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Agenda

SEED Virtual Live Broadcast Conference Event
Non-profit Resources in Texas
March 21-23, 2023

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Tuesday March 21, 2023

Douglas Brodie *Texas Juvenile Justice Department* 9:15 am – 9:45 pm **(.50 Hour)**

Douglas B Brodie, MS, TJJD, Family and Community Relations Specialist. Doug has a lifetime of experience working with volunteers in nonprofit organizations. Has been both a volunteer and a mentor. Service has been at all levels of organizations.

Shana Fox *Council on At-Risk Youth* 10:00 am – 10:30 am **(.50 Hour)**



Shana came to CARY after attending Texas State University where she studied Social Work, with a specific focus on vulnerable populations and social justice issues. While Shana was in graduate school she had many life-changing experiences. One of the most influential occurred when she visited a juvenile justice facility and saw, firsthand, what happens to our youth when they get “locked up.” She knew then that she wanted to target this trend of at-risk youth becoming involved in the “pipeline to prison.” Shana quickly learned that her passion and profession would align, to allow her to follow her dream of making a positive change in the lives of children and families.

While working directly with thousands of high-risk youth has been the highlight of her career, Shana’s professional pursuits inspired her to seek opportunities for community leadership and administrative stewardship. She returned to the classroom to gain more education in those areas and began to gravitate toward policy, governance, and management. She is humbled to serve CARY in a leadership role and views her work within the community as a privilege. When Shana is not working, she can be found exploring her community, enjoying live music, and plotting outdoor adventures with her son, Kai. She also enjoys traveling and can often be found planning a rock climbing or snowboarding trip to the mountains.

Julie Abreu *CRCGs Health and Human Services Commission* 10:45 am – 11:30 am **(.75 Hours)**

Julie Abreu is the Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG) State Coordinator in the Office of Mental Health Coordination at HHSC. Prior to this position, she worked with the Department of Family and Protective Services, as Division Administrator for Behavioral Health Services. In this role, she created and developed a division that provides policy, training, and programmatic oversight in the areas of mental health, substance use, trauma informed care and assessment. Additionally, Julie has served as a Child and Family Services Program Manager with the Local Mental Health Authority in Travis County, providing intensive community-based services for children and families with complex needs. She has also worked in community, public health, and nonprofit organizations, for over 20 years, providing direct services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, trafficking, and in

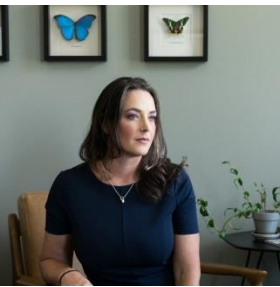
child welfare. Julie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds a master's degree in Social Work, with a concentration in Administration and Supervision Practice, from Texas State University and a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Southwest Texas State University.

Lunch Own Your Own

Andrea Rangel Aliviane 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (.75 Hours)

Andrea Rangel has bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Counseling from the University of Texas at El Paso. She is a licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC) and a licensed professional counselor associate working towards full licensure as an LPC. Ms. Rangel has been employed with Aliviane for over five years and has experience with both adult and youth populations in outpatient and residential settings. She is currently the counselor for the Juvenile Probation Department's Drug Court and has experience working with adult probation and the child welfare system. Ms. Rangel's has vast interest in her field of study, and researched The Dark Triad (Psychopathy, Machiavellianism, Narcissism) under Dr. Daniel N. Jones.

Helen Browning Chief of Staff BCFS HHS Common Thread 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm (1.00 Hours)



Helen Browning is a dynamic individual and an energetic advocate for children and adolescents since 2008 when she began her advocacy as a Conservatorship worker with Child Protective Services (CPS). During her tenure at CPS, she specialized in sexual abuse investigations (including human trafficking), where she successfully supervised hundreds of Child Abuse Investigation Cases and led a well-established team. Helen was then appointed as the Juvenile Probation Liaison between CPS and Bexar County Juvenile. Her ability to communicate and collaborate between agencies led her to be a founding member of the Crossover Implementation and Development Team.

In 2019, Helen turned her attention and passion for creating awareness and services to human trafficked youth and became the Director of Care Coordination, Bexar County, for Child Safe. As one of the first Care Coordination Directors for the state of Texas, she maintained and established positive working relationships between many non-profit and government agencies to successfully implement the first multidisciplinary approach in services for human trafficked youth. Today, Helen serves as the Chief of Staff for BCFS Health and Human Services, Human Trafficking Interdiction Division. Helen is graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, hosting gatherings at her home, and being the magic fairy of all household chores.

Wednesday March 22, 2023

Camarah Brown Fort Bend County Canine Program 8:30 am – 9:00 am (.50 Hours)

Camarah graduated from Butler High school in Augusta Ga, although before graduating Camarah enlisted in the United States Army where she served 6 years. While working in the Army Camarah found a love for working with youth at the Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy. Camarah has also had a love for dogs for as long as she can remember. She herself owns 3 German Shepherds. She is grateful for the opportunity to combine these two interests.

Jessica Maupin Bexar County CHAPS Program 9:15 am – 9:45 pm (.50 Hour)



My name is Jessica Maupin and I have been with the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department for 17 years. I earned my LPC licensure in 2007 and provided individual, group and family counseling to children in our correctional treatment facility. In 2009 I joined the Enrichment Unit and began various experiential therapy programs, primarily based around using animals in therapy. In 2011, I was certified through the University of North Texas to use animals in therapy and at one point I had as many as 14 small animals in my office. As well, I received my certification to uses horses in therapy through EAGALA, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association. In 2020 I was elated to accept the position of the Supervisor of the Community Service and Enrichment Program, including the supervision of the CHAPS and Salado Wilderness Trails Program.

Cassie Street Reach Council Prevention Services 10:00 am – 10:30 am (.50 Hour)

Cassie Street is the Chief Operating Officer for REACH Council. She is a licensed social worker and chemical dependency counselor and has worked in the field of Substance Use and Misuse Prevention since 2011. Cassie has worked with children and adolescents over the course of her career and has a passion for working with teens struggling with trauma and substance use issues. She routinely presents to local school districts and community organizations on current drug trends and the signs of adolescent substance use. She enjoys educating families and youth allies for the purpose of empowering them to be the primary protective factor in a child's life.

In her free time, Cassie enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys and their two dogs. She also volunteers as a leader for her sons' Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops and helps as a Band Mom throughout the school year.

Terry Cole Street Youth Ministry 10:45 am – 11:30 am (.75 Hours)

When Juvenile Justice and Homelessness Overlap

Terry Cole is a 25-year electrical engineer who in 2008 founded a small nonprofit, Street Youth Ministry, in Austin to serve homeless young adults with guidance counseling that changes their lives. SYMin, as it is known, now serves 500 people each year and has expanded regionally and even nationally. Terry has used Salesforce at SYMin for high impact since 2012. He is a declarative developer, architect, administrator and end user. His Salesforce peers have named him an MVP six times. He loves sharing tips and techniques with his user community and at mightyforce.org, a place to learn how small effort can have a mighty impact!

Lunch Own Your Own

Kristine Blackstone and Megan Ransom Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (.75 Hour)



Kristine Blackstone most recently worked as an independent child welfare consultant, providing support to TACFS, Texas' SSCCs in Community Based Care, the University of Texas Institute of Child and Family Well-Being and other child welfare involved non-profit organizations. Prior to that she served as the Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services in Texas from May 2016-May 2020, leading one of the largest child protective services systems in the country with over 10,000 employees. During that time, she oversaw the expansion of community-based care and the implementation of numerous initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for children and families. She was the Deputy Director for Field Operations for the Texas Office of the

Attorney General's Child Support Division, where she oversaw the daily operations of the child support operations across the state. Prior to that she worked as a caseworker, program director and regional program administrator at the Department of Family and Protective Services. Kristine has experience in investigations, family preservation,

conservatorship, foster care and adoption. Kristene serves on the board of directors for Learning Bridge, a non-profit organization whose mission is to match tutors with kids in foster care to give them the educational support they need to stay in school, improve academic performance, and achieve greater success later in life. Ms. Blackstone has over 27 years of public service experience working with children and families. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of North Texas and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin.



Megan Ransom serves as the Chief of Staff at TACFS, she joined the team in 2019 as the Director of Community Engagement. Prior to her work at TACFS, she worked for Partnerships for Children, an Austin-based nonprofit, where she served as the Director of Foster and Adoption Services. Megan worked closely with DFPS and many Central Texas child placing agencies and nonprofits on community education/outreach initiatives built around children in the foster care system who are waiting for adoption. Megan also spent time working with Texas CASA in the Quality Assurance Department.

She has a passion for building strategic collaborations that produce results and continuously work towards improvement of practices and partnerships to lift up the children and families involved in the child welfare system. An Indiana native, Megan earned a BA in Sociology & Psychology from Indiana University and a Master's of Nonprofit Management from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She is also Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) Practitioner through the Karyn Purvis institute of Child Development. Megan and her husband are adoptive parents to two boys.

Lia Lowrie & Skyla Broussard *Brookhaven Youth Ranch* 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm (.50 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.

Tim Judkins *CASA of Central Texas* 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm (.75 Hour)



After volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for a year and a half, Tim Judkins was hired by CASA of Central Texas in 2009 as a Casework Supervisor carrying a caseload that focuses primarily on the teenage population in foster care. He spent 25 years in professional church work prior to joining CASA of Central Texas. He was born in Indiana but raised in Ohio. He has lived in Texas, though, for 32 years. He has a Bachelor's (1980) and Master's degree (1987) from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. He has been married to his wife, Anni, for almost 30 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

WHAT IS CASA?

CASA programs recruit, screen, train and supervise community volunteers to act as guardian ad litem (GAL) in CPS cases under Chapter 107 of the Texas Family Code. In a few jurisdictions, CASA is not appointed as GAL but as “volunteer advocate,” “friend of the court,” or “special advocate.” Regardless of title, CASA volunteers, with the support of CASA staff, act as lay advocates in court and in the foster care system for the best interests of the child or children to whom they are assigned. Their primary role in each case is to work toward a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible for the child. In addition to advocacy, CASA volunteers also monitor the therapeutic, educational, and medical progress of the child, their well-being in their placement, and the parties’ compliance with court orders and service plans. CASA volunteers facilitate communication and cooperation between the parties, and gather information to report to the judge in written court reports and in oral testimony in court. Because they are appointed to only one child or set of siblings at a time, and commit to stay on the case until final orders or the child finds permanency, CASA volunteers can give children the sustained, consistent, individualized attention and advocacy they need to get through the foster care system into a safe, permanent home and better future.

Thursday March 23, 2023

Lindsey Morin *Texas Youth and Parent Helpline DFPS* 9:15 am – 9:45 pm (.50 Hour)

My name is Lindsey Morin and I’m the Faith-Based and Community Engagement Specialist supporting the Texas Youth Helpline. Before my time with the Department of Family and Protective Services, I earned my bachelor’s degree in Family and Child Development from Texas State University in 2019 and worked in childcare for two years, specializing in infant, toddler, and preschool care. Having experienced adversity in my own childhood and adolescence, I have always strived to help children and families in need within my community. I began my career with the DFPS in 2021 with Child Protective Investigations and after working in the field, I began working with the Texas Youth Helpline.

Kainette Jones *ED ICARE Youth Services Inc.* 10:45 am – 11:30 am (.75 Hours)



Kainette Jones, Founder and CEO, ICARE Youth Services Inc.

Ms. Jones has over 20-years’ experience working with at-risk youth and young adults, offering educational tutoring, life-skills training, mentoring, and job readiness programs. She is a recognized leader in community outreach efforts. As Past Chair of the Midlands Mentoring Partnership, she is an advocate for mentoring and held the position of Vice President of the Omaha Cares Mentoring Circle and Program Director of the Amachi Mentoring Program for Children Impacted by Incarceration. She was integral in the design of the Butler-Gast YMCA’s Juvenile Justice Program, a program designed to transition court-involved youth successfully into the community, improve grades, attendance and graduation rates while reducing truancy and recidivism. Seeing children shuffled down the paths of prison, poverty, and death due to a lack of mentors and appropriate coping skills, did more than pull on the strings of her heart, it was personal. According to Kainette, “I became intrigued with life skills training and anger management after surviving and rising above years of physical and emotional abuse that began as a child and continued into adulthood, when I became a young mother and wife at the age of 19. I watched a husband, and two sons revolve in and out of prison for most of their lives and the desire grew strong in me to find a way to break the generational curse of violence and incarceration.”

Ms. Jones became an advocate for youth and founded ICARE in 2007 with four students. Since its inception, ICARE has grown to serve over 500 students. The program is designed to be multifaceted and collaborative to address the needs of the community in a more tangible way. ICARE assists clients in developing self-efficacy so they can step into the shoes of our future leaders, whether they choose to do so by being local business owners, teachers, politicians, or community advocates. The programs teach those who have found themselves at odds with the judicial system to not only make better choices and decisions, but more importantly, to find self-worth in themselves and understand how these decisions can have life-long impacts on our relationships, growth, development, and success. Ms. Jones received her

Bachelor's from the University of Nebraska Omaha, Public Affairs and Community Service, is a Registered Behavior Analyst, and Certified Life and Work Ethics Coach. She continues to work closely with local agencies, organizations, and the community to promote an awareness of the issues impacting today's youth and the design and development of services that meet the critical needs of today's most vulnerable populations.

Lunch Own Your Own

Jason Wang CEO & Founder FreeWorld 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm (.75 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.

Jan Tennyson Dare to Dream Children's Foundation 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm (.50 Hour)

Inspiring hope to displaced people in group homes, shelters, detention centers, and orphanages. Over 37 years of service. www.daretodream-dallas.org



Jan Tennyson is an inspirational motivational speaker, who is gifted as a pianist, a choreographer and writer. Her passion is to ignite a flame in the hearts of people to help them live a rewarding life of fulfillment and purpose. Her personal struggle as a child growing up in the foster care system in New York is the catalyst that ignited her vision to create Dare to Dream Children's Foundation. For over 35 years, Jan and her faithful volunteers have inspired thousands of abused, neglected, foster children and orphans with messages of encouragement and hope. As a child, Jan had the ability to bring out the best in people. The stoop outside her childhood home in Bayside, Queens, became her stage for productions with neighborhood children, eventually leading to a dream piano performance in Carnegie Hall and at the

Brooklyn Academy of Music. Years later, she moved to Dallas where she became the choreographer for the Contemporary Chorale of Richland College. Her corporate experience has taken her from cosmetic and newspaper sales to working for Bank of America International, United Airlines and the Thoroughbred Racing Association in New York City.

In 2007, Jan was awarded the distinguished Governor's Lonestar Achievement Award in Austin, Texas. She was also presented The Ebby Halliday Rose of Distinction Award at the Park Cities Club in Dallas.

In 2012, her amazing autobiography — *She Dares to Dream* was nominated for a Christian Literary Award. This thought-provoking book of encouragement and hope is available at www.daretodream-dallas.org

Jan's strong belief in God and Country has allowed her to shake off the dust of the past and live an extraordinary life. She resides in Dallas, Texas, and has two grown children and four grandchildren who are the joy of her life

Dr. Dominique Simmons-Carvajal Founder and CEO of Mindset Warrior Coaching

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm (.50 Hour)



Dr. Dominique Simmons-Carvajal is a Professional Certified Life Coach and Counselor who has spent 12+ years assisting individuals in developing a healthy balanced life using transformational and mindset coaching. Dr. Simmons-Carvajal has her Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and her Master of Arts in Counseling and Life Coaching. She started her career coaching at-risk youth in the juvenile justice system, school district and transitional living

facilities, and non-profit organizations. Dr. Simmons-Carvajal's passion to empower individuals within her own community drove her to become a Certified Life Coach and expand her coaching services to reach a broad range of professionals and community members. Dr. Simmons-Carvajal specializes in helping people identify and achieve their personal goals by coping with the issues that are causing them distress, anxiety, and stress. To simply explain what it is my business does is as follows. Mindset Warrior Coaching is a virtual coaching that specializes in transformational coaching. Coaching sessions can be 1 on 1 or group sessions. Coaching services are developed to assist clients with their goals (personal, career, relationship, and/or education), general mental health needs, and any other barriers clients may be challenged with. The overall goal of Mindset Warrior Coaching is to help empower those within the community in their minds and helping to provide tools to help fight the ugly wars we battle within our minds. Mindset Warrior Coaching also works to help create health balances in life. My passion is really educating and empowering people through teaching and coaching services

Conference Topics are all eligible for Management Hours however anyone can attend. All topics are eligible for regular certification hours.

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