



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

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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

9:30–10:00am Morning Refreshment Break

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*