

2021 Drug Impact Conference

Monday, July 26, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. General Session

High in Plain Sight: Current Alcohol, Drug, and Concealment Trends and Identifiers

Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop Says Stop

This workshop is for educators, prevention providers, coalition members, law enforcement, probation officers, school administration, treatment, counselors, and parents. This workshop covers alcohol and drug clothing, alcoholic energy drinks, alco-pops, alcohol and drug concealment methods and containers, drug paraphernalia, drug related music and groups, logos, stickers, new technology, youth party tendencies, party games, non-traditional alcoholic beverages, social networking sites, synthetic drugs, OTC drugs, inhalants, concentrates, E-cigarettes, and popular party drugs. This session can also cover common stash compartments that can be used to hide weapons inside everyday clothing containers and other items, in addition to the impact on traffic safety.

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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 Regional Director, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Andy Meiron, Program Director, 2INgage

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 Jackson, 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
- Trends and differences I have seen in the brains of drug court and addicted individuals
- Resources for those with addiction from a neurological perspective

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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.)

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, Director of Counseling, Dallas Theological Seminary

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. Probation Officer Safety Training: Field/Home Safety Training

Leo Perez, Jr., Assistant Supervisor, Hidalgo County CSCD

This program is designed to provide probation officers with tips for field / home safety. As we all know probation provides an alternative to incarceration, and consequently the home becomes a focal point for adjustment to anyone who is experiencing community supervision for the first time. A strong family and stable home environment goes hand in hand with the treatment needs of any defendant. As each passing year comes and goes the field of probation becomes more and more advance in treatment assistance and monitoring. One of the most critical tools a probation officer has at his or her disposal are home visits. Conducting home visits offers a probation officer a unique opportunity to discover a defendant's adjustment to community supervision. Home visits are a critical tool in case management for all probation officers. Each home visit however can expose a probation officer to hazardous situations. Probation officers can benefit from old and new techniques that will make their safety in the field a priority. Field / Home Safety Training will expose probation officers to areas of concern as well as new and up to date information from law enforcement agencies that are critical in ensuring a safe return back to the office. It will allow probation officers to see how to reduce the hazards of field / home visits and provide an outline of proper safety techniques to implement in the event that single or partner field visits are conducted. This presentation will provide probation officers with a general understanding of each officer's responsibilities during and after a field / home visit. It will also bring guidance and preparation skills prior to conducting field / home visits. It is a step forward in ensuring safety in the field of probation. P.O.S.T is designed to bring training to the field of probation, by a member of the same profession, because as the P.O.S.T motto says, **"We are each other's greatest teachers."**

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.

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5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Morning Refreshments

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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 training 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 a step forward in ensuring safety in the field of probation. D.E.P.O.T is designed to bring training to the field of probation, by a member of the same profession because, **"We are each other's greatest teachers."**

III. 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.

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I. An Overview of Treatment Courts

Bryan N. Smith, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, 4-C/SAFPF Re-Entry Court

Ian Holmes, Assistant Public Defender, Dallas County Public Defender

We intend to provide an overview of Treatment Courts in the communities they serve. We will discuss the Treatment Court's role in reducing criminal activity and recidivism through treatment, supervision, and judicial oversight. We will also discuss the roles and duties of the staff members and their impact on the success of the Courts. In Particular, we will discuss how traditional adversaries in the criminal justice system are able to work together to achieve better outcomes. Lastly, we will discuss the future of these Courts and the impact on the communities they serve.

II. Transnational Criminal Organizations

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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.

Alien smuggling, human trafficking and weapons smuggling by drug cartels, Violence associated with Mexican drug cartels, current and past. Mexican cartels targeting Mexican Police, Military and rival drug traffickers. Corruption associated by Mexican Drug Cartels, both domestically and internationally. Narco-Terrorism associated with cartels.

III. Social Media Investigations

Paul Mohler, Training Coordinator, Juvenile Crime Intervention Section, Criminal Prosecution Division, OAG

Looks at the connection between street gangs and their use of the Internet, including social networking and image sharing websites as means for criminal communications and intelligence gathering resources that may be useful in narcotics investigations.

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Thursday, July 29, 2021

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.