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WVWC CENTER FOR ADDICTION & TRAUMA PRESENTS:

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JUNE 15 – 16, 2026



Through conversations on trauma, recovery, and child welfare, this experience will strengthen the people doing some of the most important work in our state.



MONDAY, JUNE 15TH

REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN IN THE VIRGINIA THOMAS LAW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FROM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

9:00 AM – 10:50 AM Welcome in the Performing Arts Center Lobby

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM Welcome Remarks in PAC Auditorium
Jonathan Board, Exec. Dir., WV First Foundation

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Session 1 (See Class Options Below)

Beyond Words: Building Rapport with Kids Who Have Seen Too Much
Christine Schimmel, LPC | Matt Tolliver, LPC | In Haymond 120

Staying Safe in the Field: Strategies & Procedures for Home Visit Safety
Travis Zimmerman, PhD | In Haymond 116

I Just Want to Go Home: Attachment, Trauma, & Loyalty in Foster Care
Laurel Thornton, LPC, EMDR-R | In Haymond 4

Scenario Simulation Training
Craig Wiernik, PhD | Jen Randall Reyes, LPC, ALPS, AADC | In Haymond 22

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch in the French A. See Dining Hall

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM Session 2 (See Class Options Below)

Seeing the Big Picture: SUD, Systems, & Intergenerational Trauma
Jen Randall Reyes, LPC, ALPS, AADC | Dan McCawley, PRSS | In Haymond 120

I Just Want to Go Home: Attachment, Trauma, & Loyalty in Foster Care
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Scenario Simulation Training
Craig Wiernik, PhD | Christine Schimmel, LPC | In Haymond 22

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM Session 3 (See Class Options Below)

Beyond Words: Building Rapport with Kids Who Have Seen Too Much
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Scenario Simulation Training
Craig Wiernik, PhD | Ashley Martucci, EdD | In Haymond 22

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH

REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN IN THE VIRGINIA THOMAS LAW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FROM 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Breakfast in the French A. See Dining Hall

8:00 AM – 9:45 AM Welcome in the Performing Arts Center Lobby

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM Keynote Address in the Performing Arts Center Auditorium
Christina Mullins, MA, Acting Secretary of the WV Department of Human Services

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Session 4 (See Class Options Below)

From Removal to Reunification: Understanding WV Child Welfare Regulations
*Shanna Gray, WV CASA | Melissa Roman, Esq. GAL
Lorie Bragg, Commissioner of the Bureau for Social Services | In Haymond 213*

The Disrupted Classroom: School, Credits, & Special Services for Mobile Students
*Brittany Gould, Foster Care Education Lead Specialist, Certified Trauma & Resilience Practitioner-Education, WV Schools of Diversion and Transition
Jacob Hayhurst, Foster Care Education Counselor,
WV Schools of Diversion and Transition | In Haymond 4*

Seeing the Big Picture: SUD, Systems, & Intergenerational Trauma
Jen Randall Reyes, LPC, ALPS, AADC | Dan McCawley, PRSS | In Haymond 120

The Collaborative Table: How the MDT Really Works
Matt Tolliver, LPC | Courtney Wheeling, MA | In Haymond 116

Scenario Simulation Training
Craig Wiernik, PhD | Christine Schimmel, LPC | In Haymond 22

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM Lunch in the French A. See Dining Hall

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Session 5 (See Class Options Below)

Parenting through the CASA Lens: Understanding Parenting Skills & Supports
Christine Schimmel, LPC | In Haymond 213

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The Art of the Poker Face: Professional Courtroom Presence for CASA
Honorable Perri DeChristopher, Circuit Court Judge | In Haymond 120

Scenario Simulation Training
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2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Closing Session

Trauma-Informed Advocacy Brings It All Together
Panel Discussion | PAC Auditorium