



Texas Juvenile Justice Department
JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING ACADEMY
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Featured Speakers Day 1

SEED Virtual Live Broadcast Conference Event
Placements, Treatment Resources and Youth Perspectives in Texas
October 4-6, 2022

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Tuesday October 4, 2022 (Eligible for 3.50 Hours of Management for the day)

Katelin Burton Grayson County 8:30 am – 9:00 am (.50 Hour)

I have worked at the Grayson Post for five years as a Case Manager. I am also a Juvenile Probation Officer and TBRI practitioner. I graduated from Sam Houston State University with a BS in Psychology and a MA in Mental Health Counseling. In my free time, I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family. I am an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, and Texas Rangers.

The primary focus of my discussion will be centered around what services are provided at the Grayson County Post-Adjudication facility. This will also include the admission requirements/process. In addition, I will also briefly discuss how staff members are actively implementing TBRI into all components of programming, as we have shifted from a “Boot Camp” style program to a trauma-informed facility.

The Grayson Post serves males, ages 10-17 years old. Referrals come from juvenile probation departments throughout the State of Texas. We currently contract with fifty plus counties. Offenses for residents range from assault, property crimes to sexual offenses. In order for a potential resident to be prescreened, the referring Juvenile Probation Officer must submit a completed Interagency Application for Placement (Common Application for Placement) as well as a psychological evaluation that has been completed within the last 365 days. The Juvenile Probation Officer will be notified of approval or denial within 1-3 business days. The facility strives to be flexible in order to best facilitate the intake process, including flexible intake scheduling, assistance with transportation, streamlined intake paperwork as well as physical/dental exams and psychological evaluations can be scheduled by our staff.

Quacho Allison Community Mentoring Fort Bend County 10:00 am – 10:30 am (.50 Hour)

Quacho Allison has worked with Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation since November of 2011. He has been with the Special Programs Unit since June of 2013, working with the Mentor program.

Prior to working with Fort Bend County, Quacho worked at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for almost five years. He also worked with at risk youth in the public school system for 14 years. Quacho grew up in Fort Bend County and is still a resident of the county. He attended college at the University of Houston-Downtown. Quacho is currently the Lead Mentor Coordinator who oversees the community program, which

provides youth that are court ordered a mentor while at home on probation. He meets with the youth at their school to monitor their progress, as well as recruiting and assigning a volunteer mentor to make weekly visits and provide positive interaction.

Shanique Walker-Lewis 10:45 am – 11:30 am (.75 Hour)

Dr. Shanique Lewis was born in Houston, Texas in July of 1984. As a young person, she was incarcerated in the juvenile justice system and will be bringing her unique perspective about reaching young people and helping them to succeed. As the first college graduate in her family, she has been a practitioner in the field of education for over 16 years. Shanique discovered her passion for working with at-risk children at an early age. She has been an active member of several state level consortium and serves as an advocate for children in her position as an educator, public speaker and mentor. Dr. Lewis is the CEO of Sound Decisions and recently opened her first emergency shelter for girls. Dr. Lewis served as Associate Professor and managed the Educational Diagnostician program at Lamar University for three years. In her work, it has been her mission to invest in their future, through intervention and proactive practices in and out of the classroom. Dr. Lewis currently provides contract services as an Educational Diagnostician in Local Education Agencies. Her life experiences have afforded her the opportunity to obtain knowledge and a wealth of wisdom, which makes up the fabric of who she has become. Shanique obtained a Doctoral degree in Curriculum & Instruction at Texas Southern University and Master in Special Education at Prairie View A & M University. She plans to continue working within the field of education, further research interest and invest in other professional endeavors.

Lunch Own Your Own

Santana Mudd 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (.75 Hour)

Hi my name is Santana I'm 19 years old. I currently live in a town outside of Chicago IL in which I was discharged to once I left TJJD. I spent about 3 years in the TJJD system. I was incarcerated for aggravated assault w/ a deadly weapon.

Oscar Hernandez 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm (1.00 Hour)

My name is Oscar Hernandez-Morales. I was arrested at the age of 15-16 years old for aggravated robbery. I was sentenced to 7 years determinate sentence to Giddings State School.

While there I achieved my GED. I was released and I was going from temp service to temp service because no one would hire me. I reached out to (now great friends) staff with TJJD and I was assisted in getting in college where I graduated with my AAS in human services. I obtained my LCDC (License Chemical Dependency Counselor 2015) and begin working In Prison Therapeutic Community (IPTC). I am also a Certified Anger Resolution Therapist (2016). I transitioned to Adult probation where I worked with adults on probation. I continued my education and obtained a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Law Enforcement (2020). A friend and I decided to work on an outpatient program and now operate Mindful Innovations Counseling Services together (2017). I also worked as a Juvenile probation officer in Bexar County. I am certified as a Juvenile Detention Officer as well and work Pool.



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Wednesday October 5, 2022 (Eligible for 3.25 Hours of Management for the day)

Dr. Evan Norton TJJD Therapeutic Repair and Interventions TJJD 8:30 am – 9:30 am (1.00 Hour)

Dr. Evan Norton is a clinical-forensic psychologist serving as TJJD's Director of Integrated Treatment and Support. Dr. Norton has been with TJJD for six years, serving as a mental health professional and overseeing clinical services at the Giddings State School before moving into Central Office in 2020. He has presented nationally and internationally on topics like parental acceptance-rejection, psychopathy, risk assessment and trauma informed therapeutic models.

Erin Wyrick Randall County Youth Center of the High Plains 10:00 am – 10:30 am (.50 Hour)

Erin Wyrick, M.A., LPC-S, NCC is the Deputy Chief of Behavioral Health for Randall County Juvenile Probation. Mrs. Wyrick is a Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor and a National Certified Counselor. Ms. Wyrick holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Texas Tech University and Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Texas at Tyler. Mrs. Wyrick's career began in 1999 as a juvenile detention officer in Lubbock County. Following the completion of her education, Mrs. Wyrick was employed by Texas Tech HSC as an associate psychologist in the TDCJ Program for the Aggressive Mentally Ill Offender. In 2006, Mrs. Wyrick was hired as a Program Counselor for Randall County Juvenile Probation and assigned to the Constructive Living Unit where she provided services until 2012. In 2016, Mrs. Wyrick returned to Randall County in her current position as the Deputy Chief of Behavioral Health. Mrs. Wyrick supervises a team of behavioral health professionals and provides oversight for the behavioral health services/ programs for probation, pre-adjudication, and post-adjudication; serves as the PREA Coordinator; and assists in grant management.

Lunch Own Your Own

Lia Lowrie and Skyla Broussard 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (.75 Hour)

Ms. Lowrie has been with Brookhaven since 2018. She graduated with her Associates in Criminal Justice from Hill Community College in Hillsboro, TX. She began her journey working with at-risk youth for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) in Corsicana, TX until 2013 and later transitioned to the TJJD in Mart, TX after Corsicana's closing. After navigating the healthcare field and later managing a family business, Ms. Lowrie returned to working with

adolescents when she began her journey with Brookhaven where she has been serving as primary Case Manager for Patriots, Socrates, and Titans Dorms and since the start of 2022, has also been serving as the BYR Intake Coordinator.

Ms. Broussard began her journey in the helping field in 2013, as a volunteer with Wings of Hope, working with intellectually disabled individuals. She began volunteering at Waco Center for Youth the following year. After graduating with her Associates in Behavioral Science, she continued on to Tarleton State University, to graduate with her Bachelor's in Psychology in 2015 and is presently working on a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling at Tarleton as well. Ms. Broussard joined Brookhaven in 2015, shortly after graduation, serving as Case Manager for four of the five dorms. She presently serves as Case Manager for youth in the Sexual Behavior Program.

Jason Wang 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (1.00 Hour)

At the age of 15, Jason Wang was given a 12-year sentence at a maximum security prison in Texas. Upon release he earned two master's degrees and was still unable to find a job due to his criminal history. Jason decided to become an agent for change. He started FreeWorld. FreeWorld empowers people who have been in prison with educational support and technical skills to enter into high wage, high demand careers so they can live fulfilling lives, prison free. FreeWorld aims to break the cycle of recidivism and generational poverty by demonstrating the potential of reentering citizens creating meaningful career pathways and providing critical support services for the individuals and their families to overcome significant barriers.



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Thursday October 6, 2022 (Eligible for 3.50 Hours of Management for the day)

Samantha Hinkle Cornerstone Programs 9:15 am – 9:45 pm (.50 Hour)

I began my career in juvenile justice in 2001 working in non-secure residential treatment. After finishing my degree at Texas Tech University in 2004, I continued working in non-secure and in Juvenile probation. In 2006, I moved to Virginia where I worked as a residential counselor in a non-secure all-girls facility. In 2009 I took a break from Juvenile Justice to raise my own 3 girls. I started at Garza Co. Regional Juvenile Center, Cornerstone Programs, in 2018 as the County Case Manager, working with multiple counties across the state not only for long term placement, but overseeing our detention population too. In 2019, I became the residential coordinator, assisting in and accepting youth to our long-term programs, along with being the county case manager, and in 2021 was promoted to Case Manager Supervisor/residential coordinator. I continue looking forward to working with and growing our county population, and detention population. I appreciate the opportunity to work with our existing county contracts as well as expand and extend services to counties that have not contracted with us in the past.

Brianda Garza Texas Challenge Academy 10:00 am – 10:30 am (.50 Hour)

The Texas Challenge Academy (TCA) is a voluntary, 5 ½ month residential program for 16-18-year-old students across the state of Texas who are wanting a fresh start in life. TCA collaborates with Rice CISD to provide academic opportunities to recover/earn credits and advance towards earning a high school diploma or a GED. TCA is a rigorous, quasi-military structured program with a curriculum that integrates eight core components: Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Health & Hygiene, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Leadership/Followership, Service to Community, and Responsible Citizenship.

Mission Statement: Reclaiming the potential of young adults through education, training, mentoring and service to the community.

Travis County Juvenile Services Dwight Sadler Debra Blackman Daniel Hoard 10:45 am – 11:30 am (.75 Hour)

Dr. Daniel Hoard

Dr. Daniel Hoard is a licensed psychologist and serves as the Deputy Chief responsible for Health Services for Travis County Juvenile Probation. Health Services includes clinical assessment and treatment services, medical services, and an array of programs and services intended to support youth and families involved with juvenile probation. Dr. Hoard obtained his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Texas at Austin before completing an internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Center. There, Dr. Hoard worked in a placement setting with the treatment of post-adjudicated youth. Prior to joining Travis County, Dr. Hoard also worked for two years as a school psychologist.

Dwight Sadler

Dwight Sadler has an extensive background in the juvenile justice field beginning as a Detention Officer for Tom Green County in 1995 while completing his undergraduate degree in Psychology/Criminal Justice from Angelo State University. From there, he served for 6 years as a Juvenile Probation Officer and Resource Coordinator for the Kerr County Juvenile Probation Department before acting as the Facility Administrator of the Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Program for a period of 5 years. Dwight then worked for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as an Intake Specialist before joining the Texas Juvenile Justice Department in the Office of the Independent Ombudsman. Dwight served in a number of roles with the OIO over 9 years including the positions of Senior Ombudsman/Training Coordinator and Deputy Chief for 5 years. Dwight joined the Travis County Juvenile Probation Department in September of 2021 in the role of Division Director over Residential Services. Mr. Sadler also holds a Master's Degree in Justice Policy from the University of Texas at San Antonio and is a DOJ certified PREA auditor for juvenile facilities and has participated in approximately 40 PREA audits since 2013.

Debra Blackman

Debra A. Blackman began her Criminal Justice career as an investigator for the Office of the Public Defender in Newark, New Jersey. In 2009 Debra joined the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as a correctional officer and quickly promoted to serving as the program Supervisor for the capital & serious Violent offender program. Her professional experience also includes case management at the Texas Civil Commitment, for sexually violent predators, and several roles within Texas Child Protective Services. Debra Joined Travis County in 2019 as a Case work manager and was integral in establishing the girls and youthful offender programs. Debra currently works as the Social Services Program Administrator for the Regional Diversion Placement Program. The program goal is to successfully divert commitments from the state by allocating beds in Travis County's post adjudication Program as an effective treatment focused alternative. Debra is a graduate of Coventry University Law, in England, and holds a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Florida Metropolitan University. She is dually certified as a Juvenile supervision and Probation officer. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and martial arts.

Lunch Own Your Own

Josh Vasquez 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (.75 Hour)

My name is Josh Vasquez. I was incarcerated from 2005-2006 when TJJD was still TYC. Since my release I have worked my way up in the oil and gas industry, from sweeping machine shop floors to working in the oil patch. I hold a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston, and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University in progress.

Antonio Wyche, Gladys Sanchez, Rebecca King Southwest Key 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm (.50 Hour)

Antonio Wyche, LCSW- FFT-Florida Program Director, has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Social Work from the Florida State University. He is registered in the state of Florida as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He serves as the Functional Family Program Director for Florida. Antonio has been practicing FFT for 10 years and has been in a leadership capacity with Southwest Key Programs for 6 years. He is also a consultant for FFT, LLC where he implements, trains and oversees teams nationwide. Antonio is passionate about leadership and bringing the best out in individuals and families.

Rebecca King, LCSW- FFT Regional Executive Director (Georgia and Florida), has Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Social Work from the Florida State University. She is registered in the state of Florida and Georgia as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Ms. King was trained in Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and worked for the state of Florida as an FFT Therapist and Director for over 6 years. She joined SWK in June 2016 as an FFT Therapist in Florida and was promoted into the role of Regional Executive Director over the Florida Statewide FFT Program. She also assisted with the expansion of the statewide Florida FFT Program. In addition, she serves as Regional Executive Director for the FFT Georgia and Carroll County programs.

Gladys J Sanchez, LPC- National Director of Clinical Services, directs and oversees clinical services from development, implementation, training and quality improvement. Mrs. Sanchez has been working at Southwest Key Programs since 2014, providing therapeutic home-and tele-based services to high-needs youth and families. Mrs. Sanchez has been in the counseling field since 2009 and is experienced working with adults, youth and families from the direct-care and the administrative perspective. She graduated from Texas A&M International University in 2012 with a Master's in Counseling Psychology and is currently a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Workshop Topic and Summary:

Youth and Family: Creating Connection and Change- Leveraging 35+ years of organizational experience in community-based programing, presenters will guide participants in learning and developing best practices and techniques for building engagement, maintaining motivation, and sustaining change throughout service delivery. This presentation is ideal for helping professionals in the juvenile justice and/or child welfare system of care.

Matt Ferguson Boys Town 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm (.50 Hour)

Boys Town is a non-secure residential treatment facility located in Omaha, NE. Boys Town serves boys and girls ages 10-18 in a family style living environment. A youth that is placed at Boys Town would live with a specially trained married couple, called family teachers, as well as 6-8 youth of the same gender, and learn the pro social skills required to live as a family. Boys Town offers youth the opportunity to attend a fully accredited high school or middle school. A youth placed at Boys Town would earn the opportunity to graduate from high school, learn a vocation/trade, participate in athletics, or other activities, receive individual and family therapy, as well as drug treatment therapy.