



2026 WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE • FEBRUARY 9–12, 2026 • GALVESTON, TX

Monday, February 9

11:00–2:00pm Registration

2:00–5:00pm **Keynote: Suffer from BURNOUT? Give ‘em the F.I.N.G.E.R.**
Mark Yarbrough

Grand
Ballroom

5:00–6:30pm **Welcome Reception**

GICC Foyer

Tuesday, February 10

6:15–7:15am **Yoga**
Melinda Nag

Room TBA

7:30am Registration

7:30–3:00pm Exhibits Open

8:00–9:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I The Importance of Why
Amy Blaustein

Room TBA

II Workplace Stress Management
Melinda Nag

Room TBA

III People Focused Leadership: Relationships Matter
Kim Nugent

Room TBA

IV Building Community Partnerships
Tiana Sanford

Room TBA

V Juvenile Topic
Michelle Hallock

Room TBA

9:30–10:00am Morning Refreshment Break

10:00–11:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Fighting Fentanyl: The Noah Rodriguez Story

Janel Rodriguez and Mark Andrews

Room TBA

II Generations at Work

Nancy Baird

Room TBA

III Emotional Contraband:

What Women in Criminal Justice are Really Carrying

Tiffany Ford

Room TBA

IV First Amendment Auditors

Carmen Napp

Room TBA

V Conversations with MH Patients

Wendy Voyles

Room TBA

11:30am–1:00pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00–2:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 8:00am)

2:30–3:00pm Afternoon Refreshment Break

3:00–4:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 10:00am)

Wednesday, February 11

6:15–7:15am **Yoga**

Melinda Nag

Room TBA

7:30am Registration

7:30–3:00pm Exhibits Open

8:00–9:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Credibility Counts:

The Key to Team Confidence and Performance

Wende O. Wakeman

Room TBA

II Dealing with Crisis

Erleigh Wiley

Room TBA

III Color Me Calm

Hayleigh Nichols

Room TBA

IV Creating a Psychologically Safe Environment

Kim Nugent

Room TBA

V A Safer Tomorrow Starts Today –

An Innovative Approach to Suicide Prevention

Tiffany Bittner

Room TBA

9:30–10:00am Morning Refreshment Break

10:00–11:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Courtroom Testimony From Various Prospectives

Tracy Sorensen, Malori Martin, Nikki Hightower, Jo Ann Linzer

Room TBA

II Team Building

Allena Bangs

Room TBA

III ROAR – Rising Over Adversity Resiliently

Latisha Howard

Room TBA

**IV Meeting Women Inmates Where They Are:
The Importance of Program Engagement and Effective
Exit Planning**

Judith Harris, Ashley Blackburn, Carolina Larin,
and Consuelo Yescnia Larin

Room TBA

V TJJD Intelligence

Peggy Petty

Room TBA

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Thursday, February 12

8:00am–12:00pm **Career Growth**

Jo Ann Linzer

Room TBA