

A Whole New World



**The 38th Annual Conference
on Juvenile Justice**

August 22-25, 2021

Peabody Memphis Hotel

Presented by Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association

38th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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It is the mission of the 38th Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice to:

- Provide quality training for judges and all juvenile court staff
- Create an atmosphere of professional interaction that inspires creativity.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of professional ideas concerning the needs of children.

Additionally, we are hopeful that each participant will have the opportunity to make valuable professional contacts, renew old acquaintances and make new friends.



A Whole New World!

Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association History

In September 1972, Juvenile Court representatives from Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Shelby Counties met in Nashville and agreed to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of establishing a professional association of juvenile court workers that would become a permanent organization to serve the interest and needs of children in the State. The organizing committee was composed of the following court officials:

1. Clarke Harris (Ret.) Court Director of Davidson County
2. James P. Keebler (Ret.) Court Director of Knox County
3. William H, "Chick" Gilbert (Ret.) Court Director of Hamilton County
4. William G. Fulmer (Ret.) Court Clerk, Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County.

The ad hoc committee appointed Frank Miller (Knoxville) to serve as temporary Executive Secretary for the purpose of organizing the association. In November 1984, a permanent position was created within the state government for purposes of coordinating and planning the work of Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association. The first director appointed was Susan Parrish.

As a result of the organizing committee's work, the TJCSA came into being. The first annual conference was held in Nashville and was hosted by the Davidson County Juvenile Court. The first conference drafted by-laws, elected officers and an executive committee and appointed committees to conduct the business of the newly formed Association. The first officers elected were Clarke Harris, President; William H. Gilbert, Vice-President; Mary Gillespie, Secretary; and Sandra Jones, Treasurer. Since then, the Association has conducted 32 annual conferences across the State. The organization is funded mainly through registration and membership fees with some financial support through participation of private providers. The conference membership is approximately 600 Judges and staff and is nationally recognized by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as a leader in the field. In 1984, the Association, in cooperation with the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, agreed to meet jointly in Memphis for the First Annual Joint Conference on Juvenile Justice.

The charter members of the TJCSA were former members of the first association of juvenile courts known as the Tennessee Probation and Parole Association (later known as the Tennessee Correctional Association). Therefore, the present Association has a long, proud history in the State of carrying out the basic philosophy of the juvenile court in helping children through mutual cooperation. The TJCSA is fortunate to have been supported and guided by outstanding leaders in the Juvenile Justice System. Some of these individuals are Judge Elizabeth McCain, Judge Jere Ledsinger and Judge Betty Adams Green.

Regional coordination with three grand division coordinators and nine regional coordinators became a permanent part in the organization in the mid 1980's. In 1990, a significant step was taken when TJCSA approved a basic curriculum for training court staff across the state. The first training program under the direction of TJCSA was held in 1990.

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July 23, 2021

Dear Conference Participants,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 38th annual conference on Juvenile Justice. As President of the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association, I am pleased and honored that we are able to meet in person. In 2020 our country experienced a life changing event, COVID 19, which affected us all. Protocols and practices were implemented to guide us through this pandemic. "A Whole New World", is our theme this year as we come to grip with this reality.

Let us be mindful that the children are our future, and as professionals, we want to pour into them every resource that is readily available. In settings like this we have an opportunity to network and to sharpen our skills.

My sincere thanks to Erica Glynn (Program Chair), Debbie Holdman (Program Co-chair), and the Program Committee members who have worked diligently to provide topics for discussion. Cheryl Oliver (Conference Exhibitor Chair) and Jennifer McKissick (co-chair) have solicited exhibitors and sponsors for this grand event. Lakeisa Martin (treasurer) and Dayna Johnson (secretary), thank you so much for serving. Thanks to all of the TJCSA committee members and the Shelby County Juvenile Court staff for your support. A very special thanks to Jerry Maness for recommending me for this position.

A special thanks to the Honorable Judge Dan H. Michael (NCJFCJ Immediate Past President) for being a consistent supporter of TJCSA and for allowing the staff to spend time working on this conference. I want to acknowledge Gary Cummings, Director of Court Services, for allowing the staff and me time for planning and preparation for this conference.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Vice President, L'Tannia Williams, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees for their support and guidance.

I look forward to seeing each of you during this year's conference and hope your experience in Memphis is safe and enjoyable.

Debra Salters

TJCSA 2020-2021 President

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Dayna Johnson, Secretary

Welcome back to Memphis for the 38th Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice. We are just so grateful that the conference is here and that you made it here safely. We've had the pleasure of working with so many colleagues across the state, sending and receiving information about this conference. It has been our honor to serve as your secretary and treasurer.



Lakeisa Martin, Treasurer

July 13, 2021

Greetings conference participants:

Welcome to Memphis for our 38th Annual Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association's Joint Conference on Juvenile Justice. We thank you in advance for your attendance. The past year has presented a new set of challenges dealing with COVID. Our goal is to increase your knowledge on topics that are necessary to provide you with resources that could benefit juveniles and families.

We would like to thank the Program Committee for their dedication and commitment to the TJCSA. The time spent, phone calls made and emails sent that each member has given to the planning of this conference is greatly appreciated. Thanks to our presenters for the sacrifice and time given to share useful information with the participants. Thanks to Debra Salters, TJCSA President, for giving us the opportunity to serve as chairpersons.

Thank you again for allowing us to serve. Thanks to everyone for making this conference a great success. Please enjoy the downtown Memphis amenities and sites.

Erica Glynn
Program Chair



Debbie Holdman
Program Co-Chair



July 7, 2021

Welcome to Memphis!

We would like to thank you personally and on behalf of TJCSA for your sponsorships and contributions to this year's conference. For the past two years, we have experienced a pandemic that has touched all of our lives in some way. To finally be able to come together and connect with each other in the midst of COVID is truly a blessing. The youth that we serve deserve our continued efforts to better ourselves so that we can better serve them. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to expand our knowledge, and to share and explore ideas so that we can continue to make a difference in lives of children.

Thanks again for your continued support of TJCSA.

Best wishes,

Cheryl Oliver, Exhibitor/Sponsor Chair



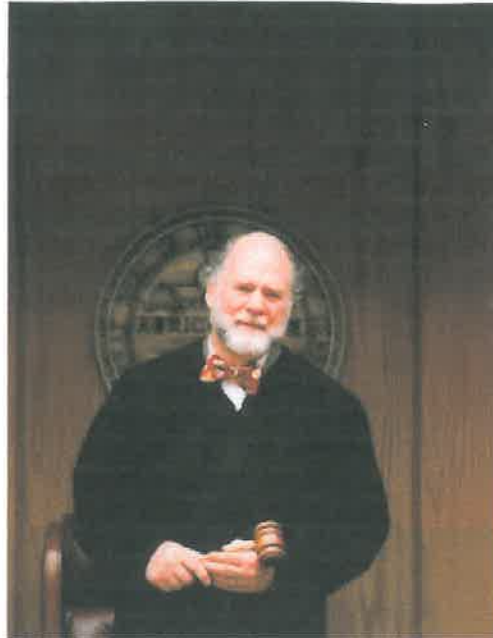
Jennifer McKissick, Exhibitor/Sponsor Co-chair



Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

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DAN H. MICHAEL
JUDGE



August 24, 2021

Dear Conference Participants:

As Judge of the Host Court to the **38th Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice**, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the conference and to the great city of Memphis. The work that you do is vital to helping many youth and families that you serve.

Many of you have traveled from various cities to attend. I believe you will find it to be very interesting, informative and a great learning experience. I invite you to visit other unforgettable amenities of our city that make Memphis a great place to live – such as historic Beale Street, the National Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studio, Graceland and much more.

If I or any Juvenile Court staff member may be of assistance to you during your visit, just let us know.

Sincerely,

Dan H. Michael, Judge



LEE HARRIS
MAYOR

Shelby County Government



August 22, 2021

Dear Conference Attendees:

As Mayor of Shelby County, it is an honor to welcome you to our community for the Tennessee Juvenile Court Service Association Conference. The important work that you do to assist juveniles involved in our judicial system helps those youths navigate the challenges of the legal system as well as prepares them for a future outside of that system upon their release.

As you gather to discuss the best practices for juvenile justice services, I hope that you also have the opportunity to experience some of what Shelby County has to offer. Our amenities include exciting tourist attractions such as the world famous Beale Street; the second most popular residence in the United States, Graceland; the historic landmark of freedom, the National Civil Rights Museum; Soulsville, the historic neighborhood and African American cultural center that is home to the Stax Museum; and many beautiful, distinctive neighborhoods with their own personalities.

On behalf of the residents of Shelby County, I hope you enjoy your stay.

All the best,

Lee Harris
Mayor



JIM STRICKLAND
MAYOR



August 22, 2021

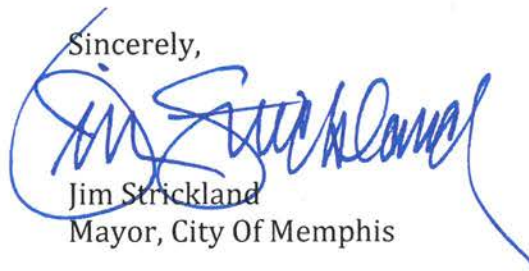
GREETINGS TO ALL,

It is with great pleasure and my sincere honor to welcome every member of the **TJCSA (Tennessee Juvenile Court Association)**, to Our GREAT city of Memphis.

We are deeply pleased that Shelby County Juvenile Court is will be hosting the 38th Annual Juvenile Justice Conference here in Memphis Tennessee at the Memphis Peabody Hotel.

My wish is that you have one of the greatest experiences of your life while enjoying your stay here in MEMPHIS!

Sincerely,



Jim Strickland
Mayor, City Of Memphis



WELCOME *from the* GOVERNOR

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of Tennessee, it is my pleasure to welcome participants and guests to the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association's 38th Annual Conference.

As you gather from across our great state, I hope this occasion will provide you with ample opportunities to engage in professional development and further enhance your skills and knowledge in this field.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your daily efforts that serve the needs and interests of children in our communities. Your work positively impacts the lives of youths and protects public safety. I also commend the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association and their partners for organizing this important event.

Again, welcome to the TJCSA Conference. Maria and I send our very best wishes for a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Warmest regards,

Bill Lee



AMY P. WEIRICH
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Welcome to Memphis!

As Shelby County District Attorney General, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Bluff City to visiting members of the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association and the Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges who are here for the 38th Annual Joint Conference on Juvenile Justice.

The work you do to promote professionalism, training, services and programs for the benefit of young people across Tennessee is so important, particularly in these challenging times. There is no better group of dedicated professionals willing and able to tackle the difficulties facing our young people today.

While you are here I hope you will have time to explore Memphis and perhaps see some of our world-famous institutions such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the FedEx Express World Hub, Beale Street, the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, Sun Studios, and Graceland, home of Elvis Presley.

Memphis also is the home of the Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest held on the banks of the Mississippi River, the Memphis Grizzlies of the National Basketball Association, and the Memphis Redbirds, the Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Redbirds play at beautiful AutoZone Park, just across the street from The Peabody.)

More than a half dozen colleges and universities call Memphis home, including the University of Memphis, Rhodes College, Christian Brothers University, LeMoyne-Owen College, and the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, which includes colleges of Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

Memphis, too, is a popular site for movie-making, with *The Firm*, *The Rain Maker*, *Cast Away*, *Hustle & Flow*, and *Walk the Line* among the many motion pictures filmed here.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and for the important work you do on behalf of our young people across the state. I hope you have a productive conference, and that you enjoy your stay here with us.

Warmest regards,

Amy Weirich
Shelby County District Attorney General
30th Judicial District of Tennessee





August 22, 2021

WELCOME!

On behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, I am pleased to welcome each of you to the 38th Annual Juvenile Justice Conference for the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJSCA). Your meeting theme of "A Whole New World", makes Memphis an ideal place to hold your meeting given the challenges you face. Memphis is a place characterized by innovation and populated by dynamic people: it is the birth place of Rock n' Roll music; a place where doctors and scientists developed innovative treatments for childhood cancers; and a location where important and innovative new businesses are developed and headquartered.



The mission of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee is to enforce federal law, to act as legal representative of all federal agencies within the District, and to ensure public safety within the District through the equal and fair administration of justice.

Originally chartered in 1974, TJSCA's mission is to serve the interests and needs of the children in our State by promoting professionalism, encouraging training for juvenile court workers, and developing effective working relationships with judges and other juvenile court personnel and service providers. This week, as you assemble with more than 300 participants to exchange valuable information, I am confident that this opportunity will afford you with the needed tools for continued professional growth and development.

It is truly an honor to serve as your keynote speaker during the 38th Annual Juvenile Justice Conference. Your organization provides excellent leadership to prepare you for future successes in your career.

Best wishes to each of you and enjoy the conference and Memphis!

Joseph C. Murphy Jr.
Acting United States Attorney, WDTN

CERELYN J. DAVIS
Chief of Police Services



Dear Attendees,

Welcome to the great city of Memphis. I am honored to greet such an outstanding group of professionals who are committed to making a difference in our communities throughout the state of Tennessee.

We are faced with many challenges. We must seek to improve the quality of life and behavior of our young people. The juveniles who choose to commit crimes, those who are victims, human trafficking, mental health, and the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our youth all deserve our collaborative attention. Your attendance here at the annual Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association Conference shows your commitment to developing new and innovative ways to address our challenges.

I genuinely believe by working together with the community, law enforcement, and the judicial system, we can take a united approach that will positively affect all involved.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cerelyn J. Davis'.

Cerelyn J. Davis
Chief of Police Services



Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Floyd Bonner, Jr., Sheriff

Dear Conference Participants:

On behalf of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Shelby County I would like to extend a warm welcome to each participant of the 38th Annual Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association Conference held here in Memphis, TN, August 22, 2021 through August 25, 2021. I hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to exchange ideas and techniques used by professionals in the Juvenile Courts and facilities. The dedication and commitment, not only from families but also from Juvenile Court workers, is to be commended.

Thank you for choosing Memphis as the host city for your conference. I wish your conference and visit much success.

If I or my staff can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me. My phone number is (901) 222-5500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Floyd Bonner, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sheriff Floyd Bonner, Jr.
Shelby County Sheriff's Office





La'Tanya Woods

Community Liaison
Madison County Juvenile Court
WEST TENNESSEE
Grand Division Coordinator



Angel Blackwell

Director
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Grand Division Coordinator



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Assistant to the Probation Supervisor
Cheatham County Juvenile Court
MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Grand Division Coordinator

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38th Conference on Juvenile Justice**



August 22 - August 25, 2021
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Memphis, TN

TJCSA Program Agenda

<u>Sunday, August 22, 2021</u>		<u>Location</u>
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	East Mezzanine
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitors	Venetian/Forest
1:30 p.m.	Program Committee	Lansdowne
2:30 p.m.	Executive Committee	Lansdowne
3:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Lansdowne
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	President's Reception * I.D. Badges Required	Peabody Rooftop & Skyway
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Music/Dance Entertainment Provided by: <i>Mark Baker</i>	Peabody Rooftop & Skyway

Please be mindful of social distancing. Masks recommended.

TJCSA Program Agenda

Monday August 23, 2021

Location

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Venetian/Forest
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Late Registration	East Mezzanine
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitors	Venetian/Forest
9:00 -10:15 a.m.	PLENARY/WELCOME SPEAKER: Interim West District Attorney Joseph Murphy Jr.	BALLROOMS A-B-C
10:15-10:30 a.m.	BREAK *** <i>Sponsored by TN Baptist Children's Home</i> ***	Venetian/Forest

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

10:30-11:45 a.m.

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| ➤ | Sexual Offender Treatment/Trauma
Informed Care
Speakers: Faith Calvert <i>and</i> Ginger Manuel | Louis XVI |
| ➤ | Love Doesn't Hurt
Speaker: Phillis Lewis | Brinkley |
| ➤ | ACES
Speaker: Dr. Altha Stewart | Cockrell |
| ➤ | Reducing Recidivism
Speakers: Michelle Nix <i>and</i> Thomas Clapp | Ben Hollander |
| ➤ | Substance Abuse with Adolescents
Speaker: Bridget Bondurant | Bert Parker |
| ➤ | Law Update
Speaker: Leslie Kinkead, ESQ. | Grand Ballroom E |
| ➤ | Power of Youth (POY)
Speaker: Judith Johns (MADD) | Grand Ballroom D |

12:00- 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

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| ➤ | Ceasefire
Speaker: Royal Chatman | Louis XVI |
| ➤ | CPIT
Speaker: Lydia Crivens | Brinkley |
| ➤ | Therapy Dogs
Speaker: Pamela Skelton | Cockrell |
| ➤ | Crisis Intervention Team
Speaker: Lt. Col. Beasley | Ben Hollander |
| ➤ | You Have the Power
Speaker: Cathy Gurley | Bert Parker |
| ➤ | Depression, Anxiety & Suicide
In the mist of COVID
Speaker: Charles Winton | Grand Ballroom E |

3:00-3:15 p.m.

BREAK Venetian/Forest
****Sponsored by TN Baptist Children's Home****

****** SESSION BELOW WILL HAVE CLE CREDIT AVAILABLE ******

TCJFCJ/TJCSA JOINT SESSION

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

RESTORE CORP
Speakers: Rachel Haaga and Coasy Hale

TJCSA Program Agenda

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Location

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Venetian/Forest
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitors	Venetian/Forest

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

➤	Disproportionate Minority Contact Speaker: Lea Ester Redmon	Louis XVI
➤	Truancy “Ghosted” Online Learning Speakers: Kevin Dyson <i>and</i> Tina Rauleson	Brinkley
➤	Domestic Violence Speaker: Michelle Johns	Cockrell
➤	The New Normal: How to Run Court during COVID Speaker: Magistrate Terre Fratesi	Bert Parker
➤	Fatherhood Speaker: Pastor Oliver Williams	Ben Hollander

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	BREAK	Venetian/Forest
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10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

➤	Sex Trafficking Speaker: US Attorney General Amy Weirich	Louis XVI
➤	Interstate Commission for Juveniles Speakers: Corrie Copeland <i>and</i> Jaqueline Lee Moore	Grand Ballroom D
➤	Detention Operations in a Pandemic “The COVID Effect” Speaker: Sgt. James Price	Cockrell
➤	Highway to the Danger Zone Speaker: Glen Gaugh	Grand Ballroom E
➤	Gangs Speaker: Jimmy Chambers	Bert Parker

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **AWARDS LUNCHEON - PEABODY GRAND BALLROOM A-B-C**

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

- Trauma Informed Court Louis XVI
 Speaker: Dr. Audrey Elion
- Precinct Liaison Grand Ballroom D
 Speakers: Dr. Bernard William *and* Anthony Clear
- Compass Cockrell
 Speakers: Lisa Smith *and* Kimberly Jones
- DCS changes since COVID Grand Ballroom E
 Speaker: Dr. Deborah Lowen
- Arch Academy Bert Parker
 Speakers: Cole Szabo *and* Dean Porterfield

3:00- 3:15 p.m. **BREAK** Venetian/Forest

****** SESSIONS BELOW WILL HAVE CLE CREDIT AVAILABLE ******

TCJFCJ/ TJCSA JOINT SESSION

3:15-4:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Cyntoia Brown

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Location

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Venetian Ballroom

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. TJCSA Business Meeting Venetian Ballroom

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR ATTENDING!

Keynote Speaker

Cyntoia Brown Long is an author and speaker who was convicted of the murder and robbery of Johnny Michael Allen, August 6, 2004. Brown, who was 16 years old and a victim of sex trafficking at the time of the murder, claimed that Allen had paid her \$150 to



have sex with him, and that she feared for her life during their encounter, leading her to shoot him. Prosecutors argued that Brown killed Allen while he was sleeping in order to rob him. Brown was found guilty of robbing and murdering Allen and sentenced to life imprisonment. She would have been eligible for parole at the age of 67. In 2017, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam commuted her original sentence to 15 years and Brown was released on August 7, 2019. Her story is detailed in the 2011 documentary [*Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story*](#) and in her memoir, *Free Cyntoia: My Search for Redemption in the American Prison System*. Her fight for freedom from prison is documented in the Netflix special [*Murder to Mercy: The Cyntoia Brown Story*](#) (2020).

Since her release from prison, Cyntoia Brown Long is now an advocate and activist who has conducted numerous interviews sharing her insight and critique of the criminal justice system. She has been the featured keynote speaker for different groups across the country, sharing her testimony of surviving domestic minor sex trafficking and her experience with the criminal justice system.

Brown and her husband, Jaime Long, founded a nonprofit organization together upon her release, called The Foundation for Justice, Freedom, and Mercy.



Please visit all of our exhibitors.

These businesses and organizations are located in the Venetian Room.

ARCH Academy

Camelot Care Centers, LLC

Centerstone

Health Connect America, Inc.

Kidlink Treatment Services

Lakeside Behavioral Health Systems

Monroe Harding, Inc.

Parkwood Behavioral Health System

Project Transition

Quest (Gottlieb and Wertz, Inc.)

Securus Monitoring (STOP)

Soft Tec, Inc.

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Tracking Solutions

Village Behavioral Health

Youth Opportunity

Youth Town

Youth Villages

TJCSA SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

MONDAY * AUGUST 23, 2021 * 10:30 - 11:45 am

Sexual Offender Treatment and Trauma-Informed Care/Parkwood Behavioral System

Topic will include facts and statistics, history, therapeutic approaches, trauma-informed care, recidivism rates, and motivation to offend.

Love Doesn't Hurt

This workshop will discuss foundational about the LGBTQ+ Community and create supportive environments. Tips and ideas will be shared as to how to create safe and affirming spaces that will help support victims of the LGBTQ+ Community.

ACES – Advance Childhood Experiences

The presenter will present information to the audience on studies that show positive and negative effects on the relationship between the level of traumatic stress in childhood and behavioral outcomes later in life.

Reducing Recidivism

The focus of this presentation is to examine what works to promote successful reentry for those youth who are under the supervision of a juvenile justice system and to keep them from re-offending or re-entering the system. We will examine ways to reduce recidivism and improve youth outcome and we will also learn how to adopt and effectively implement programs and services demonstrated to reduce recidivism and improve other youth outcomes.

Substance Abuse with Adolescents/ Bradford Health

Children may face peer pressure, homelessness, divorce and abandonment. These issues can all have a long-lasting negative affect on a child's development and future life choices. They themselves may turn to alcohol or drugs as a way to understand or cope with their feelings or they may feel that a substance abusing life is what they are destined for. Unpredictable behavior, lack of appropriate care and no structure to a home life are often the result of substance abuse.

Law Update-Virtual

The presenter will discuss current information on updates and changes regarding juvenile delinquency and dependency and neglect laws and statutes.

Power of Youth (POY) / MADD

This presentation deals with underage drinking and drinking while driving.

MONDAY * AUGUST 23, 2021 * 1:45 - 3:00 pm

Cease Fire

The “Juvenile Operation Ceasefire Program” was adopted by Shelby County Juvenile Court April 2016. This program is designed for Juveniles between the ages of 12-17 years of age in Memphis/Shelby County and surrounding areas. The class is aimed to promote community relations by increasing public safety and to provide a second chance opportunity to first time offenders with a gun charge or an offense that involved a gun.

CPIT

The Shelby County Child Protection Investigation Team’s mission is to work together through a collaborative, interagency approach to ensure the best possible outcomes for children who were victims of sexual abuse and other severe physical abuse. With over 3,000 cases of alleged severe abuse presented to CPIT each year, the CPIT team works to ensure timely and effective responses to these reports. This overview of CPIT will give some insight into how the process works.

West TN Therapy Dogs

People are more active and responsive both during, and after, a visit with animals. Medical studies and clinical research show that a therapy dog can not only have medical benefits, such as stress relief, but also provide a sense of comfort, confidence, and companionship. Some of them come at regularly scheduled times, and walk around the lobby and building to meet with those for court cases and for those who work here at the Court.

Crisis Intervention Team

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership working with mental health consumers and family members. Our goal is to set a standard of excellence for our officers with respect to treatment of individuals with mental illness. This is done by establishing individual responsibility for each event and overall accountability for the results.

Redirecting the Brain: You Have the Power's Youth Impact Curriculum

Prevention programs are key to preventing young people from entering the criminal justice system. Statistics show that juveniles who start offending before age 12 are more likely to continue offending into early adulthood. YHTP's Youth Impact Curriculum redirects responses and decisions by equipping youth with the tools to empower themselves. This workshop provides an orientation to the curriculum, featuring both description and interactive activities. This workshop is recommended for anyone who works with at-risk youth aged 14-20.

Depression, Anxiety & Suicide since COVID

The presenter will discuss ways to cope with the challenges presented by COVID and ways to help reduce stress, anxiety, and suicide. More and more people are expressing feelings of stress and fear due to the pandemic. We've also seen an increase in deaths by suicide, and a rise in what is called "death of despair", which include suicide and substance use due to Covid-19. With the combination of physical distancing, economic stress, barriers to mental health treatment and widespread anxiety, along with an increase in gun sales, some say this is the creation of the perfect storm for suicide mortality.

RESTORE CORP * (Joint Session Grand Ball Room A B C) * 3:15-4:30 pm

Presented by: Coasy Hale & Rachel Sumner Haaga

The presenters will discuss human trafficking with teens and how Restore Corp offers programs and services that assist teens with overcoming those challenges.

TJCSA SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY * AUGUST 24, 2021 * 9:00 - 10:15 am

“The Color of Justice”

The presenter will discuss the meaning of Disproportionate Minority Contact as it relates to minority youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system. Why does disparity exist in different counties and states? What are the nine points of contact in the juvenile justice system.

Truancy – “Ghosted” Online Learning

Presenters will discuss online learning challenges and issues related to truancy.

COVID-19 Effects on Domestic Violence

The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in domestic partners and families spending more time together at home. Not surprisingly, being in such close proximity for extended periods of time has resulted in higher stress levels. That raises a concern: Are people in the same households more likely to intimidate or physically hurt one another?

The New Normal-How to Run an Effective Court during COVID

The Magistrate will discuss the effects of how COVID has changed Court operations, procedures, and in-person hearings.

Fatherhood

The presenter will talk about male presence in children lives and the importance of mentoring a child who is caught in the system.

TUESDAY * AUGUST 24, 2021 * 10:30 - 11:45 am

Sex Trafficking

The presenter will discuss sex trafficking and sexual exploitation involving children.

Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

Presenters will discuss laws that regulates the interstate movement of juveniles who are under court supervision or have run away to another state.

Detention Operations in a Pandemic: The COVID 19 Effect

The presenter will discuss challenges and changes in detention due to COVID.

Highway to the Danger Zone

This presentation aims to explore risk factors in youth that create a perfect storm for violence towards a school or group. Specifically, the characteristics of the Estranged Violent Juvenile Offender (EVJO) will be defined and how they differ from other Serious Violent Offenders. Static and dynamic risk factors for youth at risk of violence will be imparted. Solutions and tactics to address dynamic risk factors (those we can change and safety plans for success will be reviewed). Knowing the different types of threats will also aid participants in choosing the correct course of safety planning for both the school and the child making the threat. Working with education, juvenile court, and law enforcement partners will also be explored.

GANGS

The presenter will discuss gang violence and its impact. The presenter will discuss Camp Chambers a non-profit organization that targets under privileged and at-risk children.

TUESDAY * AUGUST 24, 2021 * 1:45 - 3:00 pm

Trauma Informed Court

More than 61% of youth age 18 and younger have been exposed to crime, violence and abuse wither directly or indirectly. Trauma is at an emotional epidemic level in our country and therefore requires us to be informed and prepared to address it. This trauma informed workshop will show participants how to become a trauma informed agency or community and how to move from being trauma informed to being trauma responsive.

Precinct Liaisons

The purpose of the precinct liaison program is to divert youth away from the formal judicial proceedings and/or to prevent them from moving deeper into the justice system. The Juvenile Counselor uses various non-judicial actions to address alleged delinquent behaviors which warrant fewer formal actions. The Precinct Liaison Initiative is to provide youth and their families with resources which meet the child's and family's needs and creates equity by using community-based resources.

Trauma & Ethical Considerations in Suicide Screening/Compass

The presenters will also talk about the ethical aspect when screening youths that have suicidal ideations and some of the trauma affects. Screening can also prevent misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment planning. People with histories of trauma often display symptoms that meet criteria for other disorders. Compass Intervention specialization in trauma work and addiction, programs are designed to treat complex problems that children and families encounter in today's world.

Changes to TN DCS since COVID

This presenter will discuss how COVID has impacted the TN Department of Children Services and the changes that have resulted.

Arch Academy

This presentation will focus on how to best engage adolescent males and young men who suffer from primary substance abuse diagnosis and co-occurring issues within a therapeutic context. Research driven approaches and techniques will be explored and applied to direct service delivery. Adolescent developmental issues, including exploration of the adolescent male brain, social influences and family systems will be considered. These modalities taught will be multisensory focused, explaining how such approaches as Impact Therapy, kinetic engagement and experiential exercises lead to enhanced comprehension of traditional therapeutic skills and techniques.

JOINT SESSION * GRAND BALLROOM ABC * 3:15 - 4:30 PM

Keynote Speaker: *Cyntoia Brown*

TJCSA PRESENTERS BIOGRAPHIES

Lt. Colonel Vincent E. Beasley

Vincent E. Beasley is a Lt. Colonel on the Memphis Police Department with over 31 years of law enforcement experience. Currently, he serves as the Assistant Commander of Tillman Station and the Coordinator of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). He has certifications in Crisis Intervention Training, Hostage Negotiations, Trauma in Law Enforcement, Physical Training, Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) – Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, Mental Health First Aid, and Domestic Violence. He received a B.S. in Business Management from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a M.S. from the University of Phoenix in Organizational Management. He earned a M.A. in Specialized Training with an emphasis on Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Response Management from the National Consortium Staff College, Saint Louis, Missouri. He served 26 years in the Armed Forces and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army Reserve.

Bridget Bondurant

Bridget Bondurant lives in Ashland City where she shares her life with her two very handsome sons, Hazen and Camden, 8 and 12 years old, and her boyfriend Roger. She enjoys dirt biking and exploring with her boys, swimming, boating, riding the Harley with Roger and Good Food! Bridget works at Bradford Rehab where she has truly found her calling in Drug & Alcohol Counseling. Qualities that stand out the most for those who know her best are relatability, honesty, and positive energy and sincerity.

Faith Calvert, MS, SOTB

Faith received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Mississippi State University in 1986 and her Masters of Science Degree in Counseling and Educational Psychology from the University of Memphis in 1998. She began her career with the State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services investigating child abuse allegations in Shelby County. In 2003, Faith accepted a position at Parkwood Behavioral Health. She is a Certified Provider by the Tennessee Sexual Offender Treatment Board. She has exclusively worked with Adolescent Sexual Offenders for 16 years at Parkwood as the Primary Therapist for the Sexual Offender Unit. In 2007, she was promoted to Director of the Adolescent Sexual Offender Unit. In 2019, she was promoted to Director of Residential Services, overseeing both the Sexual Offender Unit and the Residential Treatment Center. She most enjoys working with adolescents and their family members helping to promote changes in thinking, feelings, and behaviors. She prefers utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, but embraces all clinical approaches to elicit effective changes that ensure healthy and safe choices. Faith has been part of the Parkwood family for 18 years.

Coach Jimmy Chambers

Jimmy Chambers is the founder of Camp Chambers a non-profit organization that targets under privilege and at-risk children. Camp Chambers partners with local schools and organizations to provide youth the necessities needed to be successful in school, focusing on education rather than appearances. Jimmy Chambers graduated from the Police Academy in December of 2001. He has received extensive counterdrug task force training and in-depth gang training. He has worked with the U. S. Marshalls, FBI and the United States Secret Service. Mr. Chambers has been employed with the Shelby County District Attorney General's Office as an Investigator for the past 24 years and has been with Christ (United Methodist Athletics) Church for over 30 years. He is a certified fitness trainer and works tirelessly with youth and adults stressing to them the importance of health and fitness and also educating and steering the youth to stay clear of the gang life. He is well known and respected in the community and schools; many refer to him as the "gang man "or "Coach Jimmy". Coach Chambers is often called upon by parents and school officials to assist children who have made unwise decisions.

Royal Chatman

Royal Chatman has been instrumental in bringing his dream to impact the next generation to a new level because of his passion to see the next generation flourish. He felt the call to go deeper into his passion. Royal was ordained on September 26, 2015 and has held countless Motivational Presentations throughout the Shelby County School District to-date. Having served in many ministries throughout his life, he is skilled and equipped to carry the torch to students and adults who are making a critical decision to serve Jesus. Throughout his many years of service Royal Chatman has strived to make a lasting impression on the next generation through his work with various programs such as G.R.A.S.S.Y. (Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth) and Ceasefire. He is also an active member of the community and volunteers with the American Diabetes Association, Memphis Police Department, and Shelby County Sheriff's Department, & (U.S.A.T.N.W). Mr. Chatman's focus is working inside Shelby County Schools to counsel the youth on the effects of drugs and gang involvement. Having felt the effects of this lifestyle himself, he gives them an inside look at what happens when you choose to make such decisions.

Tommy Clapp, L.M.F.T.

Tommy Clapp has worked in the field of Experiential Education and Counseling for 11 years. Blending his love of the outdoors and helping others, he works with the Basics of Leadership Development (B.O.L.D.). Developing life skills through experiential learning has been a passion of his from the beginning. Clapp received his BA Education Studies from Berea College and his MS in Counseling from Carson Newman University. Clapp is currently serving as the Safe Baby Court Coordinator for Jefferson County Juvenile Court. Tommy, his wife Angela, and their four children in Jefferson City and enjoy to state and national parks camping in their free time.

Anthony Keith Clear

Anthony Keith Clear, a Memphis native, graduate of Trezevant High School; received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Harding University; a Master of Education from Christian Brothers University and Master of Administration from Freed-Hardeman University. Anthony Clear is a Juvenile Counselor A with Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court, with 21 years of experience. In this role, Anthony helps to improve court practices by coordinating, managing, and facilitating court recommendations. Also, while working as a Community Liaison Counselor in the Frayser and Raleigh community, Anthony brings parents, social workers, probation officers, school officials, service providers, and members of the community into a problem-solving environment to address delinquent behavior, victimization, trauma, abuse, and neglect among youth and family. Recognizing these problems, whether the process is informal or a formal court relationship, Anthony supports the youth and family by providing preventive and protective strategies including child welfare referrals, diversion, and formulating plans to reduce risk factors for youth who commit delinquent acts in the community. Before joining Juvenile Court in 2000, Anthony Clear worked for 7 years as an educator with the Memphis City Schools. Anthony has a diverse range of community involvement starting with his role as a pastor of II Corinth Gospel of Faith, and entrepreneur of Cornerstone Investment Solutions.

Corrie Copeland

Corrie Copeland is employed with the Tennessee Department of Children Services, currently serving as the Commissioner for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) within the Office of Juvenile Justice. Ms. Copeland has been with the department for 18 years and has served in various positions. She is tasked with ensuring the rules of the compact is followed as well as provide daily oversight. She reviews and processes interstate probation/parole cases and returns youth who run, abscond, and escape from their state of jurisdiction. She currently chairs the Finance Committee and serves on the ICJ Executive Committee Board as well as the Racial Ad Hoc committee. Ms. Copeland also participates in the South Regional ICJ workgroup. Ms. Copeland obtained her undergraduate degree in History from Fisk University and a Master's degree in Public Service Management from Cumberland University.

Lydia Crivens

Lydia Crivens is the Director of Interagency Partnerships with the Memphis Child Advocacy Center. In this role, she works to facilitate collaboration within the Shelby County Child Protection Investigation Team which provides a cooperative, multidisciplinary team approach to the investigation of severe child abuse. The work that she is currently involved with aligns with her value of serving in organizations who focus on excellent service to the "least of these" and seeking justice on their behalf. Lydia has worked among marginalized populations for 20 years. She spent more than ten years with Christ Community Health Services where she focused on providing healthcare to the underserved with dignity and respect through programs and partnerships that assist those for whom social determinants of health have created barriers to accessing quality healthcare. She has also served in organizations such as the Memphis Housing Authority, Centenary Ministries, and the Mental Health Cooperative in Nashville, Tennessee. Her most rewarding role is that of serving as the mother of Miss Julia Chapman who brings her so much joy.

Dr. Kevin Dyson

Kevin Dyson, the former number 16th pick of the 1998 NFL Draft by then the Tennessee Oilers (Titans), also played for the Carolina Panthers. Dr. Dyson serves as the Principal at Centennial High School, in Franklin, Tennessee, after recently serving as Grassland Middle School in the same capacity for 2 years. His name is synonymous with two of the most memorable plays in National Football League history. The 2000 Wild Card Playoff game against the Buffalo Bills and Super Bowl XXXIV versus the St. Louis Rams. Dubbed the “Music City Miracle”, and “One Yard Short”, respectfully, are NFL plays that have etched Dr. Dyson into National Football League history. Dr. Dyson, the oldest of four, boasted to his mother that one day he would go into the NBA and buy her a house. His mother did not discourage him from his dream, rather she put more of an emphasis on education and the importance of going to college and getting a degree as opposed to putting all his eggs into the proverbial “professional dream” basket. Although Dr. Dyson did fulfill his professional sports dream, the impact of his mother’s guidance had a lasting impact, because Dr. Dyson now owns a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Practical Practice and two master’s Degrees from Trevecca Nazarene University, all of which were attained after his playing days were done. In addition to working as a principal, Dr. Dyson also host a Podcast, serves as radio host for his pre- and post-game show for the Tennessee Titans, and avidly speaks to and mentor’s youth in Metro Nashville and surrounding areas about his journey to present day.

Dr. Audry Elion

Dr. Audrey Elion is the Special Assistant – Trauma Informed Intervention for Juvenile Court of Memphis/Shelby County. She is also a Building Strong Brains Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) trainer. She recently served as the supervisor for the Evaluation and Referral Section of Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County. Dr. Elion serves as the Memphis/Shelby County Regional Chair of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network and was appointed by Governor Lee to the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council. She serves as an Advisory board member for ReStore Corps which focuses on addressing human trafficking in West Tennessee. Additionally, she serves as the prevention/intervention chair for ReStore Corps *Commercial Exploitation of Minors (CSEM)* subcommittee. She is past chair of the Public Policy & Legislation Committee for the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development for the American Counseling Association. Additionally, she served as co-chair of the Public Policy & Legislation Committee for the American Counseling Association 2018-2019. Dr. Elion serves as the secretary and member of the Board of Commissioners of Education, Health and Housing.

Magistrate Terre Fratesi

Terre Fratesi has served Shelby County as a Juvenile Court Magistrate Judge since February 2015. She is a former prosecutor with specialized skills and training in the areas of child sexual assault, child maltreatment, child homicide, sexual violence, abuse of vulnerable adults, human trafficking, forensic interviewing of child abuse victims, juvenile justice and family law. As a Juvenile Court Magistrate Judge, she has presided over thousands of cases involving juvenile delinquency, truancy, dependency and neglect, severe child abuse, surrender of parental rights, foster care, child support establishment/enforcement, and child custody/co-parenting issues. Magistrate Fratesi has devoted the vast majority of her professional career to the fields of child maltreatment, sexual assault and juvenile justice. She believes these areas are so closely interwoven that one cannot be properly addressed without responding to the others. She is a frequent lecturer and instructor on these topics.

Glen Gaugh, LMSW

Glen Gaugh is the Regional Supervisor for Youth Villages Specialized Crisis Services in West TN. He has 12 years' experience in psychiatric crisis work. Glen holds his BSW and MSW from Union University. He has presented at numerous conferences on trauma, crisis assessment, and suicide prevention.

Cathy Gurley

Cathy Gurley is CEO of the non-profit organization You Have the Power...Know How to Use It (a.k.a. You Have the Power or YHTP), founded by Former First Lady Andrea Conte. Since joining YHTP in 2012, Cathy has built and expanded on the agency's programming and outreach to victims and communities impacted by crime. Cathy is a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee, the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Sexual Offender Treatment Board, Domestic Death Review Team, ACES of Nashville, the TBI Working Group on Trafficking. She is also on the board of Nashville Women's Breakfast Club.

Rachel Haaga

Rachel Haaga began working with human trafficking survivors while living in Battambang, Cambodia. Upon return to Memphis, she joined with others to create an effective response to survivors locally. Restore Corp was birthed out of that counter-trafficking team and Rachel currently serves as the Executive Director. Restore Corps currently serves survivors through two residential homes, Blossom House and specialized non-residential case management. Rachel sits on several boards involving human trafficking. Restore Corps, as the regional point of contact for human trafficking survivor services for West Tennessee, is solicited for statewide trainings, and leadership towards system changes targeted to identify and serve victims of human trafficking. Rachel was a trainer for Tennessee Department of Education human trafficking teacher trainings and was requested as a trainer for Tennessee Department of Corrections Probation and Parole training recorded in Nashville in April 2021. Rachel received the 2013 Employee Spirit Volunteer of the Year Award from Volunteer Mid-South. In 2014, Rachel was named as one of the honorees for Memphis Business Journal's top 40 under 40. In 2018, Rachel was honored as a Woman of Achievement for Determination, for her work as an abolitionist in our community, 2020 We Believe in

Memphis Founders Circle Award, and Honoree in Memphis City Council Inaugural Juneteenth Resolution in 2021.

Coasy Hale

Coasy Hale is the Director of Survivor Services with Restore Corps; leading the care management team for human trafficking survivors (sex/labor trafficking of minors, adults, and foreign nationals). Coasy served with the TN Department of Children's Services for 6 years in which she worked on the FBI's first human trafficking case in Shelby county and received nationally recognized Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) training on the risks of exploitation for youth involved in the child welfare system. She is a native Memphian and licensed master's level social worker who has been working with vulnerable populations for the last 20+ years. Coasy is a field instructor for The University of Memphis, Union University, The University of Mississippi schools of Social Work, providing training to up and coming Bachelor's and Master's level Social Workers and also serves on the A Step Ahead Foundation's Community Advisory Board. Coasy is committed to advocacy for those who have lost their voice and believes in the inherent ability of people to change.

Judith Johns

Judith Johns is the West TN Program Specialist for Mothers against Drunk Driving. She has worked for MADD for 3 years educating the youth on the dangers of underage drinking and drinking and driving. Judith has a Bachelors in Social Work from the University of Memphis. Judith has over 10 years of experience working with the youth and administrators across West TN.

Michelle Johns, MA, TLPC-MHSP, NCC

Michelle Johns is a clinical mental health counselor and owner of transforming Wellness, LLC Mindfulness Center. Michelle has the honor of leading psychoeducation/therapy classes for parenting, co-parenting, and women healing from the trauma of intimate partner violence. As a mindfulness movement teacher, she teaches people how their bodies and minds are connected and how every experience we have in life establishes a foundation for the next similar experience.

Kimberly B. Jones, LPC-MHSP

Kimberly B. Jones is the Clinical Program Director and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TFCBT) Supervisor at Compass intervention Center. Compass Intervention Center is a residential and outpatient treatment provider whose greatest strengths are outlined in the quality of our programs and in the compassionate, caring, and dedicated professionals that provide superior services to children. With specializations in trauma work and addictions, our programs are designed to treat the complex problems that children and families encounter in today's world. Kimberly is a Licensed Professional Counselor and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, a Master's Degree in Counseling, and is a Doctoral Candidate at The University of Memphis. Additionally, Kimberly is a National Certified TFCBT therapist. Her clinical background includes providing in-home services to children and adolescents, working with victimized women and children, and assisting in addressing case management issues for clients.

Leslie Barrett Kinhead, ESQ.

Leslie Barrett Kinhead, ESQ. is the Coordinator of the Tennessee Court Improvement Program, overseeing grant spending and implements programs under three separate federal grants. In addition to providing technical assistance to the juvenile courts, Leslie staffs the Court Improvement Work Group, a statewide multi-disciplinary group appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court that drafts revisions to the statutes and juvenile court procedural rules. Her degrees include a juris doctorate from the Nashville School of law and Bachelor of Science in Social Work and Psychology from Thomas More College in Kentucky.

Phillis Lewis- CEO

Phillis Lewis was born in Chicago but raised in Memphis and a graduate of the University of Memphis with a B.A. in Criminal Justice & Criminology. Phillis comes with years of experience not only working with the LGBTQ+ Community but has many years of experience in case management, grant monitoring, trauma-informed care, housing monitoring, and facilitation. Beginning her career at the Shelby County District Attorney's Office where she worked there for almost 9 years. She is the current President of the Memphis/Shelby Domestic & Sexual Violence Council, Committee Member for the Inclusivity Committee for Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence, and LGBTQ Representative/Vice-Chair for the Governing Council for the Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium. Phillis is the former Vice-President of Mid-South Pride which provides a yearly festival for the LGBTQ+ Community that is diverse, inclusive, and community-friendly to over 25,000 attendees. As the CEO of Love Doesn't Hurt, Phillis Lewis works to help provide emergency services to victims of crime in the LGBTQ+ community, addressing barriers this population faces while seeking social services, and helping to educate providers and the community to practice cultural humility.

Dr. Deborah Lowen

Dr. Lowen has been a practicing Child Abuse Pediatrician for nearly 25 years, performing medical evaluations on children when there are concerns about child abuse or neglect. Having recently served as the head of the child abuse program at Vanderbilt for nearly 10 years, in June 2020 she joined DCS as the Deputy Commissioner of Child Health. Dr Lowen has testified in multiple states and jurisdictions, including civil, criminal, and federal matters. She enjoys providing education to medical providers, investigators, attorneys, judges, and others involved in protecting children.

Ginger Manuel

In 2001, Ginger began working as a youth counselor at her church, which encouraged her to go back to school and further her education in Social Work. In 2012, she received her Bachelor of Social Work from Union University. In 2015, she received her Masters' of Social Work from Union University. She has worked in a variety of backgrounds and settings. She was a counselor at Life Choices, counseling and educating young women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. She worked as a Front Line Specialist with Desoto County Children Services investigating allegations regarding children of abuse. She worked with Universal Health Services for 6 years, beginning with Compass Intervention and presently with Parkwood Behavioral Health. Ginger is certified and trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy along with being

a certified Provider by the Tennessee Sexual Offender Treatment Board. She has a passion to help adolescents understand past trauma and how it effects the choices they make. In her free time, she enjoys being with her family, hiking, kayaking and laughing with her friends. She enjoys giving back to the community through her participation in 5K's, and she is currently working on her 36th race.

Jaqueline Lee Moore

Ms. Moore is a Children Services Director 3 in the Office of Juvenile Justice. She provides leadership for the Tennessee Interstate Compact for Juvenile Programs, the DCS Absconder Unit, is involved in policy development for the Office of Juvenile Justice and manages grants awarded to the juvenile courts of Tennessee. Jacqueline has worked for the department for over 35 years. She has served on numerous work groups and committees to improve practice for work with delinquent youth and is passionate about implementing evidence-based practice for these youth. Jacqueline holds a BS degree in Psychology from Tennessee State University and a Master of Social Work from the Middle Tennessee Collaborative MSW Program at Tennessee State University. Ms. Moore is a licensed social worker.

Joseph C. Murphy, Jr.-Acting US Attorney

First Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Murphy, Jr., succeeded former United States Attorney D. Michael Dunavant as the Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee pursuant to the Vacancies Reform Act, on March 1, 2021. Murphy, a graduate of Lambuth College and the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Memphis office since 1989. He was named as the office's First Assistant U.S. Attorney in July of 2018. Prior to being named First Assistant, Murphy served as the office's Criminal Chief beginning in 2011. In that role he supervised 28 Assistant U.S. Attorneys who investigated and prosecuted criminal cases in the Memphis office and 10 support staff. He also served as Chief of the office's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force for three years before being named Criminal Chief. Between 1991 and 2007, Murphy served as a line assistant in both the office's criminal division and drug task force. During his career with the Justice Department, Murphy has tried approximately 125 felony cases to verdict in U.S. District Court. Murphy has also represented the government in over 200 cases litigated before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and he has argued approximately 48 cases before that court. A Memphis resident, Murphy has been married to Sandy Murphy for 32 years and has two adult children. Active in community and legal affairs, he is a member of the Leo Bearman, Sr. Inn of the American Inns of Court and a Fellow of the Memphis Bar Foundation and has served as a volunteer with the Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Michelle Nix, MAASJ

Michelle Nix has worked in the Juvenile Justice field for 22 years and is a Youth Services Officer with Jefferson County Juvenile Court since 2006. She attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earning a degree in Psychology and later obtained her Master of Arts in Applied Social Justice from Carson Newman University. Michelle is currently an adjunct instructor at Carson Newman University teaching courses on social entrepreneurship and juvenile justice. She had the opportunity to coauthor a chapter in

Deepening Community Engagement in Higher Education: Forging New Pathways which highlighted the benefit of utilizing college students as mentors in the Journey Program. Originally from Memphis, Michelle lives in Dandridge with her husband Robby. She is active in her community serving as a tAchieves mentor, board member for Renovatus Recovery Community, and chair of the Jefferson County Truancy Review Board.

Dean Porterfield, LPC-MHSP, NCC

Dean Porterfield currently serves as the Executive Director of ARCH Academy. Dean has been with Cumberland Heights for over 10 years. As the Executive Director he is responsible for day to day operations of ARCH as well as overseeing program development, staff development, referral relations, research and community/education on teen addiction. Prior to Cumberland Heights, Dean served as Executive Director of an outdoor therapeutic program for adolescent males for over 10 years. Dean also served on the Board of Directors for NATSAP (National Board of Therapeutic Schools and Programs), and frequently presents at national, regional, and local conferences. Dean is also an approved LPC clinical supervisor. Dean brings over 20 years experiences working with the adolescent population and their families. He believes in a strength-based approach and understands that authentic relationships with the teens and families we serve is paramount for lasting change.

Lieutenant James Price

James Price is a lifelong resident of Memphis and Shelby County and a 1987 graduate of Northside High School. James attended Kentucky State University in Frankfort Kentucky on a football scholarship where he played for two years and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Lt. Price began his professional career as an Area Supervisor for the Wackenhut Corporation in 1993. In 1999 he started working for the Peabody Hotel as a security officer/Relief Manager. In May 2000 Lieutenant James Price began working for the Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court as a detention officer. In November of 2000 he was promoted to Probation Counselor B, a position he held until 2003 when he was promoted to Supervisor. This position had Lieutenant James Price responsible for Boys Detention, Girls Detention and the Intake area. In July 2015 The Shelby County Sheriff's Department took over the Detention Center at Juvenile Court. Lieutenant James Price became a Sergeant in the Sheriff's Department rank structure. In 2020 James Price was promoted to his current rank of Lieutenant, Unit Manager. This position is challenging but he is excited to learn and never backs down from a challenge.

Tina Raulerson

With over fifteen years of leadership and educational experience, Tina has taught secondary education and served as the district truancy interventionist serving more than 44,000 students over 100 administrators at 52 schools. Most recently she serves as an administrator in one the largest high schools in the school's district, alongside her colleague Dr. Kevin Dyson. As a truancy interventionist, Tina served as a liaison and partner between juvenile court, schools, and other community organizations. She created new processes to assist in the truancy tiers of intervention as well as serving on the district mental health committee. Tina has a bachelor's in business management, a master's in special education, and

doctorate in leadership and professional practice from Trevecca Nazarene University. Tina has a passion for serving families and supporting children in schools. She has been an advocate for equitable education and strives to bring a collaborative effort into communities to better support families and schools.

Pamela Skelton, CAO

Pamela Skelton has been the Chief Administrative Officer at the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County since October, 2015. Ms. Skelton came to the Court as the Director of Court Services after the election of Judge Dan Michael in October of 2014. She is an attorney who came to the Court after many years of experience in corporate practice and management, including EnSafe and AutoZone and. She has worked for Shelby County Government as its Contract Administrator and as a public defender/criminal defense attorney. Ms. Skelton, at the request of and on behalf of Judge Michael, worked with West Tennessee Therapy Dogs to bring trained handlers and therapy dogs to the Court to assist in all manner of cases, meetings, hearings, etc., and parties on any matter can request the assistance of a therapy dog. Judge Michael and the Court are so grateful that West Tennessee Therapy Dogs volunteer at the Court and provide such wonderful assistance.

Altha J. Stewart, M.D.

Dr. Altha J. Stewart is Senior Associate Dean, Community Health Engagement at UT Health Science Center-Memphis, Chief, Division of Social and Community Psychiatry, and Director, Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth. She served as the 145th President of the American Psychiatric Association, the first African American ever elected to this position. Prior to this she served for decades as CEO/Executive Director in large public mental health systems in Pennsylvania, New York, and Michigan. A native of Memphis, Dr. Stewart received her medical degree from Temple University Medical School, completing her residency at what is now Drexel University. She has received honorary degrees from Regis College (MA) and Christian Brothers University (TN) and is an honorary member of the South African Society of Psychiatrists. She is past president of the Black Psychiatrists of America, Association of Women Psychiatrists and American Psychiatric Foundation, and recipient of the Black Psychiatrists of America Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Stewart has served as the Medical Director for the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) since the 1997 inaugural season of the league.

Lisa Smith, LCSW

Lisa Smith is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker that has been in the field for 15 years. She is the current CEO at Compass Intervention Center and the Group CEO for McDowell Center for Children in Dyersburg, TN. Lisa has been at Compass for 9 years, initially as the Clinical Director and then moved into the CEO role. Lisa has been instrumental in development the trauma-competent program at Compass, and she is invested in promoting these principals within the Mid-South Community. Over the last four year, Lisa has expanded the services at Compass to include a robust outpatient program, which will soon include the addition of an inpatient acute program, to meet the growing mental health needs in the community.

Cole Szabo, LADAC II

Cole Szabo serves as the Admissions and Outreach Specialist at ARCH Academy. Cole has been with Cumberland Heights for over 6 years. As Admissions and Outreach Specialist he is responsible for national outreach and referral relations, facilitating admissions, community outreach and engagement and, marketing and events. Prior to working with adolescents Cole was a primary therapist for young adults struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues. Cole is an alumnus of Cumberland Heights and knows the struggles young people face when battling addiction and believes recovery is possible for everyone through acceptance and relationship.

Lee Ester Redmond-Terrell

Lea Ester Redmond-Terrell is a native of Oxford, Mississippi. She is the youngest of fourteen siblings. She received her B.B.A.-Bachelor of Business Administration from Lemoyne Owen College. She holds an M.S.A.-Masters of Science in Administration with a concentration in Human Resources from Central Michigan University and an M.P.A-Masters of Public Administration from Strayer University. Judge Dan Michael appointed Mrs. Redmond-Terrell in December 2019 as Deputy Administrator of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). Lea Ester is responsible for building partnerships between state and federal entities to directly target DMC, thereby decreasing the disproportionate number of minority children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Lea Ester comes to Juvenile Court with a wealth of knowledge after working as the Chief Legislative Liaison for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. As Chief Legislative Liaison, she worked to promote all legislative policies that may directly affect the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. Lea Ester often partners with the Tennessee Sheriff's Association to help support statewide legislation. She also developed and maintained youth services initiatives and implemented programs designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Michael W. Terrell, and their dog Buster.

Amy Weirich, District Attorney-Shelby County

Amy Weirich became Shelby County District Attorney in January of 2011. She was appointed by Gov. Bill Haslam and then was elected on Aug. 3, 2012, to serve the remaining two years on the term of her predecessor, Bill Gibbons. She was re-elected to a full eight-year term on Aug. 7, 2014. She is the first woman to serve as District Attorney General in Shelby County. Gen. Weirich joined the DA's Office in 1991 as a courtroom prosecutor, handling many high-profile criminal cases and serving in many leadership roles. She was chief prosecutor of the Gang and Narcotics Prosecution Unit and Division Leader for the Special Prosecution Unit in Criminal Court. Gen. Weirich helped create the Multi-Agency Gang Unit, the first federal, state and local law enforcement organization designed to curb gang activity. In 2011, the MGU imposed the state's first anti-gang injunction in the Riverside neighborhood of Memphis. Gen. Weirich serves on numerous boards and commissions, including the Family Safety Center, the Memphis-Shelby Crime Commission, the Memphis Child Advocacy Center and the YMCA, among others. A graduate of Germantown High School, Gen. Weirich earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, and a law degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. Gen. Weirich and her husband, Chuck, have four children and are members of St. Louis Catholic Church.

West TN Therapy Dogs/Providers

Judge Michael, a huge lover of animals and a “dog” person, had been determined to bring therapy dogs to the Court as part of our trauma response to the children and families who come to the Court. After contacting the West TN Therapy Dogs organization, the Court was so fortunate to have several handlers and “partners” (therapy dogs) volunteer to come to the Court. People are more active and responsive both during, and after, a visit with animals. Medical studies and clinical research show that a therapy dog can not only have medical benefits, such as stress relief, but also provide a sense of comfort, confidence, and companionship. West TN Therapy dogs have been ready and willing to visit the Court over the past few years. Some of them come at regularly scheduled times, and walk around the lobby and building to meet with both those coming to the building for court cases and for those who work here at the Court.

Here is an introduction to our current handlers and therapy dogs, all of whom volunteer their time and all of whom are loved by the Court:

Anne Weiss is the Director of West TN Therapy Dogs, and comes with her partner Cashew.

Jo Anne Fusco is the Asst. Director and Evaluator for West TN Therapy Dogs, and comes with her partners Boss and Keys.

Rachel Morrison comes with her dog Rudy.

Joanne Ward comes with her dog Dallas.

Tonia Hanson has greyhounds, and her new dog is Maverick.

Don Gold comes with his dog Cricket.

Megan Grinder comes with her dog Chief.

Dr. Bernard Williams

Dr. Bernard Williams is a native of Memphis, Tn. He is married and has three wonderful children. Dr. Bernard has built his career on servicing children and their families. He has worked in residential treatment, community mental health organizations, mentoring programs, schools, and he now works at Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court. Dr. Bernard serves in various committees and programs such as: Trauma Workforce Group, Tennessee Health Disparities Committee, Countywide Juvenile Justice Consortium, Shelby County Trauma Committee, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), local and statewide DMC taskforce, Adverse Childhood Experiences Trainer (ACEs), CTE Advisory Committee for Cordova High School, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), Racial Ethnic and Disparities Committee Chair, and he serves as a deacon and minister at his church. Dr. Williams completed his Bachelors of Arts in Social Science in 2008 from Northwestern State University, a Master's of Science in Counseling Studies from Capella University in March 2012, and in August 2017 a Ph.D. in

Psychology. Dr. Williams was appointed by Judge Dan H. Michael in January 2018 as a Deputy Administrator of Disproportionate Minority Contact at Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County. On October 16, 2019, Judge Dan H. Michael appointed Dr. Bernard Williams as the Chief Probation Officer/Administrator of the Children's Bureau at Juvenile Court.

Pastor Oliver T. Williams, Jr.

Pastor Williams is the founder and Executive Director of Hope Center @ Grace. He heads the Fatherhood Program designed to promote responsible fatherhood and prevent child abuse and neglect. As the interventionist, Pastor Williams facilitates group sessions with men in the "Nonviolent Institute." This is a Tennessee certified batterer intervention program is designed to educate and empower men helping them to stop battering and explore the consequences of the violence for themselves, their partner and to decrease violence towards women and children. Elder Williams is the senior pastor of Grace Church of God in Christ in the community of North Memphis. As a family man, he is married and the proud parent of four children. Pastor Williams is trained as an institutional clergy to offer counseling to persons experiencing crisis and/or trauma. Lastly, he strives to be a resource for the vulnerable. He is and active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Charles Winton Jr.

Charles received his B.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis in 1998. While in college, Mr. Winton volunteered for Juvenile Court as an Auxiliary Probation Officer. After two years of volunteer work, Mr. Winton began his professional career working for the Juvenile Detention Center. Mr. Winton became a Counselor in the program department at the Shelby County Division of Corrections where he has spent majority of his career with over (20) years in counseling. Mr. Winton has a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Capella University in 2014 and is currently the Program Director of The Oaks at Lakeside. Charles also has his own private practice, Wellsprings Counseling and is the author of the new book, "Psalms of the Heart" Daily Devotional. He contributes all his success to God and believes without him, nothing is possible. Charles' specialty is working with trauma individuals. Charles is a certified EMDR Level II trained trauma therapist. Charles is a member of WTCA where he was 2018 Counselor of the year. Charles also was presented 2019 Therapist of the Year from Lakeside Behavioral Health System.

Terri Bennett, Retiree



Terri Bennett served in Williamson County Juvenile Court for 34 years. She was a clerk, a YSO, and a Central Intake Supervisor. Most of all, she was a public servant, always offering sound advice to families that came in for assistance.

She served TJCSA her entire career in various capacities including program committee, training committee, executive committee and as Secretary in the 2018-2019 year. Terri's commitment and dedication continue to serve as an excellent example to all that know her and Williamson County is grateful for her service. Terri retired from Williamson County in 2020.

Jennifer McKissick, Retiree



Jennifer started at Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County in 1994 as a Detention Officer, later promoted to Intake Officer, Probation Officer, and Community Service Coordinator, which was the last position held when she retired January 4, 2020.

These positions prepared her for membership with Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association in 1996 upon overhearing several co-workers talking about the organization. Since joining, Jennifer has served on the Program Committee, By- Laws Committee, Training Committee, Co- Exhibitor Chair, Exhibitor Chair and Executive Committee.

Jennifer states, "that no single approach is a change agent for our youth, but TJCSA provides an avenue for professional training that I am grateful to say, "I am a member!"

Jennifer is happily retired with her husband Tony of 37 years and enjoy traveling. The most necessary travel destinations are Orlando, Florida and Houston, Texas to visit their sons, Tony Jr. and Jackson McKissick.



TJCSA Award Descriptions

The award recipients will be announced at the luncheon on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Below is a description of each award:

- **MERITORIOUS AWARD:** This award will be given to an individual deserving honor for significant contributions towards the field of Juvenile Justice. This year, the award recipient is not a court employee, but rather, contributes towards our mission through another agency.
- **HUMANITARIAN:** This award will be given to an agency or organization that deserves honor for efforts in helping to improve child welfare. The organization that will receive this award has made significant contributions towards children involved in the Juvenile Justice System.
- **OUTSTANDING JUVENILE COURT WORKER:** This award will be given to a nominated recipient for their professionalism and continued contributions to their court. The selection is based upon the court employee's dedication and commitment to youth and families.
- **OUTSTANDING YSO:** This award will be given to a nominated recipient for demonstrating innovative dedication to the profession of a youth services officer. The committee selected a recipient based upon significant contributions, acts of professionalism, and work that reflects best practice ideas in our field.
- **OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR:** This award will be given to a nominated supervisor that demonstrates good management, support to staff, and a broad understanding of the needs of their court. The committee selected this year's recipient based upon a careful review of staff comments, contributions, and success of the court for which this supervisor works.
- **CALVIN W. HOUSEWRIGHT SPIRIT OF TJCSA:** This award recipient will be selected by the committee based upon one's genuine interest in the association and dedication to its continued success. The recipient demonstrates an understanding of the history of the association, has dedicated time and energy to the success of the association, and leads others to believe in the future of the association following the example set by the late Calvin W. Housewright.
- **PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** This year, the President selects a recipient based upon excellence and dedication to the field of Juvenile Justice and the organization. This award is an opportunity to recognize an individual that consistently surpasses expectations, performs with passion, and serves and as an excellent example to others in the field of Juvenile Justice.
- **YOU INSPIRE US ALL AWARD:** This award will be presented to an individual that consistently inspires others to believe in children, the job that we do, and our ability to make a difference.
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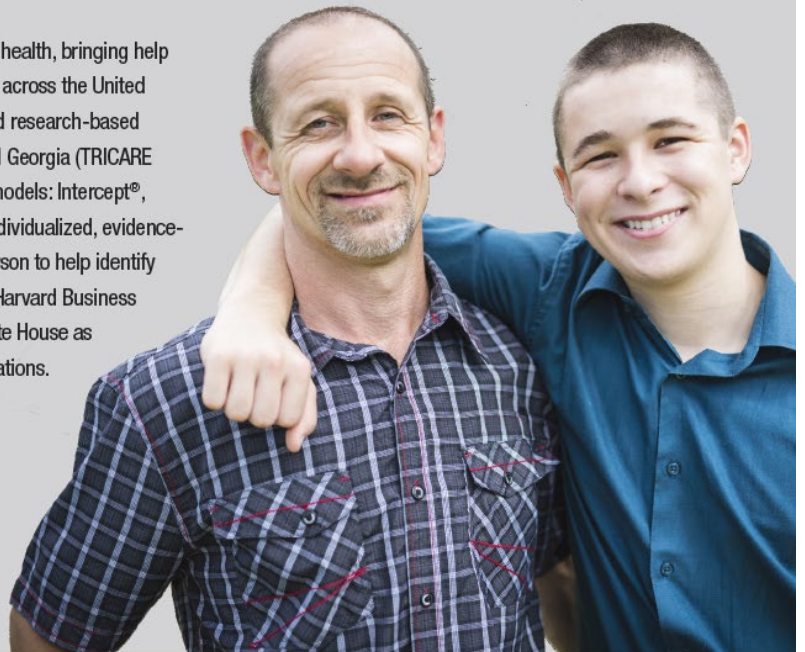
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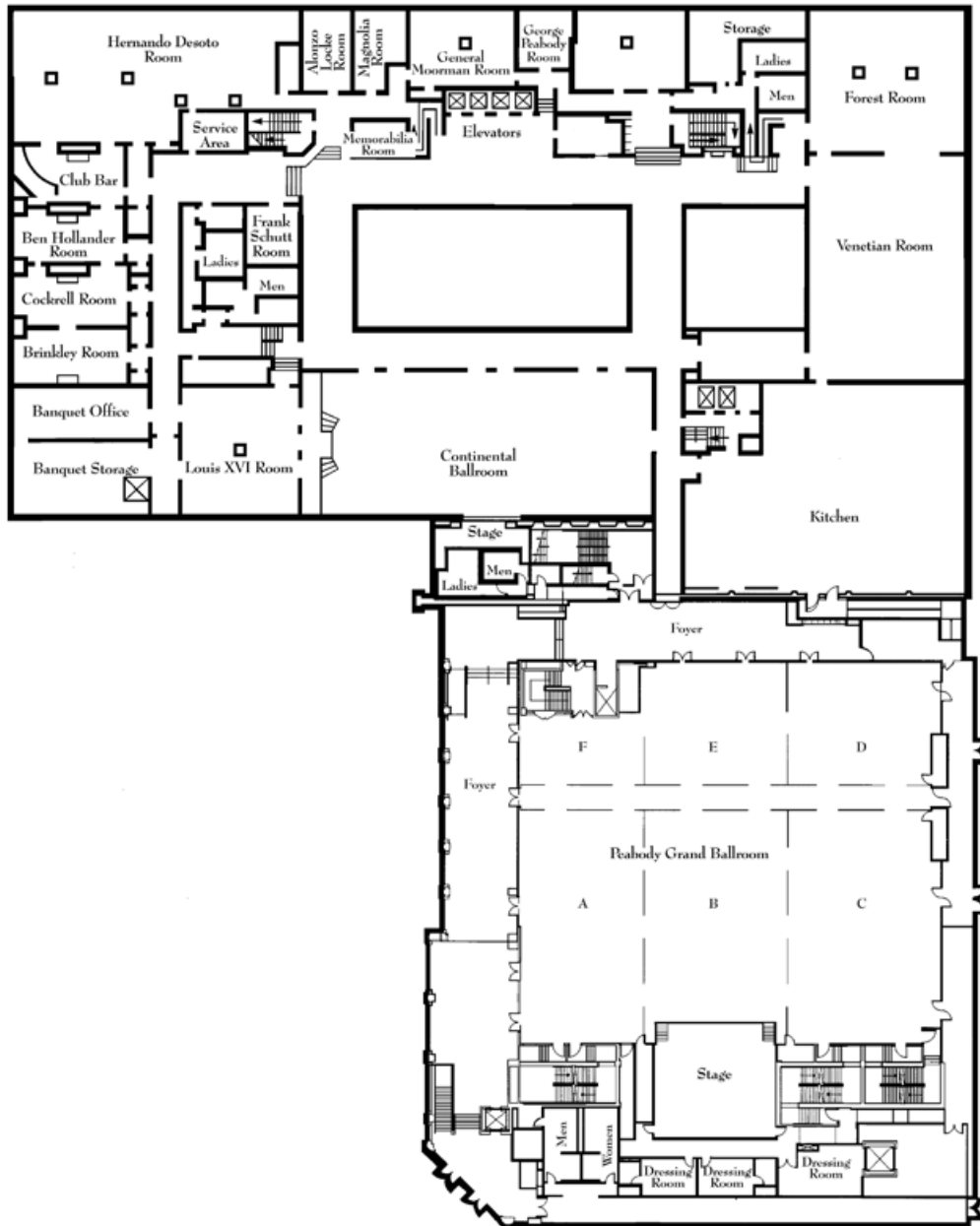
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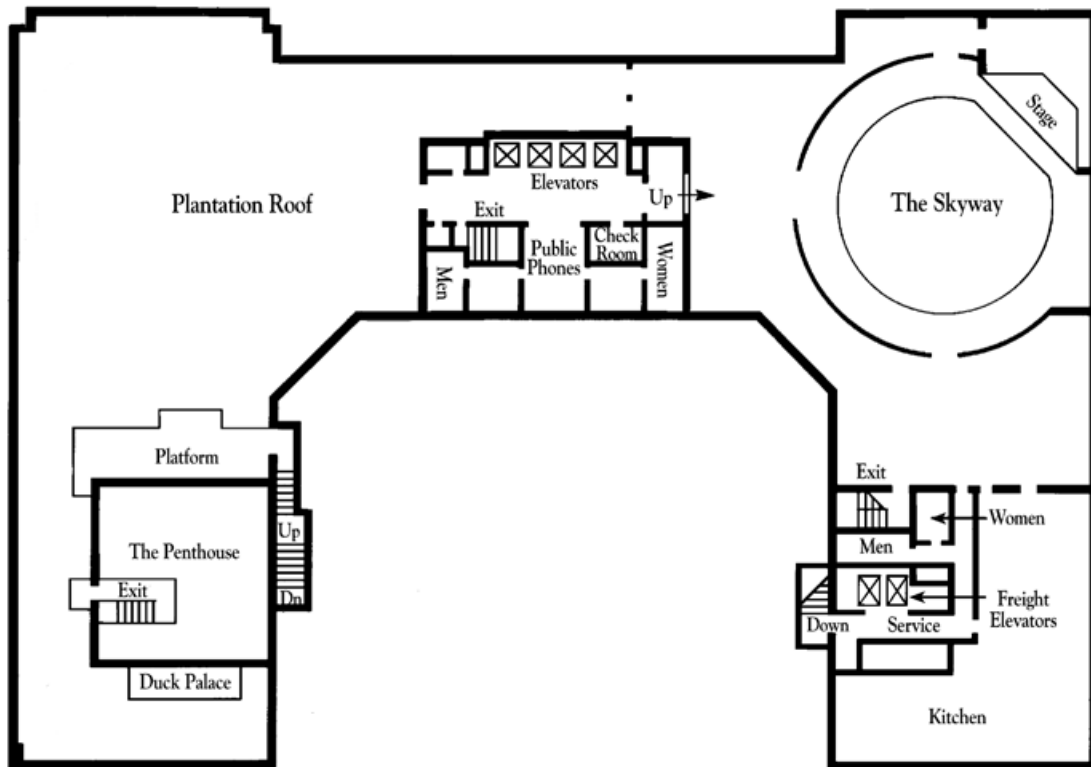


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