



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

Capitalize: Finding Winning Opportunities in Every Phase of Life

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HOUR

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Rennie Curran, CEO of Game Changer Coaching

Whether you are struggling to find a way to survive from day to day or seeking out ways to level up in your personal and professional endeavors, locating the “right” path is sometimes a tough feat. Life has a way of pointing out areas of negativity and lack, which causes us to overlook areas of abundance and overflow. In this inspiring message, Rennie uncovers many of the hidden gems that are often taken for granted when striving to manage the everyday challenges of life, reach new levels of success, and achieve our dreams.

Participants will learn to:

1. Discover their competitive edge and uncover their unique set of “winning” qualities
2. Successfully leverage connections and knowledge to their advantage
3. Cultivate daily productivity habits that promote high performance and improved results
4. Create strategies to transform their personal and professional life from good to great
5. Improve productivity, moral, and organizational culture.

Building Healthy Professional Relationships

1.5
HOUR

10:45 am - 11:45 am

Thomas Matyok, Ph.D. Civil-Military Interaction Research Scholar and Sr.Lecturer at Middle GA State University

People routinely organize in groups to accomplish individual and collective tasks. Unfortunately, with collective action comes the possibility of conflict that disrupts relationships and contributes to unstable work environments. The ways in which individuals and teams interact with each other in collective actions influences each's ability to provide stakeholders with positive outcomes. How we engage with others in our organizations will largely determine if conflicts are creative or destructive. In this session, participants will be introduced to strategies for building Healthy Professional Relationships that mitigate the negative effects of conflict while simultaneously increasing its positive aspects. The skills presented are useful in work environments as well as in personal settings.

Participants will:

1. Learn to reframe their view of conflict and difficult people
2. Discover more about their conflict tendencies
3. Develop strategies and skills for dealing with conflict and difficult people

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Talking Openly About Mental Health: with Tracy & Will Hargen

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Read their story here: <https://www.tracyhargen.com/copy-of-about>

Moderated by Lasheika Kassa

As the guest speakers, we share our background, share our journey through depression and some of the things that helped us through this journey. Our talk is real and yet upbeat and hopeful.

Highlights of our talk:

1. Our backstory and experience
2. Details of the night our journey with depression started
3. In depth discussion of "some things that helped"
4. The continuation of our journey and when things got better
5. Our story of hope continues – an update on how it's going now...
6. Q&A session

Reflecting On Public Trust In The Courts - Nowhere To Go But Up?

1.25
HOUR

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Jesse Rutledge, Vice President for External Affairs, National Center for State Courts

For a decade, the National Center for State Courts has conducted annual surveys of public opinion to gauge public trust and confidence. The most recent survey, conducted in the fall of 2022, reveals that state courts are not immune from the public concern that has been documented in surveys about the Supreme Court. Events in the broader political environment and key Supreme Court decisions have combined to dramatically impact the way many Americans view the judicial system at all levels. One area where leaders of state court systems can begin to educate residents of their respective states is the role state courts play and how far removed they are from the Supreme Court battles that dominate the political headlines. This starts with messages that emphasize the ability of state courts to better reflect the values and customs of the communities they serve and the historic preference of the country's founders for state constitutions and state courts as the first line of defense for our rights and liberties.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

Part I & II: How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses

2.25
HOUR

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Kevin Baldwin, PhD Applied Research Services, Inc.

Session Description: The training, developed by the SAMHSA GAINS Center and entitled "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses", is an interactive, two-hour training designed for court officers and personnel. The training focuses on helping participants recognize the nearly universal experience of trauma among justice-involved persons, and understanding the role that trauma plays in the lives of these individuals. The training provides participants with the knowledge and understanding necessary to reduce the risk of re-traumatization, helps professionals and teams develop trauma-informed responses, and forms the basis for efforts to develop and implement trauma informed policies, practices, and procedures.

Suicide Prevention in Georgia

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HOUR

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Ms. Rachel Holloman, Suicide Prevention Director, GA Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in Georgia. Recent 2021 suicide data in Georgia reveals that suicide is on the rise in Georgia post pandemic. This session will focus on appropriate language when discussing suicide, suicide warning signs and risk factors, how to ask the question, and resources available in Georgia in regards to suicide prevention/intervention/treatment. In addition, data will be presented that is specific to court system professionals as well as current suicide data in Georgia.

The Power of Hope

1.25
HOUR

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Mr. David Williams, President & CEO of Shelters to Shelters

From his experiences leading organizations like Habitat for Humanity International and Make-A-Wish America, David Williams has had the opportunity to see people at their very best in extremely challenging circumstances. During this session, you will hear some of the lessons learned from the leaders and participants who served and were served by these and other ministries. The goal of the session will be to identify areas that can be applied to your own life.

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Enhancing Georgia Courts From The Inside Out

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

Historic Harms - Contemporary Consequences

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9:15 am - 10:45 am

Lou Dekmar, LaGrange Chief of Police (retired)

This course will review the influence of historic harm to marginalized communities and their contemporary impact on elements of the criminal justice system. Particularly as it relates to the police and aspects of the courts. Programs and initiatives to address these issues will be discussed as well as their outcomes.

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