2020 Drug Impact Conference

Monday, July 20, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Session

**Cannabis: Difference Between Hemp and Marijuana**
*Robert Head, Owner and CEO of Blue Cord Farms, Inc.*

This presentation will teach participants what cannabis is and how it is used in everyday life. This course will include samples of hemp products, test results from both hemp and marijuana, and an understanding of how hemp goes from the fields to the customer.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Registration

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open with Breaks

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III (choose one)

**I. Drug Exposed Children: Intervention, Arrest and Prosecution**
*Marshall Davidson, Special Investigations Program Administrator, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*
*Andy Meiron, Program Director, Investigations Division, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*

This class goes into depth about how children are exposed to drugs when living in a drug environment, the likelihood of them being positive of drugs, and what different agencies should do with the information in the event a child is positive for drugs. The class discusses statistics, case studies, and specific laws that bisect the different agencies when a child is exposed to drugs. We also discuss how to overcome obstacles in these type of investigations from the views of the Department, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

**II. Jail Setting Behavioral Health Programming**
*Angie Blackwell, LCSW, Social Service Programs Administrator, Travis County Sheriff’s Office*
*Jennifer Hernandez, LMSW, Substance Use Disorder Program Coordinator, Travis County Sheriff’s Office*

The jail setting presents unique challenges to meeting the needs of clients. We will speak on the following questions:

- How can programming best meet the needs of those in a jail setting?
- What is needed to assist an individual in maintaining success after release?
- What specific needs do individuals facing substance use disorder have? How can programming address these needs?

**III. Neuropsychological Effects of Substances on Criminal Behavior**
*Ryan Watson, M.Ed.*

What are the brains of our drug court programs saying and how should we as team members be working to support positive prosocial behavior.

- Brief introduction of Neuro Anatomy as a foundation for presentation
- How are the body’s and brains being affected by drugs and mental health
- Tends and differences I have seen in the brains of drug court and addicted individuals
- Resources for those with addiction from a neurological perspective

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break - Visit with Exhibitors

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III (repeated from 8:00 a.m.)
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11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III (choose one)

I. Exploring Adverse Childhood Experiences as Predictors for Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders
   Robert C. Duckworth, Clinical Director, Hunt County Juvenile Probation

In criminal justice settings across the State of Texas, it is imperative for clinical professionals and referring probation personnel to understand the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on substance use in adulthood. This presentation unveils the results of recent doctoral research related to high prevalence of ACEs across diverse community sizes and the relationship between childhood mobility and ACEs among adults enrolled in a community substance use program.

II. Trends in Marijuana Legalization: What can Texas learn from the early legalization adopters?
   Bryan Smith, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County District Attorney’s Office

California legalized medical marijuana almost 15 years ago. Since then, other states followed including full legalization in multiple jurisdictions. This presentation will focus on the decriminalization and legalization trends in Texas including: What happened during the last legislative session; what is currently happening at the city and county level; what Texas could likely expect in the future; and what can be learned from the early legalization states. Additionally, we will look at how these changes and trends are likely to affect those working in the criminal justice system.

III. Excited Delirium
   Antonio Zarzoza, Training Coordinator and Lead Instructor for the UTRGV PD-Advanced Law Enforcement Training Center

This course is designed to prepare participants to recognize potential Excited Delirium cases, differentiate among other similar emergencies and develop an understanding of the risks involved while handling a case of this nature. You will learn how to interact with individuals suffering from this potentially deadly medical emergency in a safe, tactical, legal and ethical manner. This course goes well beyond the myths of in-custody & arrest related deaths and is a must for any professional entrusted with the safety and security of our communities.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break – Visit with Exhibitors
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III (repeated from 8:00 a.m.)
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Morning Refreshments
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III

I. Hijacked-Adolescent Brain and Treatment for Substance Use
   Gilbert Hernandez, LCDC, Bexar County Juvenile Probation
   Tanya Jopling, Coordinator Behavioral Health Sciences, Bexar County Juvenile Probation

The adolescent brain is complex and is still developing. As the teenager’s brain is still growing there are many things to consider, especially if the child is using drugs. There are many physical and psychological symptoms associated with using substances. It can be a struggle for teenagers to find sobriety/recovery and they often cycle through the Stages of Change. This is a time for intervention and treatment, what options are available to treating substance use disorder.

II. Developmental & Educational Probation Officer Training: Covert Weapons Awareness
   Leo Perez, Jr., Assistant Supervisor, Hidalgo County CSCD

This presentation will provide an orientation on several of the modern covert weapons that are currently out on the market today. The training class is designed to introduce Probation Officers and Community Corrections personnel with a general overview of the weapons, in an effort to increase
office and field safety. The presentation is designed to provide officers with visual aids and information on some of the weapons that have been located by law enforcement agencies within the United States. As each passing years comes and goes, covert weapons change and become more modern. This presentation will expose participants to this growing area of concern, in an effort to help ensure a safe working environment. It will allow participants to see how these items transform into hazardous life threatening weapons. As we all know criminals who cannot purchase firearms will arm themselves by any means necessary. This presentation will provide a general understanding of covert weapons that shock, stab and shoot. It is another set forward in ensuring safety in the office and field.

III. “The Lost Boyz” Recidivism Among the Youthful Offender Population
Tony Johnson, Bell County Community Supervision and Corrections Department
To offer a real-time assessment of male offender population between ages 17-25. Discuss unique assessment and supervision strategies that are customized specifically for young, male offenders.

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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III

I. What Works: Risk-Driven Supervision of Impaired Driving Offenders
Diane Bull, Retired Judge, Judicial Consultant
This workshop will explore practical ways to effectively supervise both drug and alcohol-impaired driving offenders. Attendees will learn the magnitude of the impaired driving problem in Texas and learn how criminal justice systems can effectively use their limited resources in the supervision of these offenders. We will explore some important differences in supervising juvenile and adult offenders, as well as the necessity of utilizing validated screening and risk assessment tools for this challenging population, identifying some affordable, effective tools currently available. Important differences between low, moderate and high-risk offenders will be identified and explored. Attendees will learn how to create caseloads for risk-driven supervision that will save costs, increase program completion rates, reduce the likelihood of recidivism and enhance public safety. This portion of the discussion will include the use of treatment courts and diversion programs.

II. Transnational Criminal Organizations
Joel A. Saldana, Sr., Retired DEA Special Agent
Identification of Mexican cartels, methods of operation, current intelligence of the 15 Mexican cartels that are presently working. Discussion of drug cells working for the drug cartels. Recruitment of local gang members to work as enforcement for drug cartels.


III. Drug Trends
Trina Burkes-Jones, PhD., Lieutenant Investigator, Harris County District Attorney’s Office
This course of study entitled “Drugs Trends” is divided into three component parts; National Drug Threat Assessment (NDTA), 2019 National Drug & Alcohol IQ Challenge, and Drug Trends: Types of Drugs Fueling the 2018 Trend. Each of the three components will give attention to the types of drugs and their part in the drug trends. The components will then relate back to Drug Trends topics as appropriate.

Students will learn and discuss the President declares America’s opioid epidemic: A public health emergency (2017); how Science has Revolutionized the Understanding of Drug Addiction; the Society’s
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perception to drug use; and the Opioid Overdose Crisis.

A drug IQ quiz will be given to encourage student to test their knowledge about drug abuse and addiction by asking them to take a five questions, and two bonus questions. Accompanying answers shed light on the science of drug abuse and offers national statistics of trends in drugs. This short exercise will also allow students to become familiar with student’s level of experience and background.

Definitions of drug trends, common drugs, and the use and misuse new drugs that affects public health and social and economic welfare will also be discussed.

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Thursday, July 23, 2020
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Morning Refreshments
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Session

**Drug Trends, Mexican Drug Cartels and Patron Saints of Narco Traffickers**
*Stephen Junker, Retired, Irving Police Department*

This presentation will discuss all of the current drug trends, being those from the Mexican Cartels ie: cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl and counterfeit prescription drugs, to the synthetics being shipped to the US from China. We will then see how to manufacture methamphetamine and how to convert it from liquid into crystal form, which is the main way the cartels are getting the methamphetamine into to US. The next part of the class is Narco Saints, being Santa Muerta and Jesus Malverde and how these saints are prayed to by criminals. We will then talk about the Mexican Drug Cartels and which ones are in control of what parts of Mexico and what states they control in the US for Drug Distribution. Lastly, we will cover Overdose investigations and how the drug dealers in these cases can be arrested and prosecuted.