



2026 WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE • FEBRUARY 9-12, 2026 • GALVESTON, TX

Monday, February 9

11:00-2:00pm Registration

2:00-5:00pm **Keynote: Suffer from BURNOUT? Give 'em the F.I.N.G.E.R.**
Mark Yarbrough

Grand Ballroom

5:00-6:30pm **Welcome Reception**

GICC Foyer

Tuesday, February 10

6:15-7:15am **Yoga**
Melinda Nag

Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30am Registration

7:30-3:00pm Exhibits Open

8:00-9:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I The Importance of Why
Amy Blaustein

Ballroom A

II Workplace Stress Management
Melinda Nag

Ballroom B

III People Focused Leadership: Relationships Matter
Kim Nugent

Galleon I&II

IV Building Community Partnerships
Tiana Sanford

Galleon III

V Deflecting is Now Affecting
Michelle Hallock

Yacht

9:30-10:00am Morning Refreshment Break

10:00-11:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Fighting Fentanyl: The Noah Rodriguez Story

Janel Rodriguez and Mark Andrews

Ballroom A

II Generations at WORK!

Nancy Baird

Ballroom B

III Justice with Insight: Navigating Mental Health in the System

Wendy Voyles

Galleon I&II

IV Sovereign Citizens

Carmen Napp

Galleon III

V Emotional Contraband:

Unseen Threats in High-Stake Spaces

Tiffany Ford

Yacht

11:30am-1:00pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00-2:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 8:00am)

2:30-3:00pm Afternoon Refreshment Break

3:00-4:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 10:00am)

Wednesday, February 11

6:15-7:15am **Yoga**

Melinda Nag

Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30am Registration

7:30-3:00pm Exhibits Open

8:00-9:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Credibility Counts:

The Key to Team Confidence and Performance

Wende O. Wakeman

Ballroom A

II Dealing with Crisis:

Leading Through Fear, Chaos, and Public Tragedy

Erleigh Wiley

Ballroom B

III Color Me Calm

Hayley Nichols

Galleon I&II

IV Creating a Psychologically Safe Environment

Kim Nugent

Galleon III

V A Safer Tomorrow Starts Today -

An Innovative Approach to Suicide Prevention

Tiffany Bittner and Ellysa Rhen

Yacht

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10:00-11:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Courtroom Testimony From Various Perspectives

Tracy Sorensen, Malori Martin, and Nikki Hightower

Ballroom A

II Joining Forces: A Teamed Response to Pursuing Justice

Deanna Franzen

Ballroom B

III ROAR - Rising Over Adversity Resiliently

Latisha Howard

Galleon I&II

IV Meeting Women Inmates Where They Are:

**The Importance of Program Engagement and Effective
Exit Planning**

Judith Harris, Ashley Blackburn, Carolina Larin,
and Consuelo Yesenia Larin

Galleon III

V TJJD Intelligence

Peggy Petty

Yacht

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Thursday, February 12

8:00am-12:00pm **The Power Within: Women Leading Change in Criminal Justice**

Jo Ann Linzer

Grand

Ballroom