AGENDA ITEM
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Travel Approval Form

Department: Juvenile Services

Event Name: 13th Annual Mental Health Conference

Location: Galveston, TX

Event Dates: Nov. 30 thru Dec. 3, 2026

Purpose:

- ☑ Required Continuing Education/Certification
- ☑ Job Training
- ☐ Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Christine Kuehn

Court Decision:
This section to be completed by County Judge's Office

Johnson County
APPROVED
Commissioners Court

9.14.2026

Required Documents Checklist:

**** Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ****

Overnight Travel

- ☑ Travel Approval Form
- ☑ Registration Information or Confirmation
- ☑ Itinerary, Agenda, or Breakdown
- ☑ Hotel Information, Confirmation, or Hotel Reservation Request Form

For Out of State Travel, please also include:

- ☐ Cost Estimation Breakdown for Trip with Airfare, Rental Car, Meals, Hotel, Etc.
- ☐ Narrative as to why the Out of State Travel is necessary

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023



Galveston Island Convention Center / 5600 Seawall Blvd / Galveston, TX 77551 / www.visitgalveston.com

13th Annual Mental Health Conference

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 3, 2026 / GALVESTON, TX

COST

$310 per participant (thru November 13, 2026)
$388 per participant (after November 13, 2026)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Community Corrections
- Jailers, Corrections & Probation Officers
- Specialty Courts
- Law Enforcement
- Support Staff
- Medical & Mental Health Staff
- Others

PAST TOPICS HAVE INCLUDED

- Dementia
- Sexual Trauma
- Competency
- Suicide Prevention
- Leadership
- Autism
- Stress Management
- Psychosis

INCLUDES

Exhibits, Morning & Afternoon Refreshments

HOST HOTELS

San Luis Resort
5222 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77551
(409) 744-1500

Hilton Galveston Island Resort
5400 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77551
(409) 744-5000

Holiday Inn Resort: Galveston On The Beach
5002 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77551
(409) 740-5300

ROOM RATES

Single Occupancy — Prevailing per diem
Double Occupancy — $171
Hotel arrangements are the responsibility of the participant. Reservations should be made by November 16, 2026, to guarantee rates.

WE ENCOURAGE ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT AT WWW.CMITONLINE.ORG

CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

Questions?
Contact Payton Jones at pmj007@shsu.edu or 936-294-1668

13th Annual Mental Health Conference

Christine Kuehn

The Annual Mental Health Conference is a professional development event focused on the intersection of mental health and the justice system, offering practical strategies and insights to support well-being, resilience, and effective practice in demanding environments. The conference addresses topics such as stress management, trauma-informed approaches, cognitive-behavioral strategies, suicide prevention, therapeutic interventions, leadership wellness, and the mental health needs of diverse populations, blending research-informed content with real-world application. Through a combination of presentations and discussions, participants gain tools and perspectives to strengthen their understanding of mental health challenges, support individuals and teams more effectively, and promote healthier outcomes within their organizations.

Register Online →

Topics

- Suffer From BURNOUT? Give 'em the F.I.N.G.E.R.
- Just Tell Me What You Want To Eat! How Assertiveness Affects Your Wellbeing
- Whole System, Whole Health - Mental Wellness from Custody to Community
- The Invisible Handcuffs: Why Cognitive Impairment, Not Voices, Cripples Schizophrenia in Our System
- Deflecting is Now Affecting!
- Building Bridges with Continuity of Care
- Beyond Behavior: Understanding Dysfunction Behind the Actions of At-Risk Individuals
- Children & Youth Sexual Behaviors: "What's Natural and Healthy?"
- De-Escalation

Date/Time:
November 30, 2026 (2:00pm) - December 3, 2026 (12:00pm)
All times are shown in U.S. Central Time (CT).

Early Registration Ends:
November 13, 2026

Cost:
Early Registration - $310.00
Late Registration - $388.00

Location*:
The Galveston Island Convention Center
5600 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77550

Hotel*:
The San Luis Resort, Spa & Conference Center
5222 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77550
Phone: 1-800-392-5937
Reserve Online

**Unless otherwise noted, hotel arrangements are the responsibility of the participant.*

- Autism Through Two Lenses: Trainer and Parent
- Symptom or Defiance? Decoding Behavior in Justice Settings
- Anxiety in the Workplace
- Sexual Behavior Problem Treatment 101
- It Takes a Village: Assisting Trauma Affected Justice Involved Veterans in Rural Communities
- Motivational Interviewing: Engaging Treatment-Resistant Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders

Who Should Attend?

- Community Corrections
- Jailers
- Corrections Officers
- Probation Officers
- Leadership
- Judicial
- Specialty Courts
- Law Enforcement
- Support Staff
- Medical Staff
- Mental Health Staff

Training Hours:
up to 19

Dress Code:
Business Casual
Clothing should be professional, and no caps/hats or shorts are permitted. Slacks, khakis, skirts, dresses, button-downs, or blouses

Overflow Hotel*:
Hilton Galveston Island
5400 Seawall Blvd
Galveston, TX 77551
Phone: 409-744-5000
Reserve Online

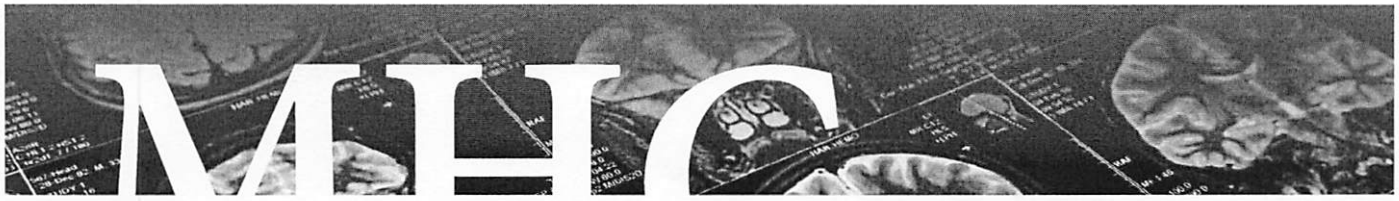
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are acceptable. It is always recommended to bring a light jacket in case the training room is cold.

Now Accepting Exhibitors:
Download Exhibitor Packet →

For more information, contact:
Payton Jones, Project Coordinator
Phone: (936) 294-1668
pmj007@shsu.edu

Cancellation Policy: If the participant has already paid, he/she will be refunded half the cost of the registration fee if written notice of cancellation is received by the Correctional Management Institute of Texas no later than ten (10) business days prior to the program. No refunds are available after this date, but substitutions of attendees are permitted. If no written cancellation is received and the participant does not attend the program, the participant/agency will be required to pay 100% of the registration fee if the registration fee was not previously paid.



13th Annual Mental Health Conference

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 3, 2026 / GALVESTON, TX

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, November 30

9:00am–1:30pm	Registration for Exhibitors and Participants	
2:00–5:00pm	**KEYNOTE SESSION** **Suffer From BURNOUT? Give 'em the F.I.N.G.E.R.!** Mark Yarbrough	*Grand Ballroom*
5:00–6:30pm	Welcome Reception	

Tuesday, December 1

7:30am	Registration	
9:00am–3:30pm	Exhibits Open	
9:00am–3:30pm	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)	
I	**Suicide Prevention** Tamara Spencer	*Ballroom A*
II	**Just Tell Me What You Want to Eat!** **How Assertiveness Affects Your Wellbeing** Melvin Bowser	*Ballroom B*
III	**Whole System, Whole Health –** **Mental Wellness from Custody to Community** Cherylene McClain Tucker	*Galleon I & II*
IV	**The Invisible Handcuffs:** **Why Cognitive Impairment, Not Voices,** **Cripples Schizophrenia in Our System** Trina Bivens	*Galleon III*
9:30–10:00am	Morning Refreshment Break	

This agenda is tentative and is subject to change.

Tuesday, December 1 continued

10:00–11:30am	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)	
I	**Children & Youth Sexual Behaviors: "What's Natural and Healthy?" Developmental Issues, Normative & Problematic Behaviors** John Kubis	*Ballroom A*
II	**Deflecting Is Now Affecting!** Michelle Hallock	*Ballroom B*
III	**Building Bridges with Continuity of Care** Sierra Pratt & Shawn Edwards	*Galleon I & II*
IV	**Beyond Behavior: Understanding Dysfunction Behind the Actions of At-Risk Individuals: Why People Resist Change, Repeat Patterns, and Struggle to Transform** Regina Tate	*Galleon III*
11:30am–1:00pm	Lunch (On Your Own)	
1:00–2:30pm	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeated from 8:00am)	
2:30–3:00pm	Afternoon Refreshment Break	
3:00–4:30pm	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeated from 10:00am)	

Wednesday, December 2

7:30am	Registration	
9:00am–3:30pm	Exhibits Open	
8:00–9:30am	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)	
I	**Wellness Behind the Walls** Heath Crossland	*Ballroom A*
II	**De-Escalation** Melvin Bowser	*Ballroom B*
III	**Autism Through Two Lenses: Trainer and Parent** Rae-Annan Jacobs	*Galleon I & II*
IV	**Stop the Bleed** Jessica Medrano	*Galleon III*

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Wednesday, December 2 continued

9:30–10:00am	Morning Refreshment Break	
10:00–11:30am	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)	
I	**Anxiety in the Workplace** Hayley Nichols	*Ballroom A*
II	**Sexual Behavior Problem Treatment 101: What Do High-Quality Outpatient Treatment and Management Programs Look Like?** Shanti Duncan	*Galleon I & II*
III	**It Takes a Village: Assisting Trauma Affected Justice Involved Veterans in Rural Communities** Linda Anderson, Keith Millar, Zachary Peterson	*Ballroom B*
IV	**Motivational Interviewing: Engaging Treatment-Resistant Individuals With Co-Occurring Disorders** Wendy Standifer	*Galleon III*
11:30am–1:00pm	Lunch (On Your Own)	
1:00–2:30pm	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeated from 8:00am)	
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Thursday, December 3

8:00am–12:00pm	**CLOSING SESSION** **De-Escalation** Dr. Steven Gonzalez	*Grand Ballroom*

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Ellen Peveto

From: Hilton Hotels & Resorts <noreply@h6.hilton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 9:08 AM
To: Purchasing Travel
Subject: Your Nov-30-2026 Confirmation #3530473740

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Johnson County email system.
Use care when opening links or attachments. Report suspicious emails.

Hello Christine,

Join now →

See you soon, Christine Kuehn

Your reservation for Monday Nov 30, 2026 has been confirmed.

Old room type: ~~2 QUEEN BEDS - ISLAND VIEW~~

Confirmation # 3530473740

Upgraded room type: **1 KING BED - ISLAND VIEW**

Hilton Galveston Island Resort

5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, TX, 77551 US

+14097445000

View your stay in app

Add to calendar (iOS/Outlook)

Add to calendar (Other)

Monday

Thursday

Nov 30	3	Dec 03
Check In: 4:00 PM	Nights	Check Out: 11:00 AM

View booking details

Your Room Summary:

Guest Name	Christine Kuehn
Guests	1 Adult
Rooms	1
Room Plan	1 KING BED - ISLAND VIEW
Rate Type	Mental Health Confer

Your Rate Information

Rate per night

Nov-30-2026 - Dec-03-2026	111.00 USD
Total for Stay per Room Rate	**333.00 USD**

Additional charges

Total taxes and government charges 15.0% Per RoomPer Night	49.95 USD
Total price for Stay	**382.95 USD**

Modify Your Reservation →

Rate Rules and Cancellation Policy

TRAVEL HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

(EMAIL TO PURCHASING at) travel@johnsoncountytx.org

DATE: August 24, 2026 DEPARTMENT: Juvenile Services

PERSON SENDING REQUEST: Ellen Peveto EXT: 1460

Person (s) Name Attending:

1. Christine Kuehn
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*If LEOSE Funds are being used to pay for the room upon check out, please check LEOSE FUNDS below:

☐ LEOSE FUNDS

Function Attending: 13th Annual Mental Health Conference

Hotel Name: ~~San Luis~~ Resort Hilton Galveston
Hotel Address: 5222 Seawall Blvd.
City: Galveston State: TX Zip: 77550
Hotel Phone# 1-800-392-5937
Special Requirements:
Conference Hotel Block Code:
Conference/Training Website: https://cmit-center.org/cal/view.php?id=1562
How many rooms needed: 1
Date of Check In: 11/~~29~~30/2026 **Date of Check Out:** 12/03/2026

FOR AFTER HOURS ISSUES OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ALISSA KROKUM @ (817) 648-8882 (TEXT OR CALL)

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