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Date: Friday, September 2, 2022

Time: 8:00am

2022 Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Awareness Conference



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS CONFERENCE

RICHMOND, KY
SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

Please join AppalReD Legal Aid for our 19th annual Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Awareness Conference on September 2nd from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. This year's conference will be a hybrid event. The conference will be simultaneously livestreamed over Zoom for those attending remotely. Remote participants will be able to ask questions. In person attendance will be capped at 150. The in-person event will be held at the Perkins Building, Eastern Kentucky University at 4436 Kit Carson Drive, Richmond, KY.

Participants can earn free CEUs and CLEs no matter how they attend.

Registration

To register fill out this [online form](#). As always, this conference is free.

Agenda

Agenda is forthcoming.

Session Descriptions

Legal Rights & Remedies Available to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence

In the United States, victims of domestic violence, regardless of their immigration status, can access help provided by governmental agencies. Attorney Shannon Church Egan will discuss in detail what legal rights are afforded to immigrant victims of domestic violence, and what types of special protections are available under federal immigration law to certain qualifying victims.

Serving Those Who Serve: Working with Clients with Ties to the Military (Services Members, Dependents, and Veterans)

Military Service Members and their Dependents, as well as Veteran populations, have many unique needs and situations. These critical needs can have serious impacts on the individual if not taken into consideration. These unique situations may result in delays in reporting or seeking help, create difficulties in providing services, and could hinder any treatment or recovery plans if not addressed properly. This workshop by Charles Lay is designed to assist those working with these populations to have a better understanding of these needs, as well as a better understanding of programs and services available through the military to help with these needs.

Attendees will come out of this presentation able to:

- Identify and understand unique aspects and considerations when working with military and Veteran clients/military culture.
- Identify additional resources and agencies needed for referrals or assistance when working with clients from the military or Veterans.
- Identify some of the major changes within the Army over the last couple of years which may impact services for this population.

Out Late: Protecting LGBTQ Seniors

This presentation will identify unique legal issues among LGBTQ+ seniors and community-specific risks for elder abuse and domestic violence. Attorney Ross Ewing will give particular attention to resources outside the legal community and how those resources can be used to improve legal services for this population.

Voices from Foster Care: Best Practices to Serve Children Who Have

Experienced Trauma

Presenters Kelly Jaramillo and Andrew Holt from the Department for Community Based Services along with Taylor Trenth of Voices of the Commonwealth will provide an insightful training on providing services to children in foster care. As the number of foster children in this state of Kentucky continues to hold steady at 9,000+, the likelihood of professionals working with children in foster care or their families grows increasingly so. The presenters will begin by defining trauma and how it can present itself in children who have experienced trauma and been placed into the custody of the State. Participants will be provided with best practice and skills they can incorporate into their own work with children and youth in foster care. Participants will also hear from a former foster youth who aged out of foster care and an adoptee who was adopted at an early age. They will share their experiences in foster care and provide insight into the successful relationships they had while in care and into adulthood.

Elder Abuse



Shannon

was born and raised in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. In 2009, Shannon received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a Herring Scholar. A year later, Shannon followed her college roommate to Louisville, Kentucky where she interned with the Legal Aid Society. Shannon fell in love with the Commonwealth and decided to pursue her law degree at the University of Kentucky. As a law student, Shannon was an Articles Editor for the Kentucky Law Journal and an active member of the International Law Society. In 2015, Shannon graduated from the University of Kentucky's College of Law and Patterson School dual degree program receiving both a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Arts degree in Diplomacy and International Commerce. Since becoming a licensed attorney, Shannon has practiced exclusively in the field of immigration law: she prides herself on being an effective advocate for immigrants in

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Ross

is a family law attorney and mediator in Lexington, Kentucky. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has held many leadership positions in the Kentucky bar and his local community. Ross was founding president of the Kentucky Bar Association's LGBT Law Section and is a long-time volunteer with the Kentucky Lawyers Assistance Program. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Outside of work, Ross enjoys reading, hiking, and traveling with his husband.



Andrew Holt is the Supervisor of

the Foster Care and Adoption Training Team. Andrew obtained his Master of Social Work from the University of Kentucky in 2016. He has been employed with the Department of Community Based Services for over 10 years. Andrew has primarily worked with foster families during his career with the State and has also worked with children and their biological families. Andrew has also worked with the United Methodist Children's Home in their Independent Living Program as a case manager and with the Ronald McDonald Charity House as a policy developer to ensure families stay together during crisis related to medical issues. Andrew's passion to help families experiencing the foster care system stems from his experience in foster care. At a young age he was placed in the foster care system due to physical and verbal abuse. After spending a short time in foster care, he was adopted by a family. He experienced and overcame different barriers related to his early trauma that impacted him through young adulthood. Through training other foster parents, he is able to share how his family provided him the strength to develop resilience.



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the Foster Care and Adoption Training Team. She obtained her Bachelor of Criminal Justice Administration in 2012 and a Master of Social Work from Campbellsville University in 2015. She has been employed by the Department for Community Based services for 6.5 years. During her first two years with DCBS, she worked to provide ongoing services to families in need and helped to reunite families. For the last 4 years, she has worked with the Foster Care Training team and works primarily with relatives seeking approval as foster parents for a child placed with them. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their three dogs. Their favorite activities are watching new movies (especially *Star Wars* and superhero) and playing board games. They enjoy road tripping, with their longest trip being more than 2,400 miles from Oregon within her church and planning new service



Charles Lay retired from the Army at the end

of 2011 as a Master Sergeant with over 23 years of active military service. He got his start in the victim services field while stationed in the Middle East as an Equal Opportunity Advisor and a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator providing victim services to Army units in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Qatar from 2008-2010 for 26 months. He began his civilian career in 2012 working with the Kentucky National Guard as an Assistant Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, then as a Victim Advocate Coordinator until December 2018. In December 2018 Charles took a new position where he currently works as the U.S. Army Human Resources Command's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Program Manager

at Fort Knox, KY. Charles holds several national certifications, as well having completed a



Taylor Trent is the Chair of

Voices of the Commonwealth and a social work major at Eastern Kentucky University. Taylor's focus is on advocacy for sibling relationships while in foster care. As a former foster youth, Taylor witnessed domestic abuse within her own home between her biological parents. Taylor was in the foster care system for over ten years. Taylor joined Voices of the Commonwealth to advocate for foster care change and since joining, she has climbed the ladder from a secretary to advocate to chairperson. Taylor's role is to help make changes within legislation by sharing her story. Taylor works with parents on how to treat foster youth and how to maintain stability with the new foster youth in their homes, and she speaks with foster youth to help them understand that there are others who are there to support them through their time in the system. Taylor wants foster youth to know she is there as a voice who is always going to shout out loud to be heard and to be taken seriously on their behalf.

Conference Materials

Conference materials will be available here closer to the conference.

Operation Donation

Every year the conference organizers choose a different local organization for participants to

donate personal items. Because of the hybrid nature of this conference, we are providing two different ways to donate to two very worthy organizations. On the registration form, you will see the opportunity to donate to GreenHouse17. If you attend in-person, please consider bringing in a set of twin sheets for Hope's Wings. A drop-off spot will be at the registration table.

Is This Conference For Me?

Individuals who work in any capacity with individuals who have experienced domestic violence and those who work with older individuals in any capacity will benefit from this conference. This would include, among others:

- social workers
- health professionals
- nursing home administrators
- attorneys
- case managers
- court personnel
- victim advocates
- law enforcement officers
- licensed clinical alcohol & drug counselors

CEUs/CLEs

Certificates will be emailed to attendees within two weeks of the conference.

Approval has been granted as follows:

- Kentucky Bar Association: 5.50 CLE credits / 0.00 ethics credits

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- Highlands ARH Regional Medical Center: 6.6 contact hours

Provider Offering Number: 4?0031?12?22?0217. Highlands ARH RMC is an approved provider of CE by the Kentucky Board of Nursing

Continuing education applications have been submitted to the following and approval is pending from the following:

- Southeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center (Southeast AHEC)

CEU have been requested and applications are pending for the following professions:

- Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Licensed Clinical Alcohol & Drug Counselors
- Psychologist

Local Accommodations and Activities

Richmond (Madison Co.) is located approximately 15 miles north of Berea, home of Berea College, the Kentucky Artisan Center, and many craftsmen and artists. It is approximately 24 miles from the Hamburg area of Lexington and 27 miles from downtown Lexington.

Richmond is the home of the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center and Battlefield Park, Eastern Kentucky University, Boone's Trace National Golf Club, and a number of other local attractions including vineyards, distilleries, and breweries within a half hours' drive, including Fort Boonesborough State Park,

Additional information can be found here: <https://visitrichmondky.com/>.

There are a number of hotels in the area. Those located at Exit 87 are the closest to the Perkins Building at ECU. These include: Best Western Holiday Plaza, Comfort Suites, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, , Towneplace Suites Marriott, and Tru by Hilton.

COVID Safety Plan

If it is deemed unsafe to hold this Conference in person, it will be offered as a live, interactive Zoom Webinar on the same date and following the same agenda times. We will email all participants as soon as that decision is made to update them.

To help you decide whether you prefer in-person attendance or virtual here is some information about event logistics.

Hand Sanitizer Stations: We will have hand sanitizer accessible to everyone throughout the event.

Masks: We will follow all local and university guidelines around masking. At this time, masks are optional but welcome. Masks will be available at the registration table.

Spacing Measures: If at full capacity (150) there will not be room for social distancing. Participants will be seated at long workshop-style tables.

Lunch: We will provide a 1.5 hour break for participants to get lunch on their own. This will enable attendees to eat solo, outside, or in small groups on campus or at local restaurants as they wish.

Questions?

Please [email us](#).

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