

#10: **QPR Approach to Suicide Prevention, Robert Harris MD.** This workshop will provide statistics, facts, debunk myths about suicide. It will review clues and signs of suicide, and how to use the QPR approach of Asking the Question; Persuading someone to live; and Referring and resources for help.

#11: **Introduction to Human Trafficking Arianna Weatherley** An overview to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)/Human Trafficking and provides definitions, statistics, an additional information about the global, national, and statewide problem. Learn about the techniques used by traffickers to recruit and target victims, as well as additional signs to identify red flags.

#12: **The Many Faces of Lifelong Connection Wendy Sousa, LICSW, Christine DiGiacomo, MS** This workshop will explore the role of all adults involved with youth in developing self-regulation and healthy relationships. We will also review the many positive outcomes linked with supportive lifelong connections.

## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

There is a conference fee of \$20/person to cover cost of lunch, refreshments throughout the day. Fee is payable in advance or on the day of the conference.

**Breakout Session Interest (for room sizing purposes only):**

Session 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Session 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Information and Payment for Social Worker CEU's will be available at the conference.

Send Registration Information and Payment to:

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# Creating Hope & Opportunity

Improving Our Care of Young People in Residential  
And Community Based Services  
*A Child Welfare Conference*

May 6, 2019

8:30am-4pm

Christian Brother Center ~ Ocean Tides  
635 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI



## Conference Schedule

8:30a	Coffee/CEU sign in	Great Room
8:45a	Welcome and Announcements	Main Dining Room
9:00a	Keynote Session	
11:00a	Breakout Session #1	Various Locations-see descriptions for available workshops
12:00p	Lunch	Great Room
1:00p	Breakout Session #2	
2:00p	Afternoon Panel & Discussion	Main Dining Room
3:00p	Networking Social	Great Room
4:00p	End of the Conference	

**Tides Family Services has applied to RI-NASW for Social Worker CEU's for this conference.**

## Keynote Speaker

**Adam J. Foss** is a former Assistant District Attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Suffolk County



District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) in Boston, MA, and a **fierce advocate for criminal justice reform**. He is the founder of Prosecutor Impact - a non-profit developing training and curriculum for prosecutors to reframe their role in the criminal justice system. During his nine years as a prosecutor, Mr. Foss collaborated with the courts and the community to **develop programming that continues to have a positive impact on the neighborhoods** he prosecuted in. One example of these efforts is the Roxbury **CHOICE program**, an initiative Mr. Foss co-founded, **to turn probation from a punitive sentence into a beneficial relationship with**

**the court, the probation department, and the District Attorney's Office**. He is also the founder of the SCDAO Reading Program, a program he started, to bridge the achievement gap of area elementary school students. Before leaving the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Foss was a critical piece of the foundation of the first **juvenile diversion program** in Suffolk County, keeping young people out of the cradle to prison pipeline. Most recently, Mr. Foss appeared in the critically-acclaimed CNN feature-length documentary "American Jail." The Mandela Foundation recognized Mr. Foss as the 2017 Nelson Mandela Changemaker of the Year. Fast Company named him one of the Most Creative People in Business of 2017. The NAACP awarded Mr. Foss with the 2017 Roy Wilkins Next Generation Leader Award. The Root named Mr. Foss one of the 100 most influential black Americans of 2016. He was named Graduate of the Last Decade by his alma mater, Suffolk University Law School and is a visiting senior fellow at Harvard Law School. He sits on the boards of Restore Justice California and of the Pretrial Justice Institute. He also is a fellow at the Open Society Foundation Leadership in Government initiative as well as a Director's Fellow in the world renown MIT Media Lab. In February of 2016, Mr. Foss delivered a TED talk that has already eclipsed 2 million views.

## Break Out Sessions

### #1: **Leveraging Community Partnerships Major Oscar Perez, Captain Dean Isabella, Prov. PD**

This workshop will explore the ground-breaking partnerships between the Providence Police Department and a host of community based social service providers to improve the quality of lives in underserved populations throughout the city. Leveraging non-traditional community partnerships to combat community trauma, blight, substance abuse, mental health, health crisis, and gang violence.

### #2: **Treating Psychiatric Illness and Substance Use Disorders in the Juvenile Justice System Elizabeth**

**A. Lowenhaupt, MD, FAAP Timothy Owens, LMHC, Seth Clark, MD** This workshop will provide an overview of the role of psychiatric and substance use assessment and treatment in the juvenile justice system, as reaffirmed in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act 2018. Participants will discuss practical tips for managing common challenges such as limited access to care, lack of continuity of care across settings, inconsistent diagnostic impressions and medication recommendations across providers, and difficulty engaging with patients and families.

### #3: **Marijuana & Youth in the JJ & Child Welfare System; Research, Realities & Interventions**

**Mike Cerullo, LMHC** Working with Court Referred Youth and Families Involved with Marijuana Use. The role of the Addiction Syndrome & Treatment Strategies in the context of a growing acceptance and legalization of adult access to marijuana.

### #4: **Creating a Trauma-Informed System: An Inside Look at the RI Family Court's Court Improvement Program (CIP) Collaborative Project Kaila Madera, MSW, CGS**

Through collaborative efforts with the RI DCYF, the Court Improvement Program (CIP) has implemented an innovative practice whereby youth on the DCYF calendar are screened for trauma with the goal to expedite time to permanency. This workshop is designed to provide additional information and clarification to DCYF Social Caseworkers regarding current progress and future goals, as well as the important roles DCYF Social Caseworkers play within this program.

#5: **Problematic Sexual Behavior JoAnne M. Waite, LMFT** Day One Clinician will share information regarding identifying problematic sexual behavior, supportive language and interventions.

### #6: **Fostering A Safe and Supportive Learning Environment, A Trauma Sensitive Approach**

**Peter Capalbo MA**; Reviews how trauma impacts youth in the classroom and highlights best practice strategies to assist in educating youth who have experienced trauma.

#7: **RI SAFE Safety Assessment Through Family Engagement Stephanie Terry, MSW** This is an introduction to DCYFs practice shift from an incident focused, compliance-based practice model to the assessment of family functioning by focusing on relationships, family voice, and community engagement. The workshop outlines the Department's operational plan; Pivot to Prevention. Stakeholders will learn how the practice will help families to make behavioral changes and develop networks of support in their own families and communities, to sustain change and reduce the risk of maltreatment.

#8: **Implementing a Trauma Informed Treatment Process at Ocean Tides Brian Sullivan, MA.** A presentation on the transition of Ocean Tides treatment approach from a juvenile justice model to an individualized trauma informed approach; One that relies on the input and direction of direct care staff, clients and their families as well objective measures and data to accomplish treatment goals.

#9: **Unconscious Bias and Its Role in Treatment Jennifer Shepherd, LMFT** We all have bias, even the most nonjudgmental people! What are your biases? How do you talk about them and manage them to ensure that you are providing the highest quality of service? The session will stimulate an important conversation about a topic that many service providers have not explored. The objective is to raise self-awareness of personal bias that is unconscious and can have a negative impact on the treatment and service delivery.

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