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VERNON COLLEGE PRESENTS
THE 41ST ANNUAL NORTH TEXAS
REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

MAY 14, 15 & 16, 2024

VERNON COLLEGE, 4105 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, WICHITA FALLS, TX

The multi-disciplinary conference is designed to meet the continuing education needs of the professional in the area of mental health, family and protective services, juvenile probation services, adult probation services, criminal justice, addiction counseling and social work.

THE FOLLOWING ACCREDITATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR THIS CONFERENCE:

- International Association for Continuing Education and Training (CEU), 20 hours
- Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (LCDC/TAAP), 20 hours
 - Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), 20 hours
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors (LPC), 20 hours
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), 20 hours
 - Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (SW), 20 hours
- TCOLE certificate may be available when turned in to your own law enforcement department
20 Continuing Education Hours provided by Vernon College

REGISTRATION

FORM

Please print, complete form and email to asanchez@vernoncollege.edu or fax to 940-689-3871. Forms and payment can be delivered to Vernon College 4105 Maplewood, WF, TX 76308 or payment can be made over the phone 940-696-8752 ex. 3213.

Registration opens March 19, 2024. **No online registration this year.**

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (needed for CEUs): _____

Please check appropriate box below:

3 DAY REGISTRATION, \$185
(Includes luncheon on Tuesday, 5/14/2024)

1 FULL DAY ONLY, \$90 (Place a check mark on the day you are attending.)
_____Tuesday _____Wednesday

1/2 DAY ONLY, \$50 (Write "AM" or "PM" on the day you are attending.)
_____Tuesday _____Wednesday _____Thursday AM

Check type of credit requested:

- CJAD TJJD SW LPC LMFT CEU LCDC

Payment Information (Checks can be made payable to Vernon College)

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SECURITY CODE ON BACK: _____

Please sign below:

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SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, 5/14/2024

7:30AM – 8:00AM	8:00AM – 12:00PM	12:00PM – 1:00PM	1:00PM – 5:00PM
<p>Registration opens</p> <p>Coffee & light breakfast provided by 2INgage.</p> <p>Location: Atrium Hallway Vernon College</p>	<p>Session 1 Trauma Survivors: Ethical Decision Making</p> <p>Session 2 A Fresh Perspective on Cultural Competency</p> <p>Location: Room 302</p> <p>Speaker: Crystal Garcia, MAS-PHM</p>	 <p>Lunch provided by Red River Hospital</p>	<p>Victimology of Human Trafficking</p> <p>Location: Room 302</p> <p>Speaker: Mike Sweeney</p>

WEDNESDAY, 5/15/2024

7:30AM – 8:00AM	8:00AM – 12:00PM	12:00PM – 1:00PM	1:00PM – 5:00PM (Option 1)	1:00PM – 5:00PM (Option 2)
<p>Optional breakfast</p> <p>Coffee & light breakfast provided by 2INgage.</p> <p>Location: Atrium Hallway Vernon College</p>	<p>What is Emotional Intelligence?</p> <p>Location: Room 302</p> <p>Speaker: Laura Hetrick, LPC</p>	 <p>Lunch on your own</p>	<p>Substance Use and Mental Health</p> <p>Location: Room 309</p> <p>Speaker: Tracy Derr, LCDC</p>	<p>Criminal Investigations</p> <p>Location: Room 302</p> <p>Speaker: WFPD Officer Tanner Fowler</p>

7:30AM – 8:00AM	8:00AM – 12:00PM
<p>Optional breakfast</p> <p>Coffee & light breakfast provided by 2INgage.</p> <p>Location: Atrium Hallway Vernon College</p>	<p>Ethics: Give 'em the Pickle!</p> <p>Door Prize Drawings</p> <p>Location: Room 302</p> <p>Speaker: Mark Warren</p>

THURSDAY, 5/16/2024

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SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 5/14/2024

BY CRYSTAL GARCIA, MAS-PHM

Crystal M. Garcia is a survivor leader with 20+ years of experience working with trauma survivors. She is the Content Coordinator at TAASA and specializes in Trauma-Informed Care. Crystal is the recipient of the 2013 TAASA Community Engagement Award and the 2016 NSVRC Visionary Voice Award. She is a dynamic speaker, activist, solo mom, and an expert in health equity and socially responsible leadership. Crystal is a Texas-Tech alumni with a degree in Health, a double minor in Exercise and Sports Science and Substance Abuse Studies. She earned her master's degree in Population Health Management from The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 2017 and is pursuing her Doctorate in Public Health at Capella University.

Part One: Trauma Survivors: Ethical Decision Making

As professionals in trauma-oriented workplaces, we are responsible for making decisions that are in the best interest of survivors and prevent their revictimization. This workshop will equip you with the tools to improve your ethical decision-making skills, understand the impact of vicarious trauma in your day-to-day work and establish healthy boundaries, ensuring that your direct services are survivor-centered and lead to positive outcomes for both you and the survivor.

Upon completing this session, participants will:

1. Be able to identify the benefits of using the ethical decision-making model for advocacy work.
2. Develop new skills for maintaining healthy interactions with trauma survivors.
3. Understand the provider's role in preventing client revictimization, recognizing vicarious trauma and bringing their best self to work.

Part Two: A Fresh Perspective on Cultural Competency

1 in 3 Texas residents are survivors of sexual violence, however, no two survivors are the same. This presentation will help professionals learn more about working with survivors. Together we will discuss ways to uplift survivors by recognizing their unique strengths and lived experiences.

Upon completing this session, participants will:

1. Be able to identify the pitfalls of a "One-size-fits-all" approach to survivor services.
2. Identify new approaches to providing individualized survivor services.
3. Redefine the role of cultural competency in supporting survivors.

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(CONT.) TUESDAY, 5/14/2024

VICTIMOLOGY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BY MIKE SWEENEY

Michael Sweeney is the Criminal Justice Analyst for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) and brings with him 30 Years of Law Enforcement experience. Mike started his Law Enforcement career in the Aurora Colorado Police Department and served as a Narcotics Detective (1984-1998), receiving two Meritorious Service Awards. In 1998, he joined the Ocean Springs Mississippi Police Department rising to the Rank of Chief of Detectives. During his time with the Ocean Springs Police Department Mike served as a Commander over Logistics & Operations throughout Hurricane Katrina, was Commander over Internal Affairs, Director of Jackson County Mississippi Multi-Agency Training Academy as well as the Accreditation Manager for the Ocean Springs Police Department. In 2008, Mike attended and graduated the 233rd Session of the FBI National Academy, specializing in interview interrogation and statement analysis. From 2011-2012, Mike was a Master Trainer for National Alliance of Chaplains Corps., instructing courses on Conflict Resolution, Domestic Violence, Suicide, Death Notification and Critical Incident Stress Management & Debriefings. From 2013-2014 Mike was a Law Enforcement Trainer for TAASA. From 2014-2017 Mike was the Director of Investigations & Law Enforcement Development for International Justice Mission in Ghana, Africa where he trained and conducted Human Trafficking investigations of children on Lake Volta. Mike returned to TAASA August 1st, 2017.

Victimology is the study of victims of Human Trafficking. We will examine the effects of Poly-victimization and the effect of early and prior trauma as it pertains to Trafficking. We will take an extensive look at the symptoms of trauma and how the symptoms themselves are indicators of trafficking. Service Providers will gain a better understanding of Trafficked Survivors to enable them to meet the unique and complex needs of these Survivors.

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WEDNESDAY, 5/15/2024

WHAT IS EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE?

BY LAURA HETRICK

Laura Hetrick received her Bachelor and Master of Arts with an emphasis in counseling from Midwestern State University. She completed more than 3,000 hours of clinical training and earned licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor in 2016. Laura worked for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for ten years. She has worked at Midwestern State University for the last seven years and currently serves as the Director & Coordinator of Title IX.

Emotional intelligence (EI) is the ability to perceive, use, understand, and manage emotions in oneself and others. High emotional intelligence is associated with success in relationships, work, and personal goals. Participants will learn ways to help clients develop emotional intelligence and better understand how your EI affects you and your relationships.

SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH

BY TRACY DERR

Tracy Derr is an LCDC with experience in inpatient and outpatient treatment. She began as a domestic violence advocate, finding a majority of offenders were dealing with untreated mental health and addiction symptoms. She chose to go back to college and become a counselor specializing in co-occurring disorders to assist families and communities in rebuilding. Her goal is to see less offenses perpetrated by offenders and repair their lives.

Tracy will educate interested peers in medication assisted treatment and harm reduction therapy. Participants will be informed of the cost, benefit and potential drawbacks associated with these ground-breaking, and somewhat controversial, forms of treatment. In addition, She will show the relation of substance use and mental health. Participants will be educated on how to properly diagnose and formulate effective treatment planning. In this block of time, Tracy will share common treatment modalities and give evidence of recovery associated with each therapeutic tactic used.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

BY TANNER FOWLER

Detective Tanner Fowler is a Master Peace Officer with 12 years of law enforcement experience as a detective and patrol officer. Detective Fowler has worked Crimes Against Persons Unit as well as the WFPD SWAT team. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration of Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. His training and experience include the investigation of numerous criminal cases including, but not limited to: Homicide, Child death investigations, Aggravated Robbery, Sexual Assault, and Aggravated Assault. Detective Fowler has experience in training on various police investigations and tactics.

In this course you will learn, from a Police perspective, how we investigate Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Children, and Cold cases along with the unique challenges and differences each pose. You will also learn about financial crimes, how those crimes are investigated, and some of the processes involved with those types of investigations to include some of information of current financial scams/trends.

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THURSDAY, 5/16/2024

"GIVE 'EM THE PICKLE"

BASED ON THE BOOK BY ROBERT E. FARRELL WITH BILL PERKINS

BY MARK WARREN

Mark Warren is a Training Consultant and former employee with the Texas Association of Counties in his hometown of Austin, Texas. Mark worked with the TAC Leadership Program and served as the coordinator of its Leadership training from 2002 and County Best Practices from 2009 to 2015. After graduating from St. Edward's University in 1977, Mark spent 23 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety, retiring in 2000 as the Assistant Commander of the Training Academy in Austin. From December 2015 through August 2017, Mark presented a series of presentations on verbal de-escalation with the Texas Police Association for the Department of Public Safety and law enforcement and criminal justice professionals across Texas.

We're all in the same business, the people business. It's not what we make or sell that's critical, it's how we take care of the people who buy it. If you're a leader, your "customers" are your employees. What do you have that makes employees want to come back on Monday morning? "Pickles" are those special or extra things you do to make people happy. The trick is to find out what they want, and make sure they get it – plus a little extra. That's the pickle.

By the end of this presentation, participants will be better able to:

1. List new strategies toward customer (or employee) happiness and why this is critical to the future.
2. Identify what "pickles" are and how to give them away.
3. Describe why serving others is a high calling.
4. Cite the reason why great customer service should be "performed".
5. Identify which customer service principle is most noticeable when it's not there.
6. Identify the ultimate goal of teamwork.

thank you for joining us!



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MISCELLANEOUS INFO

Refund Policy: 70% refund if cancellation is made at least 24 hours prior to day of conference. Refunds will be mailed within 30 days.

Satisfactory Completion: Participants must attend the entire session and complete the evaluation form for satisfactory completion of the session.

Cancellation: In case of cancellation, every effort will be made to contact registered participants at the number provided on the registration form.

Complaints: Complaints about provider or workshop content may be directed to Andrea Sanchez, Director of Continuing Education at Vernon College or to the TCBAAP Standards Committee, 1005 Congress Avenue, Suite 460, Austin, Texas 78701, Fax (512) 476-7297.

Local Hotel Accommodations:

Baymont by Wyndham - 1.5 miles, (940) 247-2820
Best Western Plus University Inn and Suites - 0.7 miles (940) 687-2025
Comfort Inn Near University - 0.6 miles, (940) 691-1066
Hampton Inn Wichita Falls Sikes Senter Mall - 0.2 miles, (940) 692-1999
Home2 Suites by Hilton Wichita Falls - 0.4 miles, (940) 400-1050
Homewood Suites By Hilton Wichita Falls - 0.3 miles, (940) 691-4663
La Quinta Inn and Suites by Wyndham - 0.4 miles, (940) 468-3107
Staybridge Suites Wichita Falls - 0.6 miles, (940) 228-5741
Tru by Hilton - 0.4 miles, (940) 400-1050
(Please contact hotels for information.)

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