

JUDICIAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH

WESTIN MEMORIAL CITY, HOUSTON, TX
OCTOBER 22–23, 2018



DETAILED AGENDA

CLE and CEU Hours Provided: 10.5 Total Hours

Day I – Monday, October 22

Breakfast on your own

PLENARY, Wisteria Ballroom

7:30am – 8:30am REGISTRATION

8:30am – 9:00am Welcome

*Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, Supreme Court of Texas
Justice Eva Guzman, Supreme Court of Texas
Justice Jeff Brown, Supreme Court of Texas
Judge Barbara Hervey, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
Justice Bill Boyce, Fourteenth Court of Appeals*

9:00am – 10:00am Mental Health and Intellectual and Development Disability (IDD) Literacy

Dr. Carol Nati, MHMR of Tarrant County, Pecan Valley Centers, and Helen Farabee Centers

Dr. Carol Nati will lay a foundation for the Summit by defining mental illness and IDD, describing common mental illnesses, reviewing adverse childhood experiences, and discussing how to interact with individuals with mental illness or IDD.

10:00am – 10:15am MORNING BREAK

10:15am – 11:00am Creating Integrated Adult and Children's Mental Health Systems

Dr. Andrew Keller, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

In collaboration with national consulting firms and mental health professionals across the state, MMHPI revealed three populations in critical need of improvements to mental health care in Texas: veterans, children, and those in our criminal justice system. In this presentation, Dr. Keller will discuss the commonalities in these populations and explore opportunities to create more proactive, integrated systems.

11:00am – 11:45am Changing Lives Through Specialty Courts and Dockets

Judge Ruben Reyes, 72nd District Court

Specialty courts and dockets improve outcomes for those who have involvement in our courts by combining evidence-based practices for treatment and accountability. This presentation will offer ideas for implementing a specialty court, developing standards of practice, and sharing resources to build on successes.

11:45am – 12:00pm MORNING BREAK

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch Program Sponsored by the Hogg Foundation, All Attendees Invited

Art Acevedo, Houston Chief of Police

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Day I Breakout Sessions – Monday, October 22

Adult Track, Wisteria Ballroom

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Information Sharing in Criminal Justice/Mental Health Collaborations:
Working with Privacy Laws**
John Petril, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Diversion of people with mental illnesses from justice systems requires cooperation across judicial, correctional, and health systems. A major obstacle to such cooperation is confusion over confidentiality laws such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This presentation will provide a framework for resolving confidentiality questions and addressing specific issues that arise in the context of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM).

2:00pm – 2:15pm **AFTERNOON BREAK**

2:15pm – 4:45pm **Best Practices and Barriers in Early-Intercept Jail Diversion**
Judge Brent Carr (Moderator), Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 9

Judge Nelda Cacciotti, Tarrant County
Judge Camile DuBose, Uvalde County
Alyse Ferguson, Collin County MHMC
Dr. Courtney Harvey, HHSC
Judge Dave Jahn, Denton County
Adrienne Kennedy, NAMI
Beth Lawson, StarCare Specialty Health System

Major Mike Lee, Harris County Sheriff's Dept
Beth Mitchell, Disability Rights TX
Judge Roxanne Nelson, Burnet County
Denise Oncken, Harris County District Attorney's Office
Judge Polly Spencer, Bexar County
Steve Wohleb, THA

Judge Brent Carr will lead a panel of experts in a discussion of best practices and barriers they have encountered throughout the SIM. This session will provide actionable information to help individuals with mental health concerns and IDD in courtrooms and communities.

4:45pm – 5:45pm **Networking Hour, Sponsored by Collin County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association**

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Day I Breakout Sessions – Monday, October 22

Children & Youth Track, Hibiscus Ballroom

1:00pm – 1:45pm **Becoming Trauma-Informed: Updates from DFPS and TJJD**
Kristene Blackstone, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Seth Christensen, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department will provide updates on each agency's efforts to integrate the principles of trauma-informed care into each agency's operations, programming, and culture.

1:45pm – 2:45pm **Are the Kids Alright? Preventing Youth Suicide**
Janet Pozmantier, Center for School Behavioral Health at Mental Health America of Greater Houston
Betsy Blanks, Center for School Behavioral Health at Mental Health America of Greater Houston

If it seems like more young people are taking their lives these days, it's true - the kids are not alright. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults ages 10-34. In Texas, one out of every eight high school students attempted suicide in 2017. At this interactive session, you will gain valuable information to identify potential risks and warning signs for suicide and develop skills to help young people save their lives.

2:45pm – 3:00pm **AFTERNOON BREAK**

3:00pm – 3:45pm **Engaging Youth Voice in Our Daily Work**
Christine Gendron (Moderator), Texas Network of Youth Services
Charles Batiste, University of Houston
Justin Hayward, Texas Network of Youth Services: Young Adult Leadership Council
Dr. Sarah Narendorf, University of Houston
Dustin Rynders, Disability Rights Texas

The saying "Nothing About Us Without Us" is often used by child welfare advocates to emphasize the importance of including youth with lived experience in decisions that impact their lives. This panel will discuss how to incorporate youth voice into organizational policy, day-to-day operations, and interaction with young people.

3:45pm – 4:00pm **AFTERNOON BREAK**

4:00pm – 4:45pm **Ensuring Racial Equity in Serving Children and Youth**
Sheila Craig, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

A child-serving system cannot be truly trauma-informed without addressing the disproportionality and disparities felt by the children, youth, and families it serves. This session will encourage attendees to confront complex challenges and identify opportunities to achieve racial equity.

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Day 2 Breakout Sessions – Tuesday, October 23

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Adult Track, Wisteria Ballroom

8:30am – 9:00am **Improving the Courts' Response to People with Mental Illness or IDD**
Kristi Taylor, Judicial Commission on Mental Health

As leaders of their courts and communities, judges are well-positioned to successfully convene and engage stakeholders and solve multi-faceted problems. In this session, participants will receive practical tools for convening and developing local protocols focused on working with justice-system involved individuals with mental health or IDD needs.

Adult Track, Regional Breakout Rooms

9:00am – 9:15am **Break to regional rooms**

9:15am – 11:00am **Regional Breakouts for Improving the Courts' Response to People with Mental Illness or IDD**

11:00am – 11:15am **Transition back to Wisteria Ballroom**

Adult Track, Wisteria Ballroom

11:15am – 12:30pm **Sharing Ideas and Resources**

12:30pm **Summit Concludes**

Children & Youth Track, Hibiscus Ballroom

8:30am – 12:30 pm **Convening of the Statewide Collaborative on Trauma-Informed Care**
Judge Darlene Byrne, 126th District Court
Katy Bourgeois, Mission Capital
Renee Encinias, Hope Rising Ministries
Christine Gendron, Texas Network of Youth Services
Andy Homer, Texas CASA

The Statewide Collaborative on Trauma-Informed Care (SCTIC) aims to elevate trauma-informed policy in the Texas child welfare system by creating a statewide strategy to support system reform, organizational leadership, cross-systems collaboration, and data-informed initiatives with sustainable funding. The SCTIC will convene for an update on the progress of the four workgroups and next steps for the collaborative. All Summit participants are welcome to attend.

12:30pm **Summit Concludes**