

Travel Approval Form

Department: Sheriff's Office - Jail

Event Name: 2026 Women in Criminal Justice
Conference

Location: Galveston, Texas

Event Dates: February 9-12, 2026

Purpose: Required Continuing Education/Certification
 Job Training
 Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Kristen Leslev _____

Laurie Gunter _____

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



1/29/2026

Required Documents Checklist:

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

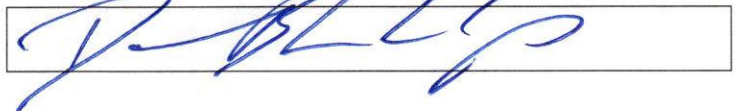
Overnight Travel

- 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:



Jail/Prison

Community Corrections

Leadership

Support Staff

Other

2026 Women in Criminal Justice Conference

TOPICS COVERED:

- Burnout
- The Importance of Why
- Workplace Stress Management
- People Focused Leadership
- Building Community Partnerships
- Deflecting Is Now Affecting
- Fighting Fentanyl
- Generations at Work
- Emotional Contraband
- First Amendment Auditors
- Conversations with Mental Health Patients
- Credibility Counts
- Dealing with Crisis
- Color Me Calm
- Creating a Psychologically Safe Environment
- A Safer Tomorrow Starts Today
- Courtroom Testimony
- Team Building
- Rising Over Adversity Resiliently
- Meeting Women Inmates Where They Are
- TJJD Intelligence
- and, Career Growth

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Jail/Prison
- Community Corrections
- Leadership
- Jail Personnel
- Court Coordinators and Administrators
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- ISD Law Enforcement
- Adult and Juvenile Probation Personnel
- County Clerks and Personnel
- TDCJ Officers
- Other

TRAINING HOURS: UP TO 19

[CLICK TO REGISTER NOW](#)

[PROGRAM AGENDA](#)

[PROGRAM FLYER](#)

DATE/TIME:

Feb 09 (10:00 am) - 12, 2026 (12:00 pm)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Jan 23, 2026

FEE POLICY:

Early Registration - \$305.00

Late Registration - \$382.00

LOCATION INFORMATION:

Galveston Island Convention Center
5600 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77550

HOTEL INFORMATION: *

San Luis Resort, Spa and Conference Center
5222 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77550

Galveston Island Hilton
5400 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77550
409-744-5000

Booking Hilton Booking link - Group Code -GWCJ26 [link](#)

Single Occupancy: Prevailing Per Diem
Double Occupancy: \$161.00

Book hotel room by January 16, 2026 to receive group rate.

OVERFLOW HOTEL INFORMATION:

Holiday Inn® Resort Galveston on the Beach
5002 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77550
409-740-5300

Booking [link](#)

The Women in Criminal Justice Conference (WICJ), hosted by the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT), is an empowering annual event dedicated to supporting and advancing the contributions of women across all areas of the criminal justice system. This dynamic conference

welcomes all professionals—women and men alike—who are committed to fostering leadership, collaboration, and personal growth. Bringing together individuals from law enforcement, corrections, probation, parole, courts, and academia, the conference features engaging keynote speakers, interactive breakout sessions, and meaningful networking opportunities. Topics include leadership development, wellness and resilience, career advancement, ethics, and the evolving challenges and achievements of women working in criminal justice. Participants gain valuable insights, tools, and connections that inspire and equip them to lead with confidence and integrity. Whether you are an experienced leader or new to the field, the Women in Criminal Justice Conference provides an inclusive and inspiring environment to learn, connect, and grow alongside peers who share a dedication to professional excellence and progress for all.

For more information, contact:

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George J. Beto Criminal Justice Building
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Huntsville, TX 77341-2296
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Phone: (936) 294-1687
sharese@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.

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

You are now Registered for this event!

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Registration ID: 9692
Date Registered: 2026-01-07 15:16:48
Event: 2026 Women in Criminal Justice Conference
Date Start: 2026-02-09 10:00:00
Date End: 2026-02-12 12:00:00
Cost: \$305.00
Name: Gunter, Laurie
Title: Lieutenant
Agency: Johnson County Sheriff's Office
County: Johnson
Address: 1800 Ridgemar Drive || Cleburne, TX 76033
Phone: 817-556-6024
Email: lgunter@johnsoncountytexas.org
TCOLE PID:

Thanks for registering! All conference registration/tuition fees should be paid on or before the start date of the conference.

As an option you may pay online by credit card or electronic check. If you are paying for multiple registrations at a time be sure each person has been registered separately and include all names in the Participant Names field on checkout. **PLEASE NOTE: This charge may appear as Sam Houston State University or SHSU on your account.**

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Registration ID: 9514
Date Registered: 2026-01-07 15:13:01
Event: 2026 Women in Criminal Justice Conference
Date Start: 2026-02-09 10:00:00
Date End: 2026-02-12 12:00:00
Cost: \$305.00
Name: Lesley, Kristen
Title: Office Manager
Agency: Johnson County Sheriff's Office
County: Johnson
Address: 1800 Ridgemar Drive || Cleburne, TX 76033
Phone: 817-556-6024
Email: klesley@johnsoncountytexas.org
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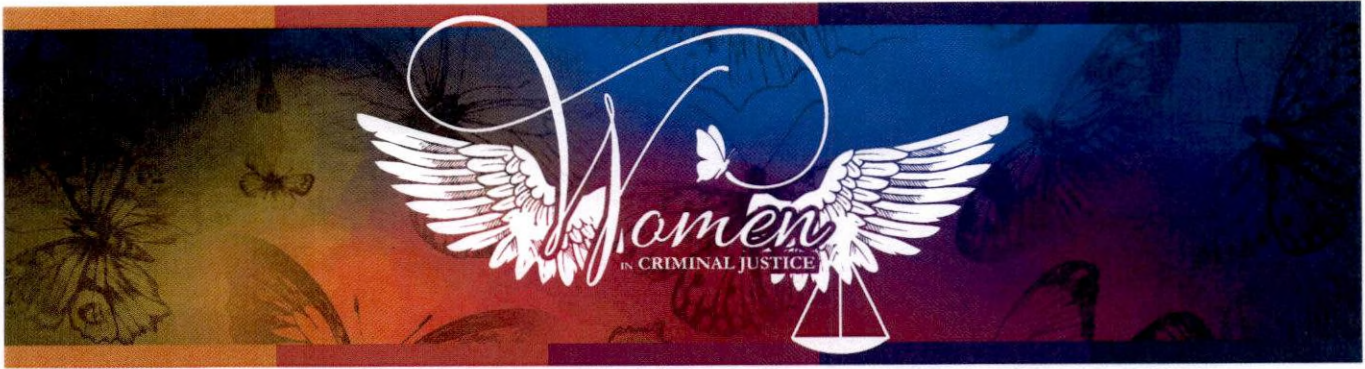
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Monday, February 9

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

Room TBA

7:30am Registration

7:30-3:00pm Exhibits Open

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

I The Importance of Why
Amy Blaustein

Room TBA

II Workplace Stress Management
Melinda Nag

Room TBA

III People Focused Leadership: Relationships Matter
Kim Nugent

Room TBA

IV Building Community Partnerships
Tiana Sanford

Room TBA

V Juvenile Topic
Michelle Hallock

Room TBA

9:30-10:00am Morning Refreshment Break

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

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| I Fighting Fentanyl: The Noah Rodriguez Story
Janel Rodriguez and Mark Andrews | Room TBA |
| II Generations at Work
Nancy Baird | Room TBA |
| III Emotional Contraband:
What Women in Criminal Justice are Really Carrying
Tiffany Ford | Room TBA |
| IV First Amendment Auditors
Carmen Napp | Room TBA |
| V Conversations with MH Patients
Wendy Voyles | Room TBA |

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	Room TBA
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7:30am Registration

7:30-3:00pm Exhibits Open

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

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| I Credibility Counts:
The Key to Team Confidence and Performance
Wende O. Wakeman | Room TBA |
| II Dealing with Crisis
Erleigh Wiley | Room TBA |
| III Color Me Calm
Hayleigh Nichols | Room TBA |
| IV Creating a Psychologically Safe Environment
Kim Nugent | Room TBA |
| V A Safer Tomorrow Starts Today -
An Innovative Approach to Suicide Prevention
Tiffany Bittner | Room TBA |

9:30-10:00am Morning Refreshment Break

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

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| I Courtroom Testimony From Various Perspectives
Tracy Sorensen, Malori Martin, Nikki Hightower, Jo Ann Linzer | <i>Room TBA</i> |
| II Team Building
Allena Bangs | <i>Room TBA</i> |
| III ROAR - Rising Over Adversity Resiliently
Latisha Howard | <i>Room TBA</i> |
| IV Meeting Women Inmates Where They Are:
The Importance of Program Engagement and Effective
Exit Planning
Judith Harris, Ashley Blackburn, Carolina Larin,
and Consuelo Yeschnia Larin | <i>Room TBA</i> |
| V TJJJ Intelligence
Peggy Petty | <i>Room TBA</i> |

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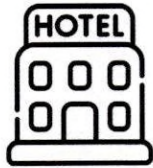
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Thursday, February 12

8:00am-12:00pm **Career Growth**
Jo Ann Linzer

Room TBA



TRAVEL HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

(EMAIL TO PURCHASING at pur@johnsoncountytexas.org)

DATE: 01/07/2026

DEPARTMENT: Jail

PERSON SENDING REQUEST: Kristen Lesley EXT: 3602

Person (s) Name Attending:

1. Kristen Lesley
2. Laurie Gunter
3.
4.
5.
6.

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

LEOSE FUNDS

Function Attending: 2026 Women in Criminal Justice Conference

Hotel Name: San Luis Resort
Hotel Address: 5222 Seawall Boulevard
City: Galveston State: Texas Zip: 77550
Hotel Phone# 409-744-1500
Special Requirements:
Conference Hotel Block Code:
Conference/Training Website:
How many rooms needed: 2
Date of Check In: 2/8/26 Date of Check Out: 2/12/26

NOTE: When the Purchasing Department reserves the hotel room, payment will be processed and paid for on the travel credit card. ALL Travel PO's MUST be in place prior to travel. The hotel receipt will need to be receipted on your PO upon return. If the traveler does not obtain a hotel receipt upon check out, it's the travelers responsibility to call the hotel and obtain a copy for receipting.