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## SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-informed Care and Alternatives to Restraint and Seclusion (NCTIC)

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### ***Trauma and the Opioid Crisis: Diverse Perspectives on an Epidemic Virtual Conference (August 23, 2018, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET)***

[Registration Link](#)

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Restraint and Seclusion (NCTIC) and GAINS Center are pleased to announce our virtual conference, ***Trauma and the Opioid Crisis: Diverse Perspectives on an Epidemic***. This five-part series will present differing perspectives on the impact of the opioid epidemic on families and communities. Participants will hear about personal struggles and challenges characterized by uplifting solutions for healing, recovery, and empathy.

#### SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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##### **10:00–11:00 a.m. ET**

##### **A Mother's Grief on the Loss of Her Son and How Healing Begins**

Families and loved ones often are tragically affected by addiction. From learning of the addiction, to cycling in and out of rehabilitation centers, to constant worry, to the devastation of overdose, loved ones often experience social exclusion, isolation, and shame on top of overwhelming grief. Insight from a mother and clinician who lost a son to fentanyl will address grief, healing, and her mission to help others in his honor.

**Presenter:** Ana Alcebo Philips, LCSWC

**Moderator:** Joan Gillece, Ph.D.

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**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ET**

### **Addressing Trauma in Specialty Court Settings**

Trauma affects a majority of people participating in specialty court programming. One study of mental health court participants revealed that 67 percent of women and 73 percent of men experienced abuse as children, and nearly one-third of them had experienced abuse in the past 12 months. This calls for a universal assumption of trauma on the part of professionals providing services in treatment courts. This session will present an overview of how treatment courts can address trauma and support the recovery of their participants. It will provide information on trauma-informed approaches and their practical application, as well as an opportunity for discussion at the end of the presentation.

**Presenters:** Hon. Joy Malek Oldfield, Summit County Common Pleas Court, Akron, OH; Hon. Stephen Goss, Superior Courts of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

**Moderator:** Lisa Callahan, Ph.D., SAMHSA's GAINS Center

**1:00–2:00 p.m. ET**

### **What Made a Difference in Recovery? My Story of Struggle and Overcoming**

After numerous stays in multiple rehabilitation programs, Rosie will share her story of years of opiate addiction and what made a difference in her healing and recovery journey. Looking inside the life of a young mother and her desire to make a new life for herself and her son will provide a unique perspective on how overcoming the pain and shame helps the healing process. The value of addressing trauma, hope, and the power of forgiveness will be the overarching theme.

**Presenter:** Rosie Hill

**Moderator:** Joan Gillece, Ph.D.

**2:30–3:30 p.m. ET**

### **Trauma-informed Law Enforcement Responses**

Law enforcement officers assist people in times of crisis when trauma-informed practices and approaches are critical. This session will present an overview of critical skills and how they are applied in opioid-related emergencies. This innovative law enforcement program will present on the practical application of trauma-informed practices as they respond to the opioid crisis in their communities.

**Presenters:** Sergeant JoAnn Wallace, Baltimore City Police Department Homeless Outreach Team and Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator, and Detective Verlillian (Val) Githara, Baltimore City Police Department Homeless Outreach Team

**Moderator:** Joan Gillece, Ph.D.

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**4:00–5:00 p.m. ET**

**The Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on Hospital Services: How Are Inpatient Medical/Surgical Services Affected and Responding?**

Not unlike other community hospitals, the Wexner Medical Center has experienced an alarming impact of the opiate epidemic on medical, surgical, burn, and wound care in inpatient units. The Emergency Department has become overwhelmed, and inpatient stays have created multiple challenges to an already stretched facility. This webinar will present innovative efforts to address the problem while dealing with the issues nursing staff are facing daily.

**Presenters:** Kristina Layton, R.N., and Frank Beel, M.S.N., Ohio State University Medical Center Team; Wexner Medical Center

**Moderator:** Raul Almazar, R.N., M.A.