

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Keynote Address**

Aurelia Sands Belle is the Executive Director of the Durham North Carolina Response Center. She will address how bias toward victims who are considered “different” can often lead to further victimization and how issues of bias in ourselves may affect our work with those victims.

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Workshops**

### **Abuse in Later Life: Domestic and Sexual Violence (Part I)**

This two-part workshop will provide participants with a greater understanding of the dynamics and reality of domestic and sexual violence in later life, including an examination of the differences between causal theories of power & control and caregiver stress.

**Presenter: Nanci Newton**, Director of the University of South Florida Advocacy Program

### **The Homeless as Crime Victims**

This workshop will examine how homeless individuals are especially vulnerable to criminal attacks and how social service providers can help to minimize criminal actions against them.

**Presenter: Jamye Boone Ward**, Attorney, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, El Paso Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

### **Bullying Among Children and Youth with Disabilities**

This workshop will examine bullying and intervention strategies for those with disabilities. The participants will learn about bullying behavior and disability harassment.

**Presenter: Teri Sowder**, Regional Coordinator, Partners Resource Network, Inc.

**11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Workshops**

### **Abuse in Later Life: Domestic and Sexual Violence (Part II)**

See workshop description above.

### **Hate Crimes Against People Experiencing Homelessness**

This workshop will look at homelessness from a totally different perspective, examining the different kinds of hate crimes being perpetrated against those experiencing homelessness.

**Presenter: Richard Troxell**, Director, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid for the Homeless, and President and Founder of House the Homeless, Inc., Austin

### **Responding to Crime Victims Who Have Mental Illness**

This workshop will address the victimization of the mentally ill versus the general population and the impact of deinstitutionalization within the mental health community.

**Presenter: Michael Lee**, Crisis Intervention Team, Houston Police Department

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Panel Discussions**

Each track will hold a panel discussion with local service providers and the workshop presenters to discuss practical applications in working with their victims' population.

### **Abuse in Later Life: Domestic and Sexual Violence**

Moderator: **Toni Padilla**, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Panelists: **Nanci Newton**, Director of the University of South Florida Advocacy Program; **Susan Holley-Lowe**, Chief Operating Officer, Women's Shelter of South Texas; 3<sup>rd</sup> panelist to be determined

### **The Homeless as Crime Victims**

Moderator: **Cynthia Contreras**, Community Education Coordinator, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

Panelists: **Richard Troxell**, Director, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid for the Homeless; **Jamye Boone Ward**, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, El Paso Legal Clinic for the Homeless; **Rosa E. Pizza**, Executive Director, Corpus Christi Metro Ministries

### **Responding to Crime Victims Who Have Mental Illness**

Moderator: **Tommie Villegas**, PhD, Clinical Director, Nueces County MHMR

**Michael Lee**, Crisis Intervention Team, Houston Police Department; **Jeanne Wallace**, Mental Health Director, Nueces County MHMR; **Judy Telge**, Executive Director, Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living