

# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REDUCING RECIDIVISM & REENTRY CONFERENCE

## *Reentry Today and Moving Forward: Supporting Justice-Involved Alaskans*

February 15-17, 2022

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*Presented by:* Stephanie Taylor-Silva, BA, Reentry Specialist, Idaho Department of Correction

This presentation will offer a brief overview of components to effective case management for justice involved women. Including, assessing individual risks, needs and responsivity, accountability, positive reinforcement and most importantly, a person first centered approach supporting their own recovery pathway. Stephanie will share her own reentry story as a formerly incarcerated female and her pathway to success.

*Learning Objectives:*

1. Person first, strengths-based approach to reentry
2. Inclusion of peer-based recovery and reentry supports

**10:45 – 11:00am** (15 min) Break

**11:00 – 12:00pm Panel: *Reentry Services Specific for Rural Alaska***

*Facilitator:* Sandra Martinson, MS, Superintendent, Anvil Mountain Correctional Center

*Panelists:* Geoff Bullock, MHA, Ketchikan Reentry Coordinator

Katie Cowgill, AA, Reentry Case Manager, Kenai Peninsula Reentry Coalition

Karl Clark, Reentry Program Manager, Bristol Bay Native Association

Lance E. Johnson BA, Administrative Director, Behavioral Health Services Norton Sound Health Corporation

Panelists will discuss tailoring current practices to their specific rural community. They will discuss challenges during COVID and how these challenges impact people coming out of the system who do not qualify for assistance/benefits from COVID relief. They will also discuss the differences in their ongoing or newly created partnerships. And finally, this panel will discuss successes like housing and streamlining applications.

*Learning Objectives:*

1. Participants will understand some of the current practices in serving justice-involved Alaskans in rural settings where there is limited or even no current practice
2. Participants will understand some of the challenges and successes of serving this population and creating and sustaining ongoing partnerships
3. Participants will understand some ideas for moving forward in serving this population in Alaska

**12:00 – 1:00pm** Lunch Break and Visit our Exhibitors

**1:00 – 2:00pm *Serving Justice-Involved Alaskans with Neurobehavioral Disorders***

*Facilitator:* Teri Tibbett, MFA, BLA, Advocacy Coordinator, Alaska Mental Health Board/Advocacy Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

*Panelists:* Adam Rutherford, MEd, BS, Chief Mental Health Officer, Alaska Department of Corrections

Jenn Wagaman, MA, Alaska Center for Children and Adults, Fetal Alcohol Diagnostic Team Coordinator

Patrick Sidmore, MSW, Healthy Schools Specialist, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Division of Public Health

Kay Papakristo, MEd, Education Director, Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska

Panelists will discuss current practices, challenges and successes, and moving forward in serving justice-involved Alaskans with neurobehavioral health disorders--including fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injury, dementia, and complex trauma disorders.

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**2:15 – 3:15pm Panel: *Using Technology to Better Serve Justice-Involved Alaskans***

*Facilitator:* Kate Sumey, MA, Project Coordinator, Coordinated Resources Project (Mental Health Court)

*Panelists:* Tony Piper, MS, LPC, ASAP Program Manager, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

Melissa Smith, BA, Assistant Director of Prison Programs for the Colorado Department of Corrections

Laura Brooks, MS, LPA, Director of Health & Rehabilitation, Alaska Department of Corrections

This panel will discuss current challenges and potential solutions for serving justice-involved Alaskans using technology during the pretrial, incarceration, reentry, and integration phases of justice involvement.

*Learning Objectives:*

1. Participants will understand current challenges in serving justice-involved Alaskans due to Covid and other factors.
2. Participants will understand some current efforts and proposals for addressing these challenges.
3. Participants will understand efforts being undertaken in other jurisdictions that are addressing these challenges successfully.

**3:15 – 3:30pm** Closing

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**9:00 – 10:00am Keynote: *Alaska Reentry up to Today***

*Presented by:* Steve Williams, MSW, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Travis Welch, MS, Program Officer, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Teri Tibbett, MFA, BLA, Advocacy Coordinator, Alaska Mental Health Board/Advocacy Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

This presentation will offer a brief history of reentry efforts in Alaska, beginning with the formation of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission and the provisions of Senate Bill 64 and Senate Bill 91, including what the Alaska Mental Health Trust and other stakeholders have implemented since 2009. Additionally, the current efforts of community reentry coalitions, reentry case managers, and reentry centers across the state will offer an overview of these ongoing efforts.

*Learning Objectives:*

1. To understand the recent history of reentry after incarceration in Alaska
2. To understand current reentry efforts currently in place statewide

**10:00 – 10:15am** (15 min) Break

**10:15 – 12:00pm Panel: *Urban Reentry Case Management - Past, Present, & Future***

*Facilitator:* Janice Weiss, MFA, BA, Reentry Program Manager, Alaska Department of Corrections

*Panelists:* Kara Nelson, AA, Director of Development and Public Relations, True North Recovery, Inc.

Nathan Block, MPA, Reducing Recidivism-Reentry Case Manager, JAMHI Health and Wellness, Inc.

Christina Shadura, AS, Reentry Case Manager, Partners Reentry Center

Brian Galloway, Case Manager, Mat-Su Re-entry Coalition

Marsha Oss, NCAC-I, CDC-BHC II, CADC, PSS-TPS-III, Fairbanks Re-Entry Case Manager

Four of the most populous areas in Anchorage that are considered “urban” are Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and the Mat-Su Valley. This panel of experts who work with reentrants in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and the Mat-Su Valley will discuss what it is like to make the transition from incarceration to community and how to work with current inmates/reentrants as they make a plan to live in one of these communities. The overall question that will include many other parts and questions will be: What can I do to help someone make a successful reentry?

*Learning Objectives:*

1. Understand how these panelists used what was available for successful reentry.
2. See the difference in resources--what was available for those panelists who were reentrants themselves upon reentry and what is available now.
3. Feel the importance of developing the ability to seek out help with reentry.
4. Gain knowledge of what you would advise a lost reentrant to do—where to go, who to seek—if asked for advice on successful prisoner reentry.
5. Comprehend how you fit into the statewide system of successful prisoner reentry. Develop a picture of the future of reentry and get excited about being involved in creating and sustaining a robust prisoner reentry plan for Alaska, incorporating thoughts that could lead to actions to make this creation happen, be successful, and last.

**12:00 – 1:30pm** Lunch Break and Visit our Exhibitors

**12:45 – 1:30pm Facilitated Networking Discussion: *Breaking Down Silos***

*Discussion Lead:* Tundra Greenstreet, MA, Program Services Director, The Bridge Fairbanks

*Facilitator:* Jonathan Pistotnik, MPH, Coalition Coordinator, Anchorage Reentry Coalition

**1:30 – 1:45pm** (15 min) Break to Transition to Afternoon Session

**1:45 – 2:45pm *Compassion Prison Project, Creating Trauma-Informed Prisons***

*Presented by:* Fritzi Horstman, BA, Founder, Compassion Prison Project

Jess Angel, PSS, Support Group Central/HeyPeers/Peer Support Solutions and Compassion Ambassador, Compassion Prison Project

Prisons are ground zero for trauma. When we bring trauma-informed practices to the men and women living and working in prison, we change the culture from one of control and punishment to healing and rehabilitation. With a 66% recidivism rate prisons aren't working. 95% of the incarcerated will be returning to society one day; it benefits families and communities to have our citizens return to and be able to function in society.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will learn about bringing trauma-informed practice to men and women living and working in prison.
2. Attendees will learn about the vision of prisons being centers of healing and rehabilitation.

**2:45 – 3:00pm** Closing

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### **9:00 – 10:45am** *What Works in the Assessment, Treatment and Management of Men Convicted of Sexual Offenses*

*Presented by:* Robert McGrath, MA, McGrath Psychological Services, P. C.

This session will review what we know about what works and what doesn't in the treatment, supervision, and management of men who have committed sexual offenses. We will examine recent studies on the effectiveness of treatment and the characteristics of effective programs. The focus will be on how treatment providers, supervision staff, correctional organizations, legal professionals, and victim advocates can support effective services for this population and reduce sexual victimization.

*Learning Objectives:*

1. Describe the evidence for the effectiveness of treatment for sexual offending.
2. Describe major characteristics of effective programs.

**10:45 – 11:00** (15 min) Break

### **11:00 – 12:15pm** *Incentives, Incentives & Incentives: Implementing Low-Cost/No-Cost Evidence-Based Incentives*

*Presented by:* Hon. Diane Bull, Ret., JD, BA

Research shows incentives effectively reinforce new behaviors and build skills. They are positive, validating and often have long lasting positive effects. They are one of our most effective, yet underutilized responses to participant behavior. Many programs have little or no budget for incentives and often miss opportunities to reward compliance. How can we increase our incentive to sanction ratio on a shoestring budget? In this fun, interactive presentation attendees will explore research-based reasons for rewarding participants' target behaviors with incentives that promote engagement and learn how to create a team dynamic that focuses on identifying and effectively rewarding target behavior. Attendees will receive step-by-step instructions to create and immediately implement a variety of fun, budget-friendly incentives that clients will enjoy and will learn specific techniques for effectively delivering these responses.

*Learning Objectives:*

1. Learn how to identify participant proximal and distal behaviors that should be rewarded with incentives.
2. Learn how to create and implement numerous low-cost/ no-cost evidence-based incentives
3. Learn how best utilize specific types of incentives to create learning opportunities

**12:15 – 1:30pm** Lunch Break and Visit our Exhibitors

### **12:45 - 1:30pm** *Facilitated Networking Discussion: Keeping up with Technology*

*Discussion Lead:* Sarah Stanley, PhD, MA, BA, Director of University Writing, University of Alaska Fairbanks

*Facilitator:* Anne Hillman, MA, BA, Project Director & Lead Reporter, Mental Health Mosaics

**1:30 – 1:45pm** Break to transition to afternoon session

## **1:45 – 3:15pm Keynote: Northwest Credible Messenger – Capacity Building and Sustainability**

*Presented by:* Jason Clark, Executive Director of Northwest Credible Messenger

Bobby Dorton, Counselor, Fairbanks Native Association

Johnny Cheng, Operations Directory, Northwest Credible Messenger

This presentation will give a historical overview of the National Credible Messenger Movement, demonstrating the impact of intervention, addressing the importance of Theory and Implementation of the Model, benefits of Capacity Building, and Alaska as a new and emerging region (supporting Bobby Dorton & Credible Messenger Alaska), and NWCM growth and community impacts along the way.

Utilizing the Credible Messengers Model, we are focused on cultivating racial justice through the proactive reinforcement of policies, practices, attitudes, and actions that produce equitable power, access, opportunities, treatment, impacts and outcomes for Black and Brown leaders, empowering young people and strengthening our impacted communities to collective success.

NWCM has grown the CM Movement in Washington State from one juvenile court mentorship program into a Statewide Intervention process over the last 5 years.

### *Learning Objectives:*

1. Workshop participants will better understand the Credible Messenger Model and the impact of Peer Interventions through the CM model (lived experience + training) and capacity building as a tool for successful reentry/combating recidivism.
2. Answer questions on the model, CM theory and CM implementation.

## **3:15 – 3:30pm Closing**

*The agenda is subject to change*