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2020 Symposium Workshop Schedule

Monday March 23

7:30 a.m. Registration and coffee

8:00 a.m. Welcome

President, NASW-SC

Opening Plenary:

Michael Leach, DSS Director

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Workshops

WK A1 Lauren Wilkie, LISW-AP, LMSW, and Ana Garcia, COME TO YOUR CENSUS. Help participants understand the full impacts of the census and why participating is so important. Highlight the financial and political impacts the census has on SC. Learn how to respond to clients who have concerns about the census in a way that is empathetic and uses the facts.

WK A2 Mary Catherine Dubois, MSW, MHA, LISW-CP, CCM, APHSW-C, Social Work Care of the Seriously Ill: Perinatal Through Centenarian and Beyond. Social Workers provide a unique skill set of honoring self-determination and allowing time for a client to discover their own course, both of which are crucial in care for the seriously ill. In this workshop, attendees will learn the challenges faced by patients (from perinatal those over 100) and their families due to their developmental stage. APS TRACK

WK A3 Susan Cashwell, PhD., MSW, Michael Campbell, Ph.D., LCSW, Modern Day Stone Soup: Social Workers as Coalition Builders to Combat the Opioid Epidemic. The opioid epidemic has devastated communities. Evidence based treatments are emerging, but they are limited in scope and reach in rural communities. This presentation outlines this local dynamic and highlights the role of social workers to forge coalitions lead to combine resources in the model of cooking legendary stone soup.

WK A4 Benjamin Roth, Ph.D., Karen Andrea Flynn, MSW, Abby Cobb, LISW-CP, and Leslie Roth, LMSW, Promoting Educational Justice for Immigrant Students: Exploring the Role of School Social Workers. This panel will (a) present preliminary findings from a national survey of school social workers (SSWs) in immigrant-serving schools; (b) discuss “notes from the field” from SSWs who work with immigrant students in SC; and (c) explore possible best-practice models moving forward—both at the levels of the district and school.
WK A5 Brandi Rutan, LCSW-NC/GA, LISW-CP-SC, Creative Clinical Approaches in Therapy Part 1. To further enhance a clinician’s skill set with creative expressions to utilize in therapy with an array of populations. Presenter will further breakdown different areas of focus for the clinician to utilize these creative art techniques to further enhance the therapeutic relationship. These techniques are especially useful for a change of pace with our clients but also allows them to show their creative expression to you as the clinician. Come ready to learn, add more tools to your toolbox. This will be divided into 2 parts, so come ready to have some creative fun!


10:45 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Workshops

WK B1 Angela McWhite, LISW-CP, Disaster Mental Health.

WK B2 Anthony Hill, Ph.D., LISW-CP, CFSW, ACSW, Mental Health Outcomes and Financial Stress from the Black Perspective. The presentation explores the intersectionality of race and financial stress on mental health outcomes. Emphasis is placed on historical trauma and oppression faced by African Americans and their impact on achieving financial stability. The role of financial social work in alleviating financial stress for improved mental health outcomes in addressed.

WK B3 Brandi Rutan, LCSW-NC/GA, LISW-CP_SC, Creative Clinical Approaches in Therapy Part 2. To further enhance a clinician’s skill set with creative expressions to utilize in therapy with an array of populations. Presenter will further breakdown different areas of focus for the clinician to utilize these creative art techniques to further enhance the therapeutic relationship. These techniques are especially useful for a change of pace with our clients but also allows them to show their creative expression to you as the clinician. Come ready to learn, add more tools to your toolbox. This will be divided into 2 parts, so come ready to have some creative fun!

WK B4 Rachal Hatton, LMSW, Respite Care in South Carolina: Supporting Family Caregivers Across the Lifespan. Significant work has been done to assist family caregivers in South Carolina, and much work is still needed to reach rural areas. This workshop would give an overview of novel respite programs statewide and nationally, discuss health outcomes for family caregivers and the benefits of respite, social justice issues related to respite access, and how practitioners can support the needs of family caregivers, aside from the support they provide care recipients and clients with disabilities. APS TRACK

WK B5 Shanna A. Jefferson, MSW, LCSW, LISW-CP/S, Clinical Entrepreneurship: 7 Tools for Success. This workshop will provide participants with seven tools for success that social workers can utilize in their entrepreneurial journey. Participants will learn various tips and levels of success for their social work ideas and businesses. The presenter will deliver a powerful message to the audience about envisioning their success while sharing their passions.

WK B6 Suzanne Sutphin, Ph.D., Malik Whitaker, J.D., and Sharleta Woodall, MSW, The Importance of Safety Services in Child Welfare. The concept of keeping an abused or neglected child safe in their home is very
complex. Safety services are crucial in these cases to prevent entry into foster care. This presentation focuses on SCDSS’s analysis of safety services and the intended impact of using safety services to help families.

12:30 p.m.       Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  Workshops

WK C1 Tasha Henderson, MSW and Aidyn Iachini, Ph.D., LSW, Motivational Interviewing with Adolescents in Schools. This presentation will discuss the use of motivational interviewing (MI) with adolescent populations. Two examples of the use of MI with adolescents in schools will be shared. Implications for incorporating MI into practice with adolescents through individual and group interventions will be discussed.

WK C2 Carlos J. Foster, LISW-CP, MAC, SAP, Social Work in Integrated Primary Care. Integrated behavioral and physical health care occurs when behavioral and primary care provider’s work together to address the physical and behavioral health needs of their patients.

WK C3 Corrie VanDyke, LMSW, Dementia at End of Life. People are living longer and as a result work with people who have been diagnosed with dementia is on the rise. This talk will define dementia (which is often misunderstood) and help workers to explain to others and feel more comfortable working with individuals with end stage dementia. APS TRACK

WK C4 Kimberly Rosborough, MSW, LISW-CP-S, RPT-S, CCFC, Sexual Abuse: Helping Children Heal. Approximately 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys will experience child sexual abuse. This workshop will define child sexual abuse, describe characteristics of children that have experienced this, outline normal child sexual behaviors, and introduce trauma-focused interventions to effectively address the symptoms and assist the child in healing.

WK C5 Steven Nicolson, LMSW, LSW, Population Health: An Embedded Care Model. Population Health is a model used to describe the identification and care management of high risk patients. These patients have chronic and severe diseases as a multi-disciplinary team works in addressing social determinants of health. These teams include a physician, patient care navigator, nurse care manager, social worker, and pharmacist.

WK C6 Suzanne Sutphin, Ph.D., Karen Bryant, LMSW, and Faith Lee, MSHS, MA, Making Intentional Changes in Child Welfare. This presentation will focus on implementing a two-year Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and the data driven process that led to its development. We will discuss the process to fully integrate activities from the PIP into child welfare practice and the intended impact on the children and families in South Carolina.

WK C7 Terry A. Wolfer, Ph.D., MSW, ACSW and Brian Graves, BA, BS, Finding Joy in Social Work. Social workers report finding joy in their work from interpersonal and intrapersonal sources (Pooler, Wolfer, & Freeman, 2014a, b). Fredrickson’s (1998, 2001) broaden-and-build theory of positive emotions explains how joy serves to broaden capacities which build increased resilience. This session presents a variety of methods for finding joy in social work.

3:30 p.m. Break with Sponsors

3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  Workshops

WK D1 Stephanie Turner, LMSW, MPH, BCBA, Medicaid Behavioral Health Services for Individuals
Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects 1 in 59 children. South Carolina Medicaid covers a variety of treatments and services for each level of severity on the spectrum. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHS) also has several initiatives to grow the provider community who deliver what is widely considered the gold standard of treatment for autism: Applied Behavior Analysis.

WK D2 Bailey King, LMSW, MSW and Teri Browne, Ph.D., MSW, Empowering Rural Providers: Caring for Vulnerable Populations. Residents in rural South Carolina have unique needs that play a major role in their health outcomes and quality of life. Health and behavioral health professionals who understand the specific needs, barriers, and strength of their patient population are able to successfully engage with those patients and provide high quality, patient-centered care. This training aims to provide necessary education and best practices related to the unique needs of vulnerable populations in rural SC.

WK D3 Katherine H. Leith, Ph.D., LMSW, Self-Care: The Forgotten Competency. Self-care closely relates to what social workers do at work and at home. Self-care means taking care of our holistic wellbeing, so we can meet our personal and professional commitments competently and compassionately. This presentation covers different types of stress and provides strategies and resources for engaging in good self-care.

WK D4 Brandi Bradley; MSW Domestic Violence and Older Adults. This session focuses on the intersectionality of domestic violence and the aging population, some of the unique challenges older adults face as victims, and how caregiver stress plays a role. How do we balance protecting victims while also respecting self-determination? APS TRACK

WK D5 Shirley McCerklin-Motley, PH.D. and Kai Burkins, MSW, Domestic Sex Trafficking of Minors (DSTM) Data Analysis for SC and NC Social Workers. This workshop will discuss the procedures taken to complete a correlational study with South Carolina and North Carolina Social Workers entitled: Domestic Sex Trafficking: Assessment of Social Workers’ Knowledge, Skills, and Training Needs. The results of the five research questions that guided these studies will be discussed. Also discussed will be the data analysis which included bivariate and multivariate statistics.

WK D6 Betty Ann Surratt, LISW, Socratic Questioning in Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD. An Overview of PTSD, then an overview of Socratic questioning including purpose and six main categories. Case examples of how Socratic questioning in cognitive processing can help those suffering in PTSD.

WK D7 Corey Ingram, LMSW, Power of One. The Power of One empowers individuals to intervene and prevent sexual and physical violence, discourage negative behavior by curtailing discriminatory, destructive and illegal behavior, while calling attention to bystander behavior and encouraging people to react and take appropriate action with respect to unacceptable behavior.

5:15 p.m.         NASW-SC Board Meeting

Tuesday March 24

8:00 a.m.         Registration and Continental Breakfast
WK E1 Antwan Aiken, LCSW, MPA, Suicidality and Safety Planning: A Practical Guide for Social Work Practice. Social Workers in various practice environments are increasingly being confronted with safety concerns and suicidality from their target populations. Suicidality includes suicidal ideation, suicide plans and suicide attempts. As suicidality is increasing across different demographics, coupled with specific situations such as workplace violence and public shootings, social workers have to be prepared to conduct risk and safety assessments and safety planning that lead to prudent decision-making which ultimately will save lives. When confronted with unsafe situations, both for the clients and practitioners, social workers often times have little agency or policy guidance and little time and resources to make careful complex decisions. This workshop will discuss statistical, practical and real-world experiences with suicidality. This workshop will provide participants with everyday skills and tools that they can use to efficiently complete safety planning, while simultaneously ensuring their own safety. Real world examples will be shared, with particular practice setting examples from homelessness and healthcare.

WK E2 Jim Manning, ACSW, MPA, LISW/AP & CP, DCSW, Mindfulness: Minding Grandparents’ Wisdom as a Means of Grounding. This lively, interactive and enlightening workshop will explore a pragmatic platform for the practice of mindfulness. It will examine a foundation for self-care, so we can professionally care for others. The basis for this foundational platform for practice is the astute wisdom gleaned through sage advice passed down from Grandparents!

WK E3 Assurance Services, Super Vision or Supervision. (description coming soon)

WK E4 Megan Byers, LMSW, GC-G, Let’s Talk About It: Dementia. Over 5.8 Million American’s in the USA are living with Alzheimer’s Disease. By 2020, this number is projected to reach 14 million. Do you know the difference between Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease? Are you able to identify symptoms of dementia? For ourselves and our loved ones, let's talk about it. APS TRACK

WK E5 B. Melissa Reitmeier, Ph.D., MSW, Teri Browne, Ph.D., MSW, and Bailey King, LMSW, MSW, Rural Matters: Ethical Consideration in Rural Practice. Practices in rural South Carolina have unique needs. Health and behavioral health professionals in rural settings encounter unique ethical practice considerations, such as dual or multiple relationships, professional boundaries, confidentiality, community resources and conflicts of interest. This training seeks to provide necessary education and best practices related to unique ethical considerations for interprofessional health services in rural settings.

WK E6 Corey Beauford, LICSW, LCSW-C, and Ronald Jackson, LMSW, Social Work Licensure Exam Prep, Pt 1. This experienced social work trainer will explore content covered in licensure exams as well as test-taking strategies to help you take this important step towards licensure.

11:00 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors
11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Workshops

WK F1 Monique Constance-Huggins, Ph.D., MSW, MPIA, Shanee Moore, Ph.D., and ZaDonna Slay, MSW, Sex Trafficking in the Carolinas: Who's Talking About Our Black Girls? Child sex trafficking is a daunting social problem in the United States. Black girls make up a significant portion of the victims. Yet, little light is shed on them, resulting in non-existent targeted services for them. This presentation highlights Black girls’ experiences and offers multi-level strategies to mitigate this problem.

WK F2 Corey Beauford, LICSW, LCSW-C, and Ronald Jackson, LMSW, Social Work Licensure Exam Prep. Pt 2. This experienced social work trainer will explore content covered in licensure exams as well as test-taking strategies to help you take this important step towards licensure.

WK F3 Assurance Services, I Received a Subpoena, What Should I Do? (description coming soon)

WK F4 Lauren King, LMSW, Miranda Copora, MSW Student, Guided Imagery and Therapeutic Hand Massages in Palliative Care Setting. This workshop will provide a framework for palliative care and walk participants through how to provide guided imagery and therapeutic hand massages for clients with serious and terminal illnesses. These interventions can decrease diagnosis related anxiety and stress. Participants will walk away with more skills to use in social work practice.

WK F5 Patrice Penney, MSW, LISW-CP, Helping Caregivers Develop Trauma-Informed relationships and Skills. Caregiving relationships are critical to helping children heal from trauma. Nevertheless, parents and other caregivers often do not understand the impact of childhood trauma on current behavior, emotion, and functioning. This workshop will make the connections and focus on supporting healing through caregiving. Appropriate for social workers across settings. APS TRACK

WK F6 Sabrina Mackey, BSW, MSW Student Candidate, Social Workers are Needed in the Criminal Justice System. Social Workers are needed in the criminal justice system. This practitioner created a referral release program that assisted inmates needing mental health and substance use services through universal screening. Participants will learn the assessments used that led to inpatient and outpatient treatments once they were released from the detention center.

WK F7 Susan Connolly-Nelson, LISW-CP, Navigating the Complexity of Eating Disorders. This workshop will focus on the definitions of eating disorders. Participants will learn how to identify eating disorders and learn evidenced based treatment strategies. Participants will also learn the bio/psycho, social causes of eating disorders.

12:45 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Workshops

WK G1 Melissa Reitmeier, Ph.D., MSW, Tanya Hatton, MA, MSW Student Candidate, and Omar Lucas, PharmD, What's in a Pronoun? This workshop will allow social work practitioners an opportunity to get more comfortable engaging clients who identify across the LGBTQIA spectrum. Additionally, participants will be able to actively reflect on their individual inclusive practices. Participants will leave with tools that they can immediately apply in practice.
WK G2 Brent Cagle, Ph.D., LISW-CP, LCSW, and Wyatt Geist, MFA, MAT, MSW Candidate, Impact of a Camaraderie Based Exercise on Symptoms of Anxiety, Depression and Pain. Examining the literature and drawing on ideas from theatre, all who work with students, clients, or colleagues are welcome to join us for this workshop where we will explore the use of peer role play and client simulation in preparing social workers to hone their interpersonal skills.

WK G3 Panel for Students, I’m About to Graduate, What’s Next?

WK G4 Laura Zeisler, LISW-CP, ATR-BC, Transforming Children’s Sexual Abuse Narratives with Art. Youth who have been sexually abused can use art as an evidence-based treatment intervention. Learn how this modality can process powerful emotions, to develop the necessary coping skills and build resilience. Participants will be introduced to the role of somatic neurobiology and view artwork created to heal trauma narratives.

WK G5 Megan Branham, LMSW and Catherine Mack, MSW Student Candidate, Social Work and Social Media? #YES. The social work landscape is rapidly evolving and strategic communications is key to raising awareness, developing partnerships and advocating for change. How can social workers effectively use social media and other communications tools to elevate diverse client voices? This session will explore ethics in communications, effective strategies and case studies.

WK G6 Nina Saini, LMSW, Supporting and Accommodating Adults with Autism. This presentation will open with an explanation of the diverse ways in which autism can manifest. Then challenges that adults with autism face at work and at school will be discussed. Lastly the different supports, services and accommodations that can be provided to adults with autism will be shared. APS TRACK

WK G7 Malania Popa Mabe, Ph.D., and Iyannia Fuller, Student, Challenging the Limited Versions of Feminism and Antiracism in Current U.S. Social Movements: A Workshop for Social Workers. This workshop is for social workers interested in current U. S. social movements challenging racism and sexism. The gap between antiracist and feminist movements will be fore fronted using Kimberly Crenshaw’s framework of intersectionality. We will challenge marginality and silences in mainstream social movements: Blacks Lives Matter & Me Too.

3:30 p.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Afternoon Plenary: Alexis Scurry, LMSW, CPS and Jim Manning, ACSW, MPA, LSW/AP &CP, DCSW, A Response to Human Trafficking-What Should You Do?

5:30 p.m. Social Hour to Celebrate Social Work Month! Hor d'oeuvres and cash bar
Wed March 25

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Session: Social Work Leadership Panel

9:00 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Workshops

WK H1 Carroll W. Foster, LISW-CP, LCSW, MAC, Making Peace: Complex Clients and Complex Healthcare. We will spend time discussing and defining what are complex client care needs. We will discuss complexities and nuances in healthcare such as uninsured vs insured clients, Medicaid and Medicare, in Home Care, and also Telehealth. We will find solace in Social Work Professional Standards and Ethics to meet the challenging needs of our clients and better understand healthcare systems. A mixture of case studies, NASW Code of Ethics, and national/state healthcare resources will be used for continuing education during the workshop.

WK H2 David Luciano, Ph.D., MSW, JD, Immigration and Family Separations the Role of Trauma and the Deportation Process. Immigrants and immigrant families have been negatively impacted by Trump’s policies on Immigration. Families continue to be separated and deported, on an enormous scale. While innocent children are being held in detention centers where they are continually traumatized and subjected to negative forms of treatment by ICE officials, workers and individuals who lack training in cultural competence and sensitivity.

WK H3 Lakia Downs, MSW, You Good, Sis?: Exploring Mental Health Treatment Among African American Women. African American women tend to navigate through mental stress on their own. Cultural beliefs, multiple roles and distrust in systems deter many form seeking support. This presentation will explore perspectives regarding the “black woman experience: as it relates to mental health and discover ways we can provide support.

WK H4 Nikki R. Wooten, Ph.D., LISW-CP and Rachel Cockrell, B. A., MSW Student Candidate, HIV Providers’ Perceptions about Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Implementation for HIV Prevention in Three Southern States. Despite numerous benefits, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention is under-utilized. Using qualitative interviews, we discuss HIV providers’ perceptions about PrEP in three Southern states. Barriers to implementing and accessing PrEP by community agencies and people living with HIV will be discussed as well as social work practice implications.

WK H5 Kelly Cordell, MSW Self Determination and Vulnerable Adults – Balancing the duty to protect and the adult’s rights. This session focuses on the balance between protecting the safety of vulnerable adults while also respecting their right to self-determination. What factors must be considered when the adult’s wishes are in conflict with what may be perceived as their best interest. APS Track

WK H6 Tracey Reyes, MSW, LISW-CP and Aliceson McCormick, MSW, LISW-CP, Co-parenting with Separated or Divorced Parents and Caregivers. This course will assist social workers who work with couples or caregivers that are struggling to co-parent together. Social workers will learn how to help parents openly define their different parenting styles, discuss topics that are contentious and explore how they can coordinate two-home family concerns.
10:45 a.m.  Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  Workshops

WK 11 Beverly Holbrook, LISW-CP, Rethinking the Diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder – Implications for Social Workers in Clinical Practice. Often complex trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is overlooked and instead Borderline Personality Disorder is diagnosed. The stigmatization of Borderline Personality Disorder often leaves a client feeling discouraged, believing they are “too broken” to find healing. Ineffective treatments further exacerbate symptoms and a sense of hopelessness follows. How might treatment and interventions change if instead, the clinician assessed for trauma?

WK 12 Carmen Hampton Julious, LISW-CP/AP, Motivational Interviewing: An Overview of Compassionate Conversations. Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a collaborative, person-centered form of guiding to elicit and strengthen motivation for change (Miller & Rollinick, 2009). MI is a method of counseling that works to help people to resolve indecisive feelings or feelings of insecurity so that they can find their own motivation to change behavior. MI uses a practical, empathetic and short-term process that considers how difficult it is to make life changes. MI can be used in work with addiction and in the management of health conditions like HIV. According to research, MI works well with persons who are unmotivated or are unprepared to make life changes. Additionally, MI is appropriate for individuals who present as hostile or angry. MI can help to move clients/patients through the emotional stages of change that are necessary to find their inner motivation.

WK 13 Blaiz Streetman-Loy, Ph.D., LISW-CP, MSW, and Jessica Drotteff, The Balanced Integration Death and Dying in Residential Care Facilities. This presentation addresses the problem of how sociocultural factors shape death-awareness, death anxiety, and relationship value for residents with high-death exposure in residential care homes. Past and present research confirm that the larger Western culture’s denial of death (Becker, 1973) thwarts effective end-of-life communication and negatively impacts social engagement. APS TRACK

WK 14 Elizabeth Stapleton, LCSW, LISW-CP, Phillip Perkins, LMSW, Daune Rodman, LCSW, LISW-CP, Memory Preservation and Children’s Grief. Child’s Play as a means to process children’s grief. This hands-on session will provide participants with interventions and activities to assist children and families express grief, preserve and make new memories during end of life process. We will have opportunity to get our hands dirty, making our own memories.

WK 15 Nichole Johnson, LCSW, LISW-CP, LCAS, Increasing Effective Communication Strategies for Military Couples: Using Research Driven Tools to Promote Respect, Affection, Bonding and Connection. Due to the high demands of military life, military couples often find themselves feeling distant, disconnected, and disengaged. This session is designed to help couples, and professionals learn research-driven tools that help foster healthy couples’ relationships.

WK 16 Robyn M. Hawley, Ed.D., LCSW, Leadership of Change. Change is occurring at an ever-faster rate. It is essential that social service organizations adjust and adapt to survive. However, most social workers have not been trained about how implement it. This presentation will explain the Kotter Model of Change and how to use it to implement change.

12:30-2:30 p.m.  Lunch/Social Work Awards/Closing Plenary: Climate Change Panel
2:45 p.m. Conference Adjourns: See you next year!

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