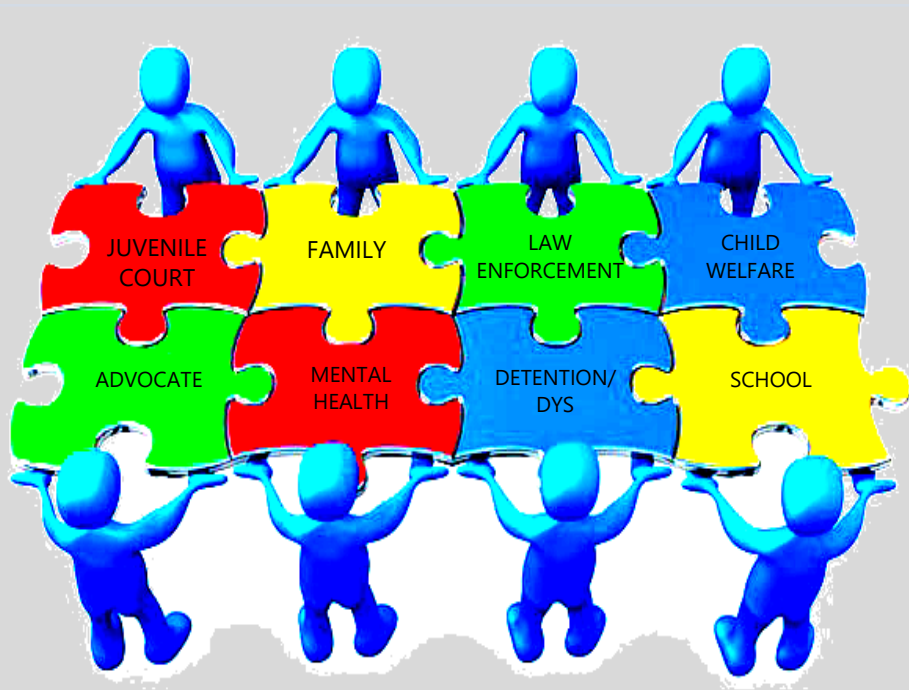


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May 24 - 26, 2023

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Juvenile and Family Court Personnel, Juvenile Detention Professionals, Judges, Attorneys, Children's Division, Division of Youth Services, Law Enforcement, Guardians ad Litem, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Educators, Child Advocacy Centers, Child Care Providers, Youth Service Professionals, Social Workers, Private Practitioners, School Representatives, Parents, Community Leaders, State Lawmakers, Policymakers, School Resource Officers



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Wednesday, May 24th

11 a.m. Registration Opens

12:30—1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks

Abby Sapp, MJJA Board President

The Honorable Jason Dodson, Circuit Judge, Division 10, 21st Judicial Circuit

Presentation of Higher Education Scholarships

Tymesha Buckner-Dobynes, Co-Chair Public Ed/Development Team

1:00—2:30 p.m. PLENARY: *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Well-intended Systems*

2:30—2:45 p.m. Refreshment Break

2:45—4:30 p.m. Workshops:

Violence Reduction Strategies for Incarcerated Youth

What's Happening in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare

ASPEN (Accessing Services Providing Essential Needs): Connecting Individuals and Families to the Right Resource at Right Time

Reducing Diversion Overrides: One (Former) Prosecutor's Blueprint"



Thursday, May 25th

7:30—8:15 a.m. Breakfast

8:15—8:30 a.m. Morning Remarks

Abby Sapp, MJJA Board President

8:30—10 a.m. PLENARY: *Simple Dreams-A Model for Application of Resilience Principles*

10:00—10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:15—11:30 a.m. Workshops:

Restorative Justice: City of St Louis Family Court Programming

Simple Dreams Model - Perchance to Dream?

Kids and School, Post Pandemic Reality

Youth Substance Use: Building Effective Prevention Strategies

11:30—12:45 p.m. Lunch

Presentation of Awards

Abby Sapp, MJJA Board President





Thursday, May 25th (cont.)

12:45—1:45 p.m. **PLENARY: Equity and Justice for All: An Examination of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Individuals with Disabilities.**

1:45—2:00 p.m. Refreshment Break

2:00—3:15 p.m. Workshops:

Parental Incarceration and Informal Kinship Care Providers: African American Grandmother’s Perspective

Your Role in Suicide Prevention: Question, Persuade, Refer

Painting the Puzzle

You Can’t Change Youth if You Can’t Change You

Ask Me About Equity and Justice For All

3:15—3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

3:30—5:00 p.m. **PLENARY: I Will Rise** documentary, Christine McDonald

5:30—6:30 p.m. **President’s Reception & MJJA Raffle, Sponsored by FCC Behavioral Health**



Friday, May 26th

8:00—8:15 a.m. Welcome/Remarks

8:15—9:45 a.m. **PLENARY: No Child is Born Bad**

9:45—10:00 a.m. Break

10:00—11:30 Workshops:

We Could Be Heroes: Analyzing the Process of the Hero's Journey

Fighting For Change



Director Jack Martin



Director Jack Martin of the Clark County, Nevada, Department of Juvenile Justice Services has served over three decades in law enforcement, both in the adult and juvenile arenas.

Mr. Martin began his career in California before transitioning to both Arizona and Hawaii as a subject matter expert to assist those States in successfully rebuilding their troubled youth correctional systems.

Mr. Martin moved to Nevada in 2009 as the Chief of the Youth Parole Bureau and most recently accepted the position as the Director over the Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services.

Mr. Martin earned his undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice Administration, Communications, and a Master's degree in Public Policy. He is a national speaker for operational issues surrounding cultural change initiatives within law enforcement agencies, and an expert in designing and teaching necessary classes for all working in the justice system, whether adult or juvenile.

Plenary: *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Well-intended Systems*

Director Jack Martin has spent his entire life in systems both as a resident and a worker. He will explore the good, the bad and the ugly of well-intended systems that are stealing hope from children, and putting adults into uncompromising situations. Through his personal journey and life long study of best practice within juvenile justice systems he will share what he believes works best and how to achieve exemplary results within your system from your role as a worker or stakeholder.

Workshop: Violence Reduction Strategies for Incarcerated Youth

Director Martin's workshop will address the following:

- 1) Creating a culture of safety in the correctional setting.
- 2) Childhood development strategies that reduce anxiety resulting in violence reduction.
- 3) How to brand safety as a correctional practice and stop the empty threats.



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Keith Mackie



Keith Ray Mackie is an expert in helping people overcome barriers to their success and happiness. He is the President of KRM Counseling & Consulting, LLC with three decades of experience working with traumatized children and families and is a knowledgeable public speaker on trauma and resilience.

Mackie is Vice Chair of Missouri KidsFirst a state advocacy group, and serves on the Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse.

Mackie worked for the Missouri Legislature for seven years. Mackie is husband to Marcia Mackie, and father of four boys. Mackie is a former foster child, former foster parent, and an adopting father of special needs children.

Plenary: Simple Dreams-A Model for Application of Resilience Principles

The presenter, Keith Ray Mackie, will integrate a range of resilience and trauma-centric knowledge into an easily communicated approach for the benefit of clients and organizations served. The purpose is to integrate complex neurological and professional practice models into a model easily understood by people who provide either direct or indirect services, and by more knowledgeable practitioners who oversee complex systems. The Simple Dreams Model will illuminate a simplistic approach to thinking about resilience and trauma that can be communicated to all levels of experience from those who are not yet trauma aware to those who have evidenced based skills and certifications. The application of the Simple Dreams Model can also be applied to the professional and personal benefit of those attending.

Workshop: Simple Dreams Model—Perchance to Dream?

A Short Review of the Simple Dreams Model with a facilitated discussion of applications and limitations of the model. Further along the neurological highway; trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma release exercises, and the explosion of brain based knowledge.





Debra Vines, Founder, Executive Director, The Answer Inc. Autism Awareness and Support Agency

Mrs. Vines, Founder and CEO of The Answer, Inc., shares life experience and expertise in the disability community. Some of you might have seen her on the CNN Heroes Event, where she was awarded for her work. Her challenge to seek support for other families with limited access to services, began the creation of an organization that has grown to national attention, including training programs for parents, first responders, and officials.

Plenary: Equity and Justice for All: An Examination of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Individuals with Disabilities.

We have a lot of children that don't have great social skills, and with the numbers growing with autism, we want to make sure that the community is totally educated -- the churches, department stores, legislators. And there's so much that has gone on with police officers with our special needs community. For instance, Jason had a medication meltdown where he was very, very violent. And I had to call the ambulance. The fire department called the police. And they came in with guns drawn. I'm telling them all the time, "There's no weapons. My son has autism." They weren't hearing anything. So, we want to make sure that the first responders are trained, and I'm proud to say that just about every village within the Proviso Township (in Illinois) has been trained on the signs and symptoms of autism. Advocacy is a gift. I'm good at it, and it makes me feel so good. That's my high now.

Workshop Session: Ask Me About Equity and Justice For All

Mrs. Vines will answer all of your questions about raising a child with autism, navigating special education programs at schools, training law enforcement, and overcoming life's challenges in an intimate workshop with our very own CNN Hero.



Christine McDonald



Christine McDonald is a survivor of human trafficking after being recruited as a minor child. She will share her long journey from nearly two decades of homelessness, street-corner prostitution, crack addiction, and many stints in jail to her present life of total blindness, motherhood, and happiness.

She is an author of the book titled, "Cry Purple", where she talks about how she and some of her fellow prostitutes suffered unspeakable violence by the hands of the buyers of sex.

Christine advocates for women who, like her, were recruited as minor children; they are threatened, beaten, and coerced by their pimps (individuals

promoting prostitution); they may be homeless and possess no life-skills to thrive on their own; they are abused by those who purchase sexual acts; and, they may not believe they are victims. Christine is the founder of Christine's vision

www.christinesvision.org

Plenary: Follow the story of Christine McDonald, a survivor who was commercially exploited for 20 years and hear from field experts who fight the horrific industry called Human Trafficking in the documentary *I Will Rise* with Christine McDonald.



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Xavier McElrath-Bey



Xavier McElrath-Bey serves as Co-Executive Director of the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY) and is a co-founder of the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network. During his many years at the CFSY, Xavier has fought to abolish life without parole for children in America and has played a role in ending this practice in several states including Nevada, Utah, Arkansas, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

At age 13, after accumulating 19 arrests and seven convictions, Xavier was arrested, charged with a gang-related murder, and sentenced to 25 years in prison. While growing up in prison, Xavier became increasingly remorseful for his past actions and decided to change for the better.

In 2002, Xavier was released at age 26 after serving 13 years, and, soon after, while working as a barista at Starbucks, he decided to pursue a Master of Arts from Roosevelt University's Counseling and Human Services Program. He graduated with honors in 2006, and, since then, has worked in various fields, including violence prevention, youth counseling, clinical research, and, now, youth advocacy and sentencing reform.

Currently, Xavier serves as a Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Advisory Council Member at MacArthur Foundation, an Eight Amendment Project Advisory Council Member, and Ambassador alumni for Represent Justice. Previously, Xavier served as a board member at the Community Justice for Youth Institute and as a member of the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force's working group on Community and Police Relations.

In recent years, Xavier received the 2018 Justice Roundtable Excellence Award, the 2019 JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Award, and Bright Promises Foundation's 2021 Champion for Children Award. Xavier was also recently identified as a 2023 Juvenile Law Center Leadership Prize Winner.

In his powerful TEDx Talk titled "No Child is Born Bad," Xavier reminds all of us that no child should ever receive a "death in prison" sentence and that all children, including those who have made horrible mistakes, have the capacity for positive change.

Plenary: : "No Child is Born Bad."

Xavier's talk will detail his journey from being a child welfare runaway who was convicted of murder and sentenced to 25 years in prison at age 13, to becoming a national leader in the movement to end life without parole (and other extreme sentences) for children in America. His expertise and unique insights, gained from both lived experience and his engagement in youth advocacy over the years, will greatly inform and inspire our efforts to save lives and help children achieve their greatest potential.



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What's Happening in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare

A panel of juvenile justice and child welfare experts will examine current legal, legislative, and trending issues in juvenile justice and child welfare.

Faculty: Bill Prince, JD CCM Family Court Administrator and Chief Juvenile Officer, 31st Judicial Circuit

ASPEN (Accessing Services Providing Essential Needs): Connecting Individuals and Families to the Right Resource at Right Time

ASPEN A virtual platform used to identify risk of students and unique demographics such as foster children, first responders and health care workers and connect them to help. The program has been piloted and adopted by several schools and responder departments and presents a unique, local, and resource rich method of reducing barriers to identification and connection to care. This program integrates screening, assessment and linkage to referrals-but also data tracking and monitoring of progress. This program enhances existing infrastructure to help support schools, first responders, health care workers, foster children and the community with prevention, intervention, and linkages to care. Jaclyn, Billie and Steve will discuss the importance of mental health programs within a community and school environment and how ASPEN helps to streamline processes, maximize staff usage of time and connect families to the right resource at the right time.

Faculty: Jaclyn Brown, ASPEN Coordinator, Jefferson County Health Department; Billie Hartgrove, Ed.S., LPC, NCC, DeSoto School District and Steve Horn, Intervention Specialist at Jefferson R-VII School District

Reducing Diversion Overrides: (Former) Prosecutor's Blueprint

Using lessons learned during his tenure as the chief juvenile prosecutor in Louisville – Kentucky's largest city – a former prosecutor offers concrete strategies for increasing the use of diversion prior to formal court referral, with an additional focus on reducing racial disparities in those efforts.

Faculty: Chris Brown, Executive Officer, Department of Family & Juvenile Services, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts



Thursday May 25, 2023

Restorative Justice: City of St Louis Family Court Programming

Presentation will cover an overview of Restorative Justice basics. Then move to how the St Louis City Family Court- Juvenile Division has implemented Restorative Justice in various programs housed in the courts Community Justice Project unit. Programs that will be highlighted include: Victim/Offender Dialogue, Neighborhood Accountability Boards and the Community Service/Restitution program. Description of all programs will be included along with information on logistics of starting and successfully continuing these types of programming.

Faculty: Sara Butler, Supervisor, Community Justice Project and Tammy Mennemeyer, 22nd Judicial Circuit

Kids and School, Post Pandemic Reality

Creating a learning environment that supports student learning has always been challenging. The challenges were only accelerated after students were forced into a virtual education platform during the height of the pandemic. These challenges coupled with the continued politicalization of education and educational issues have stressed the educational system almost to a breaking point. This presentation will discuss the challenges and possible solutions when dealing in the educational system of the new post-pandemic reality.

Faculty: Paul Ziegler, Executive Director, Education Plus

Youth Substance Use: Building Effective Prevention Strategies

Kids face many challenges from risk factors for substance use at home, with friends, and within their community. What contributing risk factors can we identify and address? What protective factors can we build and support? Participants will view trends of current youth substance use, learn how to access data from every county in the state, and identify risk and protective factors that contribute to both use and prevention. In addition, how to build and implement evidence-based substance use prevention strategies and examples of effective prevention programs in Missouri will be discussed.

Faculty: James A. "Jamie" Myers, M.Ed., LPC, MAPS, Executive Director, Prevention Consultants of Missouri, Division of Behavioral Health supported Prevention Resource Center



Thursday May 25, 2023

Parental Incarceration and Informal Kinship Care Providers: African American Grandmother's Perspective

The United States continues to have the highest incarceration rate in the world. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics special report on parents in prison and their minor children, 1.5 million minor children had a parent in prison in 1999 which increased to 1.7 million in 2007. African American and Latinx people continue to face disparities when examining incarceration data. Based on the report, *The Color of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in State Prison*, compared to White Americans, Black Americans are incarcerated in state prison 5 times the rate of White Americans. Latinx individuals are incarcerated in state prisons at a rate that is 1.3 times the incarceration rate of Whites. Incarceration has a significant impact on the family members who are left behind to care for their children.

Many incarcerated men and women place their children with grandparent caregivers. A majority of caregivers are grandmother headed households and these arrangements are informal, meaning they are caring outside the formal child kinship care system. In order to understand juveniles who are raised by grandmother caregivers, it is important to identify who these caregivers are in order to more clearly understand juveniles within these family structures. It is imperative we gain insights into the stressors they face because of raising their grandchildren. As such, in this presentation, we will examine the household structure and functioning of grandmother headed households caring for young children. We will also explore availability of community resources to grandmother caregivers and their coping strategies. These areas are important to explore for we know the stresses and problems that affect caregivers can, and often do, affect the grandchildren.

Faculty: Gaynell M. Simpson, Ph.D., LCSW, Associate Professor of Social Work, Human Services & Cultural Studies Department, School of Liberal Arts at Georgia Gwinnett College

Your Role in Suicide Prevention: Question, Persuade, Refer

Participants in this practical workshop will learn to identify when a friend, client, co-worker, or family member may be struggling and be at risk for suicide. We have all been there, but knowing how to effectively handle the situation is challenging. Most importantly, this workshop teaches an evidence-based strategy of how to approach a person of concern, ask the person about their condition, locate professional services if needed, and how to encourage them to follow-through with getting help when needed.

Faculty: James A. "Jamie" Myers, M.Ed., LPC, MAPS, Executive Director, Prevention Consultants of Missouri, Division of Behavioral Health supported Prevention Resource Center



Thursday May 25, 2023

Painting the Puzzle

Using visual aids to the Court, demonstratives and photographs to enhance your presentation of evidence in bench tried cases. This CLE will include several examples of how visual aids, photographs and demonstratives will fill in the blank pieces of the puzzle and paint a clearer picture for the Judge and help you meet your burden of persuasion.

Faculty: Darren Korte, Attorney for the Juvenile Officer, 16th Judicial Circuit

You Can't Change Youth If You Can't Change You

Oftentimes organizational structure can get in the way of effective delivery of services to youth. This workshop will discuss the effective use of data to inform the transformation of organizational structure to more impactfully provide services to justice-involved youth and their families.

Faculty: Bill Prince, JD CCM Family Court Administrator and Chief Juvenile Officer, 31st Judicial Circuit and Rachel Hogan, MSW, Director of Quality Services, 31st Judicial Circuit



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- 1. To be inspired**
- 2. Get outside your community bubble**
- 3. Debrief with your peers**
- 4. Experience cutting edge information**
- 5. Hear about new trends**
- 6. Expand your horizons**
- 7. Teach other teachers**
- 8. Meet new people**
- 9. Refuel your energy**
- 10. Chance to SHINE!!!!**



Friday May 26, 2023

We Could Be Heroes: Analyzing the Process of the Hero's Journey

The goal of this presentation is to explore the literary concepts of Joseph Campbell's Hero's Journey, demonstrate how often the Hero's Journey occurs in literature, television, and in film, and how an individual can use their imagination to create a Hero's Journey of their own. Mr. Carr will dive into how he has used this with at-risk juveniles, Upward Bound and TRIO Programs all with great success!

Faculty: Gregory S. Carr, Assistant Professor of Theatre in Communication Studies at Harris-Stowe State University

Fighting For Change

"A fifteen-year-old car thief, a stripper, and a murderer have changed my life." These are just a few of the stories shared in this workshop as a call to action for each of us to make a positive difference in the lives of the youth we serve. This workshop describes the work of one volunteer who interacts regularly with detained youth and youth who have been sex trafficked or exploited. Crossing age, gender, racial, cultural and economic lines is what allows us to build relationships that can cause change in our communities. The loss of generations of youth cannot continue and each of us has an obligation to fight for positive change.

Faculty: Pamela Stanfield, M.Ed. Ed.D. Retired Professor of Education, Missouri Baptist University, Volunteer Citizen Deputy Juvenile Officer

MORE WORKSHOP INFORMATION COMING SOON



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Conference Faculty Information



Bio: Jaclyn Brown ASPEN Coordinator, Jefferson County Health Department

Jaclyn Brown is the Jefferson County Health Department ASPEN (Access to Services Providing Essential Needs) Coordinator. Her role is unique and expands opportunities to connect with many exciting partners and projects. Jaclyn currently facilitates the Jefferson County Health Network (JCHN), a collaboration of community partners working together to bridge gaps in services for Jefferson County residents and manages ASPEN, a virtual platform launched from JCHN to better link individuals and families to resources and screening tools. Jaclyn finds working collaboratively with partners to be one of her most exciting functions. Personally, Jaclyn's most important roles are being a parent of two children and the spouse of a Fire Chief, her love of family drives her passion to help bring quality resources to her community.



Bio: Billie Hartgrove, Ed.S., LPC, NCC School-Based Mental Health Coordinator for the DeSoto School District

Billie is the School-Based Mental Health Coordinator for the DeSoto School District. She obtained an Education Specialist in Counseling degree from Southeast Missouri State University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a National Certified Counselor (NCC) with 15 years of experience in Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention. In 2018, Billie became a collaborating member of ASPEN to help connect the community to resources and to help bridge the gaps within mental health. Billie is also the 2022 recipient of the Missouri School Counselor Association Advocate of the Year award.



Bio: Steve Horn Intervention Specialist at Jefferson R-VII School District

Steve is the Intervention Specialist at Jefferson R-VII School district. Steve has a rich background that includes working as a Deputy Juvenile Officer and Project Coordinator with the Jefferson County Juvenile Office. His unique background drives him to improve the lives of students not only in the district and community he serves, but throughout Missouri.



Conference Faculty Information



Bio: Chris Brown, Executive Officer, Department of Family & Juvenile Services, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Chris Brown works for the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as executive officer for the Department of Family & Juvenile Services. He holds a bachelor's degree in English and political science from the University of Kentucky (1993) and a juris doctor from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law (1996).

As executive officer, Chris oversees the statewide teams that work to improve the lives of children and families involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. As part of that mission, Family & Juvenile Services operates the statewide Court Designated Worker (CDW) program. In Kentucky, CDWs process complaints filed against children under age 18 prior to any action taken in formal court, giving CDWs the opportunity to help thousands of juveniles every year. When appropriate, young people are diverted from the formal court system. Youth eligible for diversion will not have a formal court record if they successfully complete the supervised program.

Prior to joining Kentucky's AOC, Chris served as chief juvenile court prosecutor for the Jefferson County Attorney's Office in Louisville, Kentucky. While in that role, he volunteered as a co-chair of the Jefferson County Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and the office's liaison to Restorative Justice Louisville. During his tenure, his office oversaw a notable reduction in racial disparities surrounding diversion overrides, or formal referrals to juvenile court by prosecutors, as well as an increased use in diversion in lieu of the formal court process.



Bio: Gaynell M. Simpson, Ph.D., LCSW, Associate Professor of Social Work, Human Services & Cultural Studies Department, School of Liberal Arts at Georgia Gwinnett College.

Gaynell M. Simpson is an Associate Professor of Social Work in the Human Services and Cultural Studies Department under the School of Liberal Arts at Georgia Gwinnett College. Dr. Simpson earned her Doctor of Philosophy, from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work in 2002. She earned a bachelor's (1993) and master's degree (1994) from the University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Social Work. She has 10 years of engaging in mental health practice as a licensed clinical social worker. Dr. Simpson has taught in higher education since 1998 in the positions of adjunct faculty, assistant professor, and associate professor at the BSW, MSW, and Ph.D. levels in rural and urban regions. She was awarded the John A. Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar in 2009. Her research focuses on the risk and protective factors associated with the mental and physical health of African American women, including minority aging and health disparities. She examines these areas from a qualitative methodological approach. Dr. Simpson has a solid track record of co-publishing refereed journal articles and presentations at national academic conferences.



Conference Faculty Information



Bio: Gregory S. Carr, Assistant Professor of Theatre in Communication Studies at Harris-Stowe State University
Gregory S. Carr, is an Assistant Professor of Theatre in Communication Studies at Harris-Stowe State University. Gregory is an accomplished director, playwright, actor and published writer. His award-winning plays include: *Johnnie Taylor Is Gone* and *A Colored Funeral* re produced at the historic Karamu House in Cleveland and at the Cleveland Playhouse; *Tinderbox*, which was featured at the East St. Louis Centennial Cultural Commission Initiative commemorated the devastating East St. Louis Massacre of 1917; and *Live from Ferguson!* which dramatizes the events leading up to the shooting of Michael Brown and the Ferguson Protests. Gregory's essays and plays have appeared in several publications such as *Sacred Conflicts: Plays from the Religious Arts Festival*, *Theatre Symposium*, *The Routledge Companion to African Theatre* and *Cosmic Underground: A Grimoire of Black Speculative Discontent*. His latest work, *Watch Night*, deals with a band of superheroes in a dystopian America in 2062.



Bio: Jamie Myers is an accomplished pioneer in primary substance use prevention and the behavioral health promotion fields. This includes leading the development, implementation, and evaluation of multiple evidence-based programs and services.

Working in the behavioral health and prevention fields for over 35 years, Jamie has served as the Executive Director of Prevention Consultants of Missouri since its inception in 1993. His leadership includes building collaborative relationships, delivering a wide range of training, recruiting volunteers, and empowering communities to build protective factors and reduce risk factors through the implementation of effective prevention strategies and programs.

Jamie has also been an adjunct faculty for the professional counseling program at Webster University for 11 years and he is a licensed professional counselor.

He and his wife of over 34 years are the proud parents of three grown children.



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Bio: Paul Ziegler, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Paul Ziegler serves EducationPlus as CEO where he works with member districts mainly through the areas of advocacy, networking, legal issues and leadership. Paul has worked in the education field for over 26 years as a Special Education Teacher, Coach, Building Administrator, District Administrator and Attorney. Paul is passionate about legislative advocacy for students and our member districts to ensure the best possible educational environment for greater St. Louis Region.



Bio: Pamela Stanfield, M.Ed. Ed.D. Retired Professor of Education, Missouri Baptist University, Volunteer Citizen Deputy Juvenile Officer

Dr. Pam Stanfield is a volunteer citizen deputy juvenile officer who spends every Sunday afternoon "hanging out" with the kids at the St. Louis County Juvenile Detention Center. She also volunteers at The Covering House, a non-profit organization which provides refuge and restoration for under-age girls who have experienced sexual exploitation or trafficking. Dr. Stanfield shares her experiences mentoring youth in *The O.W. L., A Memoir*. She describes her journey as an "old white lady" and how she has crossed racial, cultural, gender, and age barriers as she mentors youth whose worlds are very different from hers. Recently, she served as an official witness to the execution of a former student. She helped him write three books - about his life as a child, his life in prison, and his final 97 days on earth as he awaited execution. She has been inspired by his last words - "although my fight is over, the fight for this cause is never dying. Continue to stand up to racism. Continue to change the narrative."



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