“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world.” — Anne Frank

National Association of Social Workers
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Dr. Ron Acierno is a Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing and a Senior Clinical Research Scientist at the Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, MUSC's Consortium VA partner. Finally, he is the Clinical Training Director and Board Member of the non-profit Veterans on Deck, an organization he founded that uses sailing to impart socialization, teambuilding and personal growth in veterans recovering from PTSD, substance use, and who have been victims of Military Sexual Trauma.

In addition to his clinical work with older adult crime victims and younger veterans, Dr. Acierno has two related but distinct research foci: epidemiological studies of elder mistreatment and treatment outcome studies, focusing on using home based telemedicine for treatment delivery, with victims of trauma, disaster, combat or loss. He is PI (Primary Investigator) on a Department of Defense grant to study behavioral activation and therapeutic exposure delivered via home-based telemedicine for PTSD in active duty service personnel and veterans. He is also PI on a VA MERIT grant to evaluate prolonged exposure for PTSD delivered in-person vs. home-based telemedicine in veterans. Dr. Acierno mixes epidemiological research with treatment outcome research, and keeps close to the clinical world as a clinician-administrator for treatment programs serving both civilian and military traumatized populations.

Teresa Arnold is the State Director for AARP South Carolina. Before AARP, she was the Director of Governmental Affairs at the SC Department of Social Services. In that role, she was responsible for representing the agency before the legislature, managing the budget process and acting as a key member of the state office leadership team. She had worked at the South Carolina Statehouse in some capacity for 20 years.

She is proud of her work with other partners to successfully pass the Hospital Acquired Infection Disclosure Act which allows health care consumers to have accurate information about infection rates at each hospital in South Carolina, which resulted in the largest decrease in infections in the nation for states reporting at the time.

Arnold was awarded the 2006 Wings of Caring award from the SC Adult Day Services Association, the 2007 NASW Social Worker of the Year, the 2011 South Carolina Patient Advocate of the Year and the 2013 University of South Carolina College of Social Work Alumna of the Year.

Ajahn Montree Panyatharo is a senior Buddhist monk at Rombodhidharma International Temple in Loei, Thailand. Born and raised in Nakornratchama province in Thailand, he started practicing meditation from a young age and opened his first meditation school by the age of 19. By 21, he had four schools teaching meditation and vipassana to hundreds of people each day while still working as an engineer at an auto company. A beloved meditation master, he was also well-known in his community for the ability to help heal people from physical and mental health problems. Having achieved many high spiritual levels in meditation, he still didn’t feel that these achievements meant enlightenment.

In 2005, after listening to the teachings of the Venerable Luang Por Phosrisuriya Khemarato, he traveled to Rombodhidharma Temple in Loei to meet with Luang Por. After 18 days learning with Luang Por and practicing intensively day and night, he found the key for his long search. He then left all four meditation schools and his job to move to Loei to be officially ordained as a Buddhist monk. In the last 11 years at Rombodhidharma International Temple, he was active in teaching dharma as well as participating in projects to build stronger families, schools, and communities across Thailand.
Lyn Phillips received her Masters in Social Work degree from the University of South Carolina and her B.A. in Education from Clemson University. In her 37 years of experience, she has worked as a clinical social worker in mental health, public health, hospital, victims’ services and university (USC) research settings.

For the last 7 years, she has worked in private practice as a Mitigation Specialist/Clinical Social Worker in death penalty and non-capital murder case mitigation and sentencing advocacy. Areas of expertise include mental illness; victimization, abuse and trauma. Ms. Phillips also has experience in service needs and systems change for persons with brain injury or epilepsy and their families.


**Marriot Conference Map**
2017 Symposium Workshop Schedule

**Monday March 20**

**7:30 a.m.**
Registration and coffee

**8:00 a.m.**
Welcome
Gary Tyson, LMSW, MPH
President, NASW-SC

**Opening Plenary:**
Protection through Connection: The importance of Social Support in Aging
Ron Acierno, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Research
Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing

**9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Workshops**

**WK 1** Serving those Convicted with Felonies: Principles for Effective Community Reentry.
Daniel B. Freedman PhD, MSW, LISW-CP, Amy Helms, MS, RD, LD, and William Benitez AA. This workshop proposes effective practice principles for serving those who are convicted with felonies and are reentering the community from jail or prison. What will be illustrated are programs and practices that decrease the odds of recidivism, while increasing quality of life.

**WK 2** The Language of Recovery.
Julie S. Cole, LMSW, CACII, MAC. When compared with other chronic health conditions, there remains an inordinate amount of stigma with substance use disorders. This training explores commonly accepted terms and concepts related to substance use disorders, to include discussion regarding terms that are more congruent with the constructs of addiction as a chronic health condition.

**WK 3** Turning Me to We: Relational Approaches to Multiple Sclerosis, Part 1.
Kenneth W. Phelps, Ph.D., LMFT, and Kaye Gooch, MSW. Multiple Sclerosis is a disease of the immune system that has significant biopsychosocial-spiritual implications for patients and families. Challenges of the disease, both psychological and relational, will be discussed. Information will also be provided on assessment and treatment from a systemic lens for varied issues (e.g., communication, caregiving, intimacy).

**WK 4** Relationships: Transforming People and Communities.
Susan T. Parlir, PhD, LMSW, ACSW, MAR, and Margriet De Zeeuw Wright, PhD. In the age of social media, we seemingly connect with people all day. However, many report a growing sense of social isolation and loneliness. Facilitators explore the meaning of the core value of human relationships as we connect in our personal relationships and develop collaborations with the larger community.

**WK 5** Motivational Interviewing in the Real World.
Brooke Chelhoski, MSW, and Rhonda DiNovo, MSW. Motivational Interviewing is often used to facilitate client change through intrinsic motivation. We will explore how MI can be used to address concerns with a boss, manage employees and interns, and even deal with frustrating relatives. In this interactive workshop, participants will be invited to share challenging situations and work towards a solution.

**WK 6** Elder Mistreatment: What We Know, What We Can Do and What We Are Doing in South Carolina.
Melba Alexandra Hernandez-Tejada, PhD. Elder Mistreatment presents a challenge for individuals
and organizations helping to eradicate this problem, not only because of the common domestic violence perpetrator/victim relationship and consequences but also because of lack of screening or lack of training to screen in health professionals, as well as lack of tailored options of treatment for the victims. This talk will explore briefly the evidence on perpetrators and victims, elder abuse report, and efforts currently executed to address elder mistreatment in South Carolina. (APS TRACK)*

*For those attending from DSS, sessions marked “APS Track” will focus on adult/elder issues. Others also welcome!

10:40 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Workshops

WK 7 Understanding Dementia. Gary Tyson, LMSW, MPH. Dementia is an illness which affects the brain, causing the brain cells to die at a faster rate than normal. It is NOT normal ageing. We will explore the different types of dementia, their behavioral characteristics and best practices to help people who live with dementia achieve the best quality of life. (APS TRACK)

WK 8 Opening Doors for Field Instruction with Elected Officials. Jim Manning, ACSW, MPA, LISW/AP & CP, and Shelly Price, LMSW. The NASW Code of Ethics states social workers should engage in political action and be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice. An ideal place to begin opening doors is by creating professional student internship possibilities with elected officials.

WK 9 Turning Me to We: Relational Approaches to Multiple Sclerosis, Part 2. Kenneth W. Phelps, Ph.D., LMFT, and Kaye Gooch, MSW, Continuation of WK 3.

WK 10 Helping Women Keep Calm: A Clinical Approach. Laurel Shaler, PhD, LISW-CP. Anger is a spectrum that includes the often-used terms of frustration and irritability, and many women need help managing these emotions. This workshop covers topics such as faces of frustration, dealing with a tough past, and learning to forgive, and incorporates principles of Mindfulness and Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy.

WK 11 Slipping Through the Cracks. Shanee Moore, PhD, and Stephanie Payne, LMSW. “Slipping through the cracks” examines risk factors within the foster care system that are predictors for juvenile delinquency in African America girls. Youth who cross over from child welfare to the juvenile justice system are disproportionality female and African American (Huang, Ryan, Sappleton, & Chiu, 2015.)

WK 12 Evidenced-based Treatment for Eating Disorders and the DSM-5. Susan Connelly-Nelson, LISW-CP, CEDS. This presentation will address the DSV-5 changes in regards to eating disorders and discuss the current evidenced based treatment for eating disorders. The presentation will also include a discussion and clinical presentation on each of the eating disorders.

12:20 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:50 p.m.-3:20 p.m. Workshops

WK 13 Brainspotting and Grounding in Trauma Treatment, Part 1. Cynthia Schwartzberg, LCSW. Grounding is a key ingredient in therapy for effective change to take place. We will review the impact grounding has on clients including looking at neurobiology, and provide specific grounding techniques one can use in session. In addition, we will address the impact of counter transference in working with trauma and how to work with ourselves in those moments. We will end with an introduction to Brainspotting as a grounding therapeutic method.
WK 14 **Understanding Hospice.** Gary Tyson, LMSW, MPH. For many, the diagnosis of a life-limiting illness can be one of the most difficult times in life. Not knowing where to turn next is a common fear. Understanding hospice can bring a wealth of comfort and knowledge to patients and families in need of end-of-life care.

WK 15 **Ensuring Contraceptive Access in South Carolina: The Essential Roles of Social Workers.** Debbie Billings, PhD, Sarah Kelly, MSW, MPH. Unintended pregnancy—pregnancy that is mistimed, unplanned, or unwanted—affects the lives of women, men, families, and communities throughout the United States. In South Carolina, over one half of all pregnancies are unintended, impacting thousands of people every year. Choose Well, an initiative of the New Morning Foundation, envisions a society in which all women and men can make conscious and intentional decisions about pregnancy. This presentation will focus on the important roles that social workers can play in ensuring that women and men have access to information about a full range of contraceptives as well as to the contraceptive methods of their choice.

WK 16 **Ethics and Risk Management in the New Era of Social Work, Part 1.** Josephine V. Allen, PhD, ACSW. This workshop covers social work malpractice issues, such as the extent of personal and organizational liability today and recommended strategies for reducing your exposure to a social work malpractice suit.

WK 17 **Relationships: Transforming Communities: ABCD in Action.** Susan Parlier, PhD, LMSW, ACSW, MAR, Carly Burns, BSW, MSW Candidate 2017, and Lottie Felkel, MSW Candidate 2017. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a framework for transforming communities. By using this framework, organizers focus on the assets as the primary components of change; therefore, the residents have power to build a sustainable community. The facilitators focus on using ABCD in local faith and low resource communities.

WK 18 **Multidisciplinary Teams in Adult Protective Services Panel.** Theresa Arnold, MSW, moderator, E Sharee Rhines, The secret to successful outcomes for your clients The presentation will consist of a discussion on why collaboration is important for the field of APS. We will also explore how to identify partners who need to be at the table to make your collaboration a success. Lastly, Georgia APS and Forensic staff will give an overview of successful Multidisciplinary Team models, both at the local and state level. (APS Track)

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Workshops**

WK 19 **Evidence and Feasibility of Implementing an Integrated Wellness Program in a Southeastern City.** Amber Flanigan, LMSW, MPH, CHES. Evidence for the connection between physical and mental health is growing, as well as interest in providing a mind-body approach to mental and physical health. Results from a literature review and interest survey focused on a mind-body wellness program including yoga, tai chi, mindfulness meditation, and nutrition education are explored.

WK 20 **The South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian Ad Litem Program.** Brenda Stalzer, LMSW, Emily Walker and Victoria Deas-Johnson, LBSW. The South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program recruits and trains volunteers to serve as Guardians ad Litem for vulnerable adults who are under the custody of the Department of Social Services. The adults served by the program are at substantial risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

WK 21 **Brainspotting and Grounding in Trauma Treatment, Part 2** Cynthia Schwartzberg, LCSW.

WK 22. **Ethics and Risk Management in the New Era of Social Work, Pt 2.** Josephine V. Allen, PhD, ACSW.
Assessing Student Readiness for Internship: Improving Student and Client Outcomes. Nicole Cavanagh, PhD, LISW-AP/CP. Successful internships/practicums are predicated on several factors: student and supervisor perceptions, learning styles, supervision needs and availability of learning opportunities. Assessing these variables prior to placement assists in facilitating a "good fit." This session will assist participants in maximizing these variables to improve both student and client outcomes.

Therapeutic Journaling for Improved Wellness. Sandra Johnson, LMSW. Research shows that therapeutic journaling is an effective way to reduce stress and anxiety, reduce depression, lower blood pressure, boost the immune system and improve overall quality of life. This workshop will educate social workers about various modalities of therapeutic journaling and how to incorporate them into their clinical practice to assist their clients to achieve optimal health outcomes.

Overview of State Level Action to Combat Elder Abuse and Exploitation. Diana Noel, Senior Legislative Representative, AARP Government Affairs, Neal Rashley, Senior Vice President and Counsel, SC Bankers Association, Celeste Moore, Assistant General Counsel, SCDSS. Participants will also learn about AARP’s involvement with these issues and how they intersect with other issues as states work to reform laws and practice on preventing abuse and exploitation of vulnerable adults. (APS Track)

5:15 p.m. NASW-SC Board Meeting

Tuesday March 21

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. NASW Town Hall Meeting
Recognizing Excellence in our Field:
Social Work Awards

9:00 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Workshops

SC Collaborative on Race and Reconciliation – The Welcome Table Experience. Alicia Anderson Brown, PhD, CCS, CACII, and Rushondra J. James, MSW. Diversity and social justice are core values of the Social Work profession. However, those values may not always be reflected in our day-to-day interactions. Welcome Table, South Carolina, fosters critical thinking in terms of race. This workshop will serve as an informative session to discuss the initial results of these efforts.

SC Social Work Licensure Prep, Part 1. Corey Beauford, MSW, LICSW. This presentation will share information about the revised social work licensing examination. We will juxtapose the content outlines of the old exam with the new exam. Participants will review subject matter covered on the ASWB exams as well as sample exam questions. Strategies useful for success on the exam will also be shared. Part One of this workshop will cover information relevant to the Bachelors level exam.

The Cultural Humility Model and Chinese Culture as a Vehicle to Promote Effective Social Work Practice with Chinese and Asian families. David Luciano, JD, MSW, PhD. Cultural Humility is a model that is specifically designed for working with Latino families and Immigrants. However, it can be used with Asian, Chinese...
and other populations given its emphasis on eclectic practice. It has the basic tenets of an individual’s need to remain humble despite adverse challenges and social barriers. Being humble basically means letting go and letting God take over. A special tenet of this model is Spirituality not necessarily a rigid Christian or Catholic dogma to obey, but the need to understand that there are also spiritual and metaphysical forces that are at work. Because these forces are at work, the body, mind and the spiritual coping skills of an individual—call it faith, Taoism, Buddhism or any other spiritual support network—must be optimum to cope with oppression and to promote inner harmony and peace.

WK 28 **Marijuana and Other Leafy Greens: What’s the Harm?** Emily Epting, LMSW, and Aimee Hourigan, M.Ed. From legal changes to new forms like concentrates, the landscape of marijuana use is changing. If you’re curious about topics like dab, oil, CBD, and the impact of the use of these on young adults, this session is for you! Come with questions and ready for an interesting discussion.

WK 29 **Coming out in Public School & Campus Climate and Retention.** Mary Beth Hyatt, MSW, LISW-CP. The presentation will educate participates on appropriate acronyms/pronouns and will provide education on how to support LGBTQIA students in K-12 and college with the coming out process to maximize student academic and social success and retention.

WK 30 **Women’s Work Inequality is a Violation of Human Rights.** Shirley McClerklin-Motley, MSW, and Patricia A. Lych. This presentation will address the human rights implications of naturalized and undocumented women’s paid and unpaid care work related to the care of children, elderly, sick and disabled. It will also address U.S. Policy implications that adversely impact women’s social and economic human rights with particular focus on migrant women who are sandwiched between caring for their undocumented family members and their naturalized minor children.

WK 31 **Do Not say “H” Word!** Kimberly Silva, LMSW. How to have a meaningful, open, and honest conversation about hospice care. Many times, family members and patients wait till the very end to obtain hospice care. The reality is, a patient can qualify for hospice services and still enjoy the final days, weeks, or even months of their lives.  

**10:40 a.m.**  
Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

**10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Workshops**

WK 32 **Social Work Implications of South Carolina’s Medicaid Expansion Denial.** Amber Flanigan, LMSW, MPH, CHES, and Lindsey Kilgo, BSW, MSW. The state of South Carolina elected not to expand Medicaid. Instead the Healthy Outcomes Plan (HOP) was proposed to support hospitals that elected to coordinate care for uninsured, chronically ill, and high utilizers of the emergency department. The social work implications for coordinating care for the HOP population will be explored.

WK 33 **South Carolina Social Work Licensure Prep, Part 2.** Corey Beauford, MSW, LICSW. Pt. Two will cover information relevant to the Masters and Clinical exams

WK 34 **Cognitive Behavior Therapy & PTSD: Chain Analysis.** Elisabeth Ann Surratt, LISW-CP. Understanding problems and behaviors connected with PTSD symptoms. Chain analysis details links in the chain that lead to problem behavior. Review of treatment interventions can be used on different links in the chain. Participant discussion will follow a role play between patient and therapist using two seminar attendees.
WK 35 Helping the Helper: Reducing Service Calls through Screening and Referral. Rhonda DiNovo, MSW, and Lieutenant John Norman. Law Enforcement often responds to persons experiencing mental health/substance use crisis, and needs innovative ways to appropriately manage this trend. Facilitators, representing WCPD and USC’s COSW, will discuss their collaborative project aimed at promoting behavior change and reducing service calls through screening, brief intervention, and referral to services.

WK 36 The Child and Family Services Review in South Carolina. Suzanne Sutphin, PhD. This workshop will inform participants about the 2017 Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The CFSR is a federally mandated review process designed to assess conformity with federal child welfare requirements. Participants will gain insight into the components of the review process and the role they can play in the practice improvement efforts.

WK 37 Practical Approaches to Person-Centered Planning. Victoria Charles, LMSW, PhD Candidate, Stacy Wright, MSW, and Tommy Edwards, MBA, MSW. Recent research is SC highlights the need for training on person-centered planning for home health service delivery. This workshop will explore principles of person-centered planning, meaningful social engagement, and client self-direction. Presenters will conclude with methods for developing person-centered plans with older adults leaving attendees with effective tools for practice.

WK 38 How are You Influenced and How Do You Effectively Influence Others? Janet Porter, PhD. This workshop focuses on learning what your “influence” preference is and improving your ability to influence others - your clients, your families, your colleagues. You will learn about your own style of influence - and have a framework for understanding others' styles. This interactive workshop will provide you coaching on your style so you are more effective at influencing others. (Limited to 100 participants) APS Track

12:20 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN: Check out our wonderful downtown restaurants!

1:40 p.m.-3:10 p.m. Workshops

WK 39 Latino Leadership Development: Equipping Social Work Students for Effective Practice with the Latino Community. Ben Roth, PhD, and Lauren Andreu, COSW graduate student. The Latino Leadership Development Initiative (LLDI) at the USC College of Social Work aims to equip students and faculty to more effectively engage, serve and collaborate with Latino community. This presentation will summarize the development of the LLDI and discuss implications for the social work profession in South Carolina.

WK 40 The Epidemic of Elder Abuse. Connie Hart-Chisolm, LISW-CP and Macie P. Smith, Ed.D, LBSW, C-SWCM, SW-G. The National Center on Elder Abuse estimates that one in 10 people over 60 experiences elder mistreatment (i.e., abuse or neglect), which translates to nearly six million cases every year. Elder abuse is one of the most overlooked public health crises in our country and we must ring the bell. (APS TRACK)

WK 41 The State of the SC Legislature and Congress. Krystal Reid, LMSW. This session will equip attendees with congressional and state legislative update of the current legislative sessions and legislative strategies for utilization in their practice.

WK 42 International Students’ Cross-Cultural Experiences and Spiritual Coping. Kyunghee Ma, MA, MSW, PhD Candidate. Many Asian students cope with acculturation stress through spirituality by reflecting on their experiences and new identity. Spirituality, an integrating force, enables them to find purpose in life and reinstate social collection disrupted from relocation to the new culture. Mental health professionals should accommodate the spiritual coping of these students.
WK 43  **Am I Going Crazy? Helping Women Heal from Trauma.** Laurel Shaler, PhD, LISW-CP. Numerous sources indicate that one-half to two-thirds of adults have experienced a traumatic experience, yet not everyone recognizes the association between these experiences and negative symptoms that occur in the aftermath. This workshop will not only cover PTSD, but also the hidden problems of trauma that routinely impact women.

WK 44  **The End of the American Dream.** Lauren Wilkie, LMSW. How is SC impacted by homelessness? This workshop will engage attendees in a discussion of statistics that explain what trends in society lead to homelessness; examine best practice solutions and theories to reduce homelessness and identify community resources to tap for support.

WK 45  **Refugees in SC: An Overview** Kathleen Heavner, MSW, Breanne Grace, PhD, and Bedrija Jazic. Basics of the US refugee resettlement program: overseas processing, demographics resettling in SC, and services available to refugees upon arrival. We end with a call to action regarding legislative challenges to the program, which is consistent with Code of Ethics calls to service, justice, human relationships, and dignity and worth of all people.

3:10 p.m.  Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

3:20 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  **Afternoon Plenary: Self-Care for Social Workers Through Adjusting Inside and Outside.** Huong Nguyen, PhD, MSW; Venerable Ajahn Montree Panyatharo, Buddhist monk; Melissa Reitmeier, PhD, LMSW

5:15 p.m.  Social Hour/ PARTY to Celebrate Social Work Month! Hosted by USC College of Social Work, to be held in Marriott private lounge (cash bar).

**Wednesday, March 22**

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast Session: Legislative Issues in South Carolina
Moderator: Teresa Arnold, MSW, State Director, AARP

9:00 a.m.  Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.  **Workshops**

WK 46  **Interprofessional Collaboration & Evidence Based Methods: Challenges in Behavioral Health Across the Life Span.** Candice Morgan, PhD, MSW, LMSW, Teri Browne, PhD, MSW, NSW-C, Aidyn Iachini, PhD, MSW, LSW, and Melissa Reitmeier, PhD, MSW. Interprofessional collaboration improves outcomes for clients and increases work satisfaction for social workers. Behavioral health social workers who practice interprofessionally play a crucial role by utilizing evidenced based methods (EBM) which are a good fit for interprofessional settings. In addition, they recognize how clients’ needs change throughout their lifespan and why this makes EBMs more or less successful. This presentation will highlight the role of social work in interprofessional collaboration, consider life span issues, and describe several EBMs shown to be a good fit in interprofessional settings.

WK 47  **Champions for Children: A DSS & Winthrop University Collaboration.** Kori Bloomquist, PhD, MSW, Deana F. Morrow, PhD, and Marika’ Dillard, MSW. In January 2016, the South Carolina Department of Social Services contracted with the Winthrop University Department of Social Work to increase the number of foster and
adoptive families in eight South Carolina counties. This presentation details targeted recruitment efforts on behalf of children and youth with placement and permanency needs.

WK 48 Focus on What's Strong; Not Wrong: The Intersect of the Strengthening Families ® Protective Factors and the CDC’s “Learn the Signs. Act Early”, Program Part 1. Lorraine Cragan-Sullivan, MA, MSW. Participants will be introduced to the Strengthening Families ® Protective Factors Framework and the CDC’s “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” program. Special emphasis will be placed on parental knowledge of child development, as it pertains to the protective factors. Attendees will be immersed in an interactive presentation of developmental milestones.

WK 49 Clinical Practice With Adolescents, Part 1. Michael Budlong, LCSW. This is an interactive, skill based workshop designed to provide participants with a model of counseling in working with adolescent clients in a variety of agency settings. Interviewing and assessment tools will be provided by the presenter and participants will be able to practice them during the session.

WK 50 Race and the Social Work Grand Challenges: What's Your Role? Monique Constance-Huggins, PhD, MSW, MPIA, and ZaDonna Slay, MSW. The Social Work Grand Challenges were developed to address deep and persistent social conditions in the U.S. Many of these challenges have disproportionate implications for racial minorities, which complicate their experiences. This presentation discusses the grand challenges, and highlights the role of social work practitioners in tackling the challenges.

WK 51 Trauma-Focused Care in Serving Elders, Melanie Snipes, Sexual Trauma Services. Melanie Snipes, LMSW. This session will focus on the issue of sexual violence, its impact, and special communities. We will also discuss a case scenario, how it was handled and how we as a community can respond. (APS TRACK)

10:40 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Workshops

WK 52 Focus on What's Strong; Not Wrong: The Intersect of the Strengthening Families ® Protective Factors and the CDC’s “Learn the Signs. Act Early”, Program Part 2. Lorraine Cragan-Sullivan, MA, MSW.

WK 53 Clinical Practice With Adolescents, Part 2. Michael Budlong, LCSW.

WK 54 K-2, So Cheap, So Deadly. Patricia Haversham-Brown, LCSW, (NY & NJ), LCADC, LCSW-G, CSOTS. The goal is to provide participants with knowledge of synthetic marijuana (K-2), the harm it causes and the signs and symptoms indicating what to look for in abusers. Participants will be provided with the effects on the brain and long and short term effects. Government intervention will be discussed as well as small vignettes of prior users sharing their experience with K-2. Testing for K-2 will also be discussed as well as any updated data on the substance

WK 55 Minority Women and Health Disparities: Examining an “Old” Problem with a “New” Lens. Lakesia Tucker, Ed.D, MSW, Kenisha Thomas, MSW, Marcia Davis Taylor, MSW, LMSW, and Jamie Rogers, MSW. The discussion of minority health disparities is nothing new. Emerging scholarship addresses the issue from a different perspective. The effects of trauma, institutional racism, sexism, and interpersonal violence against minority women serve as an overlay to the factors that affect the mental and physical health status of minority women.
**Panel Discussion on APS Report.** Kelly Cordell, MSW, Director, Adult Advocacy Services, moderator, Jennifer Mallory, Attorney, Nelson Mullins Riley, Teresa Arnold, MSW, State Director, AARP. *(APS TRACK)*

12:20-1:30 p.m.  Lunch Plenary: SC Refugee Services – Achievements, Challenges, & Trends  
Lindsey LeDuc, Amadeo Geere, and Kathleen Heavner, MSW

1:30 p.m.  Closing Session: Social Work in the Age of Mass Incarceration: Our Roles in Securing Justice. Lynn Phillips, LISW-CP, Arlene Andrews, PhD, Marjorie Hammock, LISW-CP, and Morgan Daniels, LMSW

2:30 p.m.  Conference Adjourns

See you next year!

Thank you to our WONDERFUL Symposium Committee!

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### Monday, March 21

**8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Plenary: Protection through Connection**
The importance of Social Support in Aging Ron Acierno, PhD  
1.5 hrs

**9:10-10:40 a.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 1 Serving those Convicted with Felonies: Principles for Effective Community Reentry
- WK 2 The Language of Recovery
- WK 3 Turning Me to We: Relational Approaches to Multiple Sclerosis, Part 1
- WK 4 Relationships: Transforming People and Communities.
- WK 5 Motivational Interviewing in the Real World.
- WK 6 Elder Mistreatment: What We Know, What We Can Do and What We Are Doing in South Carolina.

**10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 7 Understanding Dementia
- WK 8 Opening Doors for Field Instruction with Elected Officials
- WK 9 Turning Me to We: Relational Approaches to Multiple Sclerosis, Pt 2
- WK 10 Helping Women Keep Calm: A Clinical Approach
- WK 11 Slipping Through the Cracks
- WK 12 Evidenced-based Treatment for Eating Disorders and the DSM-5

**1:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 13 Brainspotting and Grounding in Trauma Treatment, Pt 1
- WK 14 Understanding Hospice
- WK 15 Ensuring Contraceptive Access in South Carolina: The Essential Roles of Social Workers
- WK 16, Ethics and Risk Management in the New Era of Social Work, Part 1
- WK 17 Relationships: Transforming Communities: ABCD in Action.
- WK 18 Multidisciplinary Teams in Adult Protective Services Panel

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 19 Evidence and Feasibility of Implementing an Integrated Wellness Program in a Southeastern City
- WK 20 The South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian Ad Litem Program
- WK 21 Brainspotting and Grounding in Trauma Treatment, Pt 2
- WK 23 Assessing Student Readiness for Internship: Improving Student and Client Outcomes.
- WK 24 Therapeutic Journaling for Improved Wellness.
- WK AAA Overview of State Level Action to Combat Elder Abuse and Exploitation

### Tuesday, March 21

**8:00 AM NASW-SC Town Hall Meeting 1 hr**

**9:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 25 SC Collaborative on Race and Reconciliation – The Welcome Table Experience.
- WK 26 SC Social Work Licensure Prep, Part 1
- WK 27 The Cultural Humility Model and Chinese Culture
- WK 28 Marijuana and Other Leafy Greens: What’s the Harm?
- WK 29 Coming out in Public School & Campus Climate and Retention
- WK 30 Women’s Work Inequality is a Violation of Human Rights
- WK 31 Do Not Say “H” Word!

**10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 32 Social Work Implications of South Carolina’s Medicaid Expansion Denial
- WK 33 South Carolina Social Work Licensure Prep, Part 2
- WK 34 Cognitive Behavior Therapy & PTSD: Chain Analysis
- WK 35 Helping the Helper: Reducing Service Calls through Screening and Referral
- WK 36 The Child and Family Services Review in South Carolina
- WK 37 Practical Approaches to Person-Centered Planning
- WK 38 How are You Influenced and How Do You Effectively Influence Others?

### Wednesday, March 22

**8:00 a.m. Breakfast Session: Legislative Issues in SC Carolina 1 hr**

**9:15-10:45 a.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 46 Interprofessional Collaboration & Evidence Based Methods: Challenges in Behavioral Health Across the Life Span
- WK 47 Champions for Children: A DSS & Winthrop University Collaboration
- WK 48 Focus on What’s Strong; Not Wrong: The Intersect of the Strengthening Families ®
- WK 49 Clinical Practice With Adolescents, Part 1
- WK 50 Race and the Social Work Grand Challenges: What’s Your Role?
- WK 51 Trauma-Focused Care in Serving Elders

**10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Workshops 1.5 hrs**
- WK 52 Focus on What’s Strong; Not Wrong Pt 2
- WK 53 Clinical Practice With Adolescents, Pt 2
- WK 54 K-2, So Cheap, So Deadly
- WK 55 Minority Women and Health Disparities: Examining an “Old” Problem with a “New” Lens
- WK 56 Panel Discussion on APS Report
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch Plenary: SC Refugee Services – Achievements, Challenges, & Trends 1 hr

**1:30 p.m. Closing Session: Social Work in the Age of Mass Incarceration: Our Roles in Securing Justice 1 hr**

**TOTAL CONTACT HOURS FOR SYMPOSIUM:** __________________________