social Work.

2:35PM – 4:10PM Day 1 Final Session

Sherri Lintz and Hank Pirowski Awards Presentation

Plenary Session 2: Person-Centered Care and Harm Reduction: Evolving Treatment Approaches

Session Description: This session will present an overview of SUD Treatment's focus on Person-Centered Care and Harm Reduction practices. SUD treatment has been evolving from program-centered approaches to models more focused on the individual needs of the person being served. This recognizes that everyone has different backgrounds, experiences, needs and timeframes. Harm Reduction strategies cover a wide variety of interventions, including Drug Treatment Courts themselves, NARCAN, needle exchanges, access to MOUD, etc. Ways for Drug Courts to work with both these approaches will be discussed.

Session Presenters: Steve Hanson, MEd, LMHC and Patricia Lincourt, LCSW

Legal Moderator: Dennis A. Reilly, Esq.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will understand the person-centered approach and why it is critical in providing SUD
2. Attendees will understand the Harm Reduction Approach and how it can work within a Drug Court
3. Attendees will discuss the various implications of Person-Centered Care and Harm Reduction for Drug Courts.

Presenter Bios:

Steve Hanson, Associate Commissioner, Courts & Criminal Justice, NYS OASAS.

Steve has 40 years of experience working in SUD Treatment. He currently oversees OASAS initiatives related to Courts and the various Criminal Justice Systems (Corrections, Jails, Parole, Probation, etc.). Prior to his current role, he oversaw the OASAS Treatment and Recovery Division, and State Operated Inpatient Rehabilitation services. He has presented workshops on SUD and Drug Courts on a State, National and International level.

Patricia Lincourt, Associate Commissioner, Addiction Treatment and Recovery, NYS OASAS. Pat has worked in the field of addiction for over 35 years in clinical, supervisory, and administrative roles. She currently oversees OASAS treatment and recovery programs certified by New York State. She has interest in implementation of evidence-based treatments, quality of care improvement and financing for addiction treatment to enhance quality and value.

Dennis A. Reilly Esq. is the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the New York Unified Court System's Division of Policy and Planning. Previously, Mr. Reilly served as Project Director at the National Drug Court Institute and as the Director of Operations for Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Prior to joining the New York Unified Court System, Mr. Reilly worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Special Deputy Sheriff, Trial Court Clerk, Pretrial Services Officer, Supervision Officer, and Court Planner, and was a founding team member of Connecticut's first three drug courts. Mr. Reilly served as Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court and the Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator for the Kings Supreme Court. Mr. Reilly has served as an expert consultant to the National Drug Court Institute, the Justice Management Institute, the American University Drug Courts Program Office, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut's School of Administration and Management, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Amsterdam School for Executive Development in International Relations.

Closing Remarks – Day 1

Friday, March 4, 2022

9:15AM-10:30AM

Plenary Session 3: “Discovery, Dropout Prevention versus Recovery, Relapse Prevention: Doing Treatment and Change, Not Doing Time”

Session Description: All drug and treatment court participants are motivated. But what they are motivated for may not be what we think they should be motivated for. This requires that treatment courts should expect participants to do accountable treatment and change rather than just comply with treatment mandates and phases “doing time” in a treatment setting. This presentation will explain the difference between “discovery, dropout prevention” and “recovery, relapse prevention” treatment and use the ACCEPT guidelines to help treatment court teams know what to do when participants have positive drug screens, poor attendance, lie, and other troubling behaviors.

Session Presenters: David Mee-Lee, M.D.

Legal Moderator: Dennis Reilly, Esq.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify how to decide which participants need “discovery, dropout prevention” and which ones need “recovery, relapse prevention”.
2. Describe the difference between the two approaches and implications for the treatment court team and pre-court multidisciplinary team meetings.
3. Apply ACCEPT (Assess, Change treatment plan, Check treatment engagement, Expect effort; Policy review to ensure honesty; and Track outcomes in real time) to handle poor outcomes in treatment.

Presenter Bios:

David Mee-Lee, M.D. is a board-certified psychiatrist, and is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM). Based in Davis, California, he trains and consults both nationally and internationally. Dr. Mee-Lee was Chief Editor of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) Criteria for all previous and current editions (1991-2013). He is President of DML Training and Consulting and is a co-founder of the Institute for Wellness Education, Teaneck, NJ. Dr. Mee-Lee has over forty years' experience in person centered treatment and program development for people with co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions.

Dennis A. Reilly Esq. is the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the New York Unified Court System's Division of Policy and Planning. Previously, Mr. Reilly served as Project Director at the National Drug Court Institute and as the Director of Operations for Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Prior to joining the New York Unified Court System, Mr. Reilly worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Special Deputy Sheriff, Trial Court Clerk, Pretrial Services Officer, Supervision Officer, and Court Planner, and was a founding team member of Connecticut's first three drug courts. Mr. Reilly served as Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court and the Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator for the Kings Supreme Court. Mr. Reilly has served as an expert consultant to the National Drug Court Institute, the Justice Management Institute, the American University Drug Courts Program Office, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut's School of Administration and Management, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Amsterdam School for Executive Development in International Relations.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions 3

10:45AM – 12:00PM

Session 3A: Focusing on Equity and Inclusion in the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards

Session Description: The Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards (FTC BPS) highlight research and practice-based evidence from child welfare, treatment, the courts, and other family serving

systems. This session will review each of the eight FTC BPS with a lens of ensuring equitable access and outcomes for all families. The session will feature insights from New York practitioners and explore how to ensure assessments, treatment access and services, practices, and policies meet the needs of diverse family members and ensure that all families involved in child welfare and the abuse/neglect/dependency court system and affected by substance use and mental health disorders could become healthy and whole.

Session Presenters: Kirstin Frescoln, PhD, CPM; Kelly Jones, MPA; Hon. Rachel Tanquay

Legal Moderator: Ralph Wolf, Esq.

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Summarize the data and research on disproportionality and disparities evident in the abuse/neglect/dependency court and child welfare systems.
2. Discuss strategies that improve engagement and outcomes for diverse family members involved in the abuse/neglect/dependency court and affected by substance use and mental health disorders.
3. Apply at least one new strategy to improve outcomes for diverse family members involved in the abuse/neglect/dependency court and affected by substance use and mental health disorders.

Presenter Bios:

Kirstin Frescoln Dr. Frescoln is a Senior Program Associate with Children and Family Futures where she supports implementation of Family Treatment Courts. She has more than 25 years' experience developing, implementing, and evaluating community-based programs and policies to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals and families. She has worked at the local, state, and federal level; former positions include North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Manager, Senior Consultant for the National Drug Court Institute, Senior Research Associate with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Urban and Regional Studies, and Maternal, Infant, and Child Home Visiting Coordinator with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Children, and Youth. She has provided technical assistance and training for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice, Center for Court Innovation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Drug Court Institute, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Children and Family Futures, and Reclaiming Futures, as well as numerous local and state entities. She is a Certified Public Meetings Facilitator and Mediator and has a doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Public Manager Certification from North Carolina State University, and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs and History from the University of Virginia.

Kelly Jones, MPA Ms. Jones is a Senior Program Associate at Children and Family Futures working in the Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program where she provides coaching, training, and technical assistance to build and strengthen the capacity of state- and local-level court, child welfare and substance use disorder treatment practitioners to implement trauma-informed, family-centered approaches and evidence-based models, practices and policies to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families affected by substance use. Her expertise includes program development and implementation; strengthening multi-disciplinary collaborative teams; policy and practice analysis and reform; identifying and addressing systemic barriers to improve policies, practices, and outcomes; and minimizing systemic barriers within child welfare, courts, juvenile and criminal justice, public health, and

other family serving agencies. She has 10+ years of professional experience with CFF working in a variety of program areas including the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare where she substantively contributed to the development of *A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical, and Service Providers* and two *Child Welfare* special topics journals focused on families involved with child welfare systems and affected by parental substance use. Ms. Jones holds a Master of Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, Fullerton. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in her community.

Hon. Rachel E. Tanguay has served as a judge of the Rockland County Family Court since 2016. She currently presides over the Rockland County Family Treatment Court, which was recently awarded an OJJDP federal grant to facilitate the Court's evolution to a family-centered, trauma-informed care model. Judge Tanguay previously served as Principal Court Attorney for the Rockland Family Court as well as a law clerk for the Intermediate Court of Appeals in Hawai'i. Judge Tanguay's legal experience has been focused on family law for most of her career, having worked as a Staff Attorney for the New York City Administration of Children's Services, Supervising Attorney/Adjunct Professor for the Pace Women's Justice Center domestic violence clinic, and then in private practice, concentrating on family law and matrimonial practice. Judge Tanguay is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University and the City University of New York Law School.

Ralph L. Wolf, Esq. is Assistant Deputy Counsel to the Office for Justice Initiatives Division of Policy and Planning (DPP). DPP is responsible for the creation, implementation and review of statewide initiatives and policies for the Unified Court System, provides support for the Problem-Solving Courts statewide, oversees processing for the mortgage foreclosure inventory and manages special projects. Ralph's responsibilities include supporting the Family Treatment Courts statewide and facilitating the Family Court Working Group. From 2018 – 2020, Ralph served as Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Sherry Klein Heitler, New York County, Supreme Court, and staff attorney, Office of Policy and Planning. Ralph has worked for the Unified Court System since 2006, in the Legal Fellows Program, at the Judicial Institute and, then in 2009, in the New York City Family Court assisting Supervising Judges where, among other things, he helped to set up the Bronx Volunteer Attorney Program and covered weekend arraignments. Ralph received his B.A. from Brown University, his M.F.A. from the University at Albany, State University of New York, and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. Ralph is a Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) committee member of the New York State and City Bar Associations and he was chair of the City Bar LAP from 2018 - 2021. Ralph lives with his wife and three children on the Upper West Side.

Session 3B: A Guide to Problem Solving Courts in New York State

Session Description: New York has a strong commitment to problem-solving courts. Attendees of this conference are most familiar with treatment courts, including drug courts, mental health courts, veteran's treatment courts and family treatment courts, which share many features with accountability courts (domestic violence courts, integrated domestic violence courts, and DWI courts) and intervention courts (human trafficking intervention courts, opioid courts, and emerging adult courts) but have striking differences as well. This session will examine the notable similarities and differences across New

York's problem-solving courts and will introduce the recently completed Guide to Problem-Solving Courts in New York State, developed by the Unified Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives – Division of Policy & Planning in partnership with the Center for Court Innovation.

Session Presenters: Panelists: Christine Edwards, Esq., Steven Helfont, Esq. Sky L. Pena-Davis, MA, CASAC

Moderator: Carol Fisler, Esq.

Learning Objectives: *Learning objectives are used to secure credentialing hours for sessions. A minimum of three is required.*

1. Problem-solving courts: brief description of the models and their key attributes (adult drug courts, veteran's treatment courts, mental health courts, DWI courts, opioid courts, community courts, family treatment/dependency courts, human trafficking intervention courts, young adult courts, domestic violence/integrated domestic violence courts, juvenile drug courts)
2. Key similarities
3. Notable differences
 - a. Treatment vs. accountability
 - b. Special characteristics of the target populations
 - c. Goals for the participants; definitions of success
 - d. Stakeholders, multidisciplinary team members, and service providers
 - e. Terms of participation: voluntariness, length of program/court supervision, case disposition upon success or termination

Presenter Bios:

Carol Fisler is a consultant specializing in criminal justice and mental health collaborations and nonprofit management. Ms. Fisler was the director of Mental Health Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation, a New York City-based nonprofit that seeks to help create a more effective and humane justice system by designing and implementing operating programs, performing original research, and providing reformers around the world with the tools they need to launch new strategies. In that capacity, Ms. Fisler oversaw initiatives that addressed mental illness and the courts, which included the planning and implementation of the Brooklyn Mental Health Court (the first specialized court for offenders with mental illness in New York) and provided training and technical assistance to hundreds of treatment court teams around the country. She also directed the planning and implementation of a juvenile justice/mental health initiative for young people in delinquency proceedings and managed youth development and alternative-to-detention programs.

Christine Edwards is responsible for assisting Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina G. Mendelson in the implementation and oversight of statewide justice initiatives. In this capacity, Christine provides training and technical assistance to New York State's Human Trafficking Intervention Courts and Mental Health Courts and works on other special projects. Prior to joining the Division of Policy and Planning, Christine served for 12 years as the Principal Court Attorney to the Honorable Jo Ann Ferdinand, who presided over the Brooklyn Treatment Court from 1996 until her retirement in 2016. From 2002-2004, Christine worked as an Appellate Court Attorney in the Appellate Division, Second Department. From 1995 to 2000, she was an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's Office assigned to the Major Narcotics Investigations Unit. She is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and Harvard University.

Steven Helfont, Esq. is the Director of the Office for Justice Initiatives' Division of Policy & Planning. In this capacity Steven supports Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina G. Mendelson with several statewide initiatives. These include the administration of New York's network of treatment and accountability courts, the statewide docket of foreclosure matters, and several elder justice initiatives. Before joining the Division of Policy and Planning, Steven served for almost 10 years as law clerk and then Chief of Staff to the Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler. Steven currently serves as Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force and Assistant Treasurer of the Association of Law Secretaries to the Supreme and Surrogate's Courts. Steven graduated *magna cum laude* from Brooklyn Law School in 2010 and from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor relations in 2007.

Sky L. Pena-Davis, MA, CASAC is a Regional Project Manager at the NYS Unified Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives/Division of Policy and Planning. Sky utilizes over 25 years of experience as a criminal justice and addictions professional and works on statewide initiatives that include program development, project management, technological implementation, strategic planning, best practices and ongoing support to drug courts and veterans' courts. Sky developed and supervises an internship program for undergraduate students interested in criminal justice. Sky is a member of the NYS Bar Association's Committee on Veterans. She is a lecturer on drug court and veterans court topics and serves on multiple associations, committees, and advisory boards. Sky worked at the Center for Court Innovation and New York City Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities. She received her bachelor's degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and her master's degree from Long Island University/CW Post College. She is also a New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor.

Session 3C: Opportunity Youth Part: Emerging Adult Justice Reform in New Rochelle

Session Description: This session will present information on the creation and accomplishments of the New Rochelle Opportunity Youth Part (OYP), presided over by the Honorable Judge Jared Rice. The OYP initiative serves young people 16-24 who are not in school, are unemployed or under-employed, and are typically disconnected from positive services within their communities. OYP's community-centric approach links eligible young adults facing misdemeanor or felony charges to direct service providers who offer mental health and substance use treatment, job training and placement, academic assistance, and mentoring services. Approximately 35 local stakeholders meet regularly to support the initiative, including: the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Legal Aid Society of Westchester, other defender associations, the New Rochelle Police Department, elected officials, academic institutions, educators, health care professionals and other community organizations. This unique initiative is also supported by the Center for Court Innovation and the Columbia Justice Lab. OYP, the first Emerging Adult Justice initiative in the 9th Judicial District, is becoming a model for other communities.

Session Presenters: Hon. Jared R Rice, New Rochelle City Court, Felice Harris, LMSW, MsEd. Colleen Gardephe, Daniel Bonnet

Moderator: Dennis Reilly, Esq.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will learn about the challenges faced by the court-involved 16- to 24-year-old population to access adequate services or individualized attention specific to their needs and to how they can take advantage of opportunities to find a job, complete their education, secure housing, and maintain healthy relationships while navigating the criminal justice system.
2. Attendees will explore how the New Rochelle Opportunity Youth Part operates, and how participants are encouraged to engage in a community-based therapeutic process to learn new skills as they take their first steps into adulthood, to reduce and recover from developing alcohol and/or drug disorders and to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
3. Attendees will examine how court systems can engage community supports to provide intensive clinical case management, individual and group counseling, supportive family services, cognitive behavior therapy, and connections to substance use treatment, housing, parenting, and academic and vocational support through linkages in the community.
4. Attendees will understand the importance of youth connection with volunteer mentors, who serve as consistent, reliable point persons to youth for connection, guidance, and advice to build the attitude, skills, and confidence to successfully progress along their paths to adulthood.

Presenter Bios:

Judge Jared R. Rice joined the bench in the New Rochelle City Court in January 2020, where he presides over criminal, civil, and traffic matters daily. In October 2020, Judge Rice initiated the Opportunity Youth Part (OYP), the first Emerging Adult Justice initiative in the 9th Judicial district, which works with defendants ages 16-24 who are justice-involved. Using extensive community partnerships, OYP has engaged with more than 110 young individuals to provide workforce development, educational services, behavioral health, mentoring, housing assistance, and other key supports. Prior to 2020, Judge Rice was a public defender in the Mount Vernon City Court for 14 years where he was the lead attorney in the Adolescent Diversion Part. Additionally, between 2011 and 2019, Judge Rice was a member of the New Rochelle City Council where he spearheaded Westchester's first My Brother's Keeper initiative, which focused on the cradle-to-career development of youth, particularly boys and young men of color. Felice Harris- Short Bio

Felice Harris, LMSW, MsEd, TGCW Director Integrated Services, Access, Crisis and Community Based Programs. A seasoned Director with 25 years of departmental/organizational leadership in Social Services and Education. Felice's experience spans School Based Mental Health, Supervision in Field Instruction, Special Education, Early Childhood leadership, and she also serves in several community-based roles and capacities. Felice is a licensed psychotherapist. She received graduate degrees from Fordham University and Bank Street College of Education and will be graduating with a doctorate in May 2022. She's always interested in opportunities to be involved in the helping professions. She currently serves as the Director Integrated services, Access, Crisis and Community Based Programs for The Guidance Center of Westchester.

Colleen Gardephe has worked as a journalist, author, and non-profit director specializing in health, education, and criminal justice. Colleen served as the Managing Director of My Brother's Keeper New Rochelle for five years, beginning in 2016. In this role, she created more than 30 programs and events designed to close opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color. In May 2021, she took on the role of Coordinator of the Opportunity Youth Part (OYP) initiative, an innovative Emerging Adults Justice outreach in New Rochelle City Court. OYP has engaged with 150 justice-involved teens and young adults since its inception in October 2020. The initiative connects participants to community organizations that

provide workforce training, job placement, mentors, and assistance with substance abuse and mental health challenges. Colleen also serves as the Program Co-Chair of the Westchester chapter of the United Nations Association, creating workshops on Human Rights, Climate Change, and Maternal Inequities for Women of Color. She received an “Outstanding Community Leader” award from the New Rochelle Council of Community Services and is a graduate of Volunteer New York’s Leadership Westchester program. She has a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri.

Daniel Bonnet is the Regional Director of all Community Action Centers in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland, Director of all Employment & Training Services and continues to serve as the Director at the New Rochelle Community Action Partnership (New Rochelle CAP) of WestCOP. The Centers helps underserved families, youth, young adults, and senior citizens realize their full potential. Making it clear to residents of the New Rochelle community that they are not alone in their fight against poverty, crime, homelessness, education, employment, and hunger; and striving to provide them with the tools they need to overcome their barriers to self-sufficiency. Daniel is a recipient of the 2016 Milli Award as an outstanding millennial from the Westchester Business Journal, a 2017 914inc Wunderkind under 30 and on top in Westchester from Westchester Magazine, the 2018 Community Service Award by the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and most recently a recipient of the 2020 Westchester County Youth Bureau Rosemarie Siragusa Youth Service Achievement Award and the 2020 Service to Youth Award by the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle. He believes in improving the quality of life of youth, young adults, and families through positive youth/family development in a safe and supportive environment, encouraging youth and adults to become active, productive members of their families, schools, and communities as he did.

Dennis A. Reilly Esq. is the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator for the New York Unified Court System’s Division of Policy and Planning. Previously, Mr. Reilly served as Project Director at the National Drug Court Institute and as the Director of Operations for Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Prior to joining the New York Unified Court System, Mr. Reilly worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch as a Special Deputy Sheriff, Trial Court Clerk, Pretrial Services Officer, Supervision Officer, and Court Planner, and was a founding team member of Connecticut’s first three drug courts. Mr. Reilly served as Director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court and the Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator for the Kings Supreme Court. Mr. Reilly has served as an expert consultant to the National Drug Court Institute, the Justice Management Institute, the American University Drug Courts Program Office, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut’s School of Administration and Management, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Amsterdam School for Executive Development in International Relations.

Session 3D: Professional Selfcare and Compassion Fatigue

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.

Presenter: Julie Seitz, LGSW, LADC

Legal Moderator: Hon. Debra Young

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will understand the distinction and connection between burnout, compassion fatigue, and vicarious trauma.
2. Attendees will understand how compassion fatigue in some professions can be more likely and, therefore, the importance to build resiliency.
3. Attendees will gain knowledge of how the workplace can assist in improving compassion fatigue and building resiliency.
4. Attendees will identify some possible barriers to self-care.
5. Attendees will identify at least one self-care method they can realistically put into practice.

Presenter Bio:

Julie Seitz, LGSW, LADC, is a project director for the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). She joined NCDC in 2018, bringing with her 20 years of experience working in the clinical sector. Previously, she was the clinical director of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment in Duluth, Minnesota. Additionally, she spent 10 years as a treatment provider for the Minnesota Sixth Judicial District DWI and mental health courts. She has spent the last 20 years of her career giving clients a voice. In her work with clients, she has focused her clinical practice on feedback-informed research and outcome-driven practice. Ms. Seitz has trained at the local, national, and international levels on feedback-informed treatment, drug court best practices, and the science of addiction.

Hon. Debra Young Following a career in private practice with the firm of Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Butler and Young, Judge Young became the first woman elected to sit in Rensselaer County Court in 2012 where she primarily handles criminal cases. In 2015, she was selected to serve as the Supervising Judge for Criminal Courts in the Third Judicial District. She also presides over the Rensselaer County Recovery Court, also known as drug court, and is the Past President of the New York State Association of County Court Judges and a board member for the New York State Association of Treatment Court Professionals where she sits on several committees. Judge Young is a graduate of Loyola University of Maryland and Albany Law School.

Session 3E: Teambuilding

Session Description: Effective communication among problem-solving court team members is essential for effective decision-making. The NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards Multidisciplinary Team Standard stipulates that all team members contribute relevant insights, observations, and recommendations based on their professional knowledge, training, and experience. While the judge makes final decisions on matters that affect a participant's welfare or liberty interests, the Standard clarifies that such decisions are to be made only after the judge considers the perspectives of all team members. This presentation will outline a set of communication practices that team members can employ to help ensure that their unique perspective is heard and valued. As a bonus, this presentation will discuss when ethical considerations require certain team members to remain silent during team discussions, even when they have relevant information to share.

Presenter: Kim-Monique Johnson MSW, IPEC, SHRM –NDCI Consultant

Legal Moderator: Laurie Michelman, Esq.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the unique roles of each member of the drug court team.
2. Describe how working as part of a multi-disciplinary team enhances participant outcomes.
3. Apply the Adult Drug Court Standards Best Practices for Multi-disciplinary Teams.

Presenter Bio:

Kim-Monique Johnson MSW, IPEC, SHRM has more than 25 years of public speaking experience and uses meeting facilitation, coaching, and human resources expertise to help organizations manage change and implement diversity, racial equity, and inclusion strategies. She began public speaking as an HIV educator working with people directly affected by the criminal justice system and drug addiction. She learned how to engage audiences when speaking and how to look for and include feedback from audiences to maintain that engagement. On a national level, she has served as a facilitator, helping organizations manage change through a strategic planning process, team effectiveness coaching, and courageous conversations related to cultural competence, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Ms. Johnson has experience as a trainer with NDCI and the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, for which she designed and delivered the flagship three-day cultural competence training for an interdisciplinary team of drug court professionals. Her global facilitation experience includes a year as a volunteer sexuality education teacher in Gabon in central Africa and co-leading the first LGBTQ multiyear training for healthcare providers in Lima, Perú.

Laurie Michelman is an Associate Court Attorney in Auburn City Court. Laurie began her career in private practice, focusing on litigation. She thereafter took a position in the grants and contract office at Cornell University, where she worked as a senior grant and contract officer and team leader. She joined the court system fourteen years ago. In her current position, Laurie performs legal research and drafts decisions related to matters arising out of city, county, and supreme courts. She is involved in the Auburn and Cayuga County problem-solving courts as a team member and grant writer. Laurie is on the board of the New York Association of Treatment Court Professionals. She received her undergraduate degree in nutritional sciences from Cornell University and her law degree from Syracuse University College of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She is also an adjunct professor in the criminal justice department at Cayuga Community College, where she has taught courses on corrections, evidence, and constitutional law.

12:15PM - 1:30PM

Plenary Session 4: Empathy and Accountability: Reducing shame and stigma to increase participant engagement

Session Description: Treatment courts work because they help participants with substance use and mental health disorders *quickly* access quality assessments and treatment, while also holding them accountable for completing case plan tasks. But treatment courts can only help if participants engage. Unfortunately, individuals often miss appointments—particularly early in the case or after a return to use. And, while there are many potential reasons for this behavior, shame and stigma are two of the

most common underlying causes. We will invite practitioners to consider how their *own* thoughts, beliefs, and language regarding substance use and mental health disorders influence their interactions with treatment court participants and families. Stigma affects the attitudes of not only court, healthcare, treatment, and social service professionals, but also family and friends. It also deters individuals from seeking treatment, including medication for addiction treatment (MAT). This session examines how shame and stigma—associated with substance use and mental health disorders—can cause harm, while sharing specific strategies to reduce the harmful effects and keep participants successfully engaged throughout the entire treatment court process.

Session Presenters: Dr. Lucien González, MD, PhD; Kirstin Frescoln, PhD, CPM; Jennifer Foley

Legal Moderator: Hon. Marcia Hirsch

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the ways that shame and stigma are manifest in our culture, language, and actions.
2. Identify at least three changes in individual behavior to reduce stigma and shame associated with substance use and mental health disorders.
3. Apply changes in team practice and procedures to reduce stigma and shame associated with substance use and mental health disorders to increase participant engagement.

Presenter Bios:

Jennifer Foley Ms. Foley is as a Senior Program Associate at Children and Family Futures (CFF). In this role, she serves as an advisor and technical consultant to states, counties, tribes, and regions across the country in issues related to substance abuse, child welfare, and the courts, providing and coordinating various levels of technical assistance for multiple projects. She has dedicated herself to women with substance abuse issues for over 25 years. Originally from California, she moved to Oregon for college, receiving a B.S. degree from the University of Oregon in Sociology, with an area of concentration in Substance Abuse and Prevention. She spent 11 years in Eugene at the Relief Nursery's Accessing Success Recovery Support Program. Initially a Peer Support Specialist, she advanced to Alcohol & Drug Counselor, eventually managing the Recovery Support Program for six years. Her focus was serving parents with substance use disorders involved in child welfare. In 2006, she spent seven years as a caseworker within Child Welfare. In 2013, she accepted the position as the Women's Treatment Services Coordinator and the Access to Recovery Project Director with the Oregon Health Authority, and Oregon's (NASADAD) Women's Service Network Coordinator.

Kirstin Frescoln Dr. Frescoln is a Senior Program Associate with Children and Family Futures where she supports implementation of Family Treatment Courts. She has more than 25 years' experience developing, implementing, and evaluating community-based programs and policies to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals and families. She has worked at the local, state, and federal level; former positions include North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Manager, Senior Consultant for the National Drug Court Institute, Senior Research Associate with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Urban and Regional Studies, and Maternal, Infant, and Child Home Visiting Coordinator with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Children, and Youth. She has provided technical assistance and training for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice, Center for Court Innovation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Drug Court Institute, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Children and Family Futures, and Reclaiming Futures, as well as numerous local and state entities. She is a Certified Public Meetings Facilitator and Mediator and has a doctorate from the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill, Public Manager Certification from North Carolina State University, and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs and History from the University of Virginia.

Lucien Gonzalez Dr. Gonzalez is a pediatrician and behavioral health specialist with a particular focus on substance use. He is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. Lucien is a community engaged scholar, helping co-create culturally and developmentally responsive treatment of substance use concerns in Hispanic/Latino youth and emerging adults. He is the current Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Substance Use and Prevention.

Hon. Marcia Hirsch, JD is the Presiding Judge of the Queens Drug Treatment Court, the DWI Treatment Court, the Mental Health Court, the Veterans Court, and Drug Diversion Court. She was appointed to the New York Court of Claims in March 2005 and was assigned to Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Term. She presided over hearings and trials before she was assigned to therapeutic courts in October 2005. Judge Hirsch has lectured extensively on therapeutic justice, trauma-informed courts, and procedural justice. She joined the faculty of the National Judicial College in 2015 and the National Drug Court Institute in 2019. Judge Hirsch is a graduate of Union College, 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 was a member of the 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.

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