

16th
ANNUAL

NYC ELDER JUSTICE CONFERENCE

JUNE 1-2, 2022
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**A Path to Healing: Innovative and
Restorative Approaches in Elder Justice**

Keynote: RISE Panel Discussion

The Elder Justice
Change Agent Award

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The Annual New York City Elder Justice Conference is a nationally renowned educational meeting of 350+ professionals in the field of aging. Workshops include a wide range of subject material delivered by experts in the field, all focusing on new and creative approaches to addressing and improving the delivery of equitable, culturally responsive, and client-centered services to elder mistreatment survivors and those who care for them. Participants will learn about new trends and developments, and programs that address the current challenges faced by clients and those who assist them from the social work, health care, and the legal professions in navigating the elder justice system.

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Two-Day Schedule

Wednesday, June 1st

9:00 am - 11:00 am.....Keynote & Honoree Award
11:30 am - 1:00 pm.....Workshop 1
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conference a success!

Two-Day Program: Workshop Descriptions

CONFERENCE PLENARY

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:00 am - 11:00 am
CEU - 1.5 credits / CLE - 1.5 credits

Introduction to Conference:

Conference Chair: Martha Pollack, LCSW-R

Elder Justice Change Agent Award

Honoree: Risa Breckman, LCSW-R

Introduction: Lisa Rachmuth, LMSW

This is the first year that the Elder Justice conference is presenting "The Elder Justice Change Agent Award" which honors an outstanding Individual who has created and expanded existing services and systems in identifying and addressing elder mistreatment.

This year, we are delighted to honor Risa Breckman, LCSW-R, a visionary in the field of elder mistreatment, and a pioneer in the development of professional education around elder justice. The NYC Annual Elder Justice Conference recognizes Risa as an esteemed innovator in building the safety networks necessary to address the needs of this vulnerable and underserved population.

KEYNOTE: RISE Panel Discussion

RISE: A New Multidisciplinary Model to Address Abuse of Older Adults

RISE (Repair harm, Inspire change, Support connection, Empower choice)

The "RISE" model allows advocates to work with elder abuse victims and, if victims wish, with others (including alleged abusers). This moderated panel will explore the evolution and implementation of this innovative multidisciplinary approach which focuses on addressing the abuse as well as restoring relationships between victims and those they rely on for emotional and financial support and care. The RISE model, part of a research project, uses methods adapted from other fields to *Repair harm, Inspire change, Support connection, and Empower choice*. RISE has already helped over 325 victims of elder abuse in Maine.

Panel Members:

David Burnes, PhD
Marie-Therese Connolly, Esq.
Patricia Kimball, MS
Stuart Lewis, MD, FACP
Erin Salvo, Esq.

Moderator:

Geoff Rogers
Director of Learning & Development Projects at the Silberman School of Social Work of Hunter College

WORKSHOP # 1

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
CEU - 1.5 credits

Cultivating Resilience in a Trauma-Filled World

In this experiential workshop, the speaker will share valuable tools, strategies, resources, and activities that enable you to build greater resilience for yourself and with your clients who are victims of trauma. Engage family members in the healing process, while establishing appropriate boundaries with aging clients experiencing crisis, remain focused, and maintain professional objectivity while providing empathy and support. This will be an interactive webinar including audience polls, and Q and A.

Presenter:

Shoshana Cogan, MS

Moderator:

Margaret Woods, LMSW, ASW-G, ACSW, CCM

WORKSHOP # 2

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
CEU - 1.5 credits

Aging is Everyone's Business: Policies for Building a New York for All Ages

Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and LiveOn NY will present a set of smart, actionable solutions in nine areas of life that affect all New Yorkers: good governance, access to food, housing, technology, financial security, social engagement, human services, healthcare, and infrastructure. Together, these policies address the conditions that make older New Yorkers vulnerable. In this workshop, we will brainstorm creative strategies for how to engage service providers, policymakers, business owners, and everyday New Yorkers in carrying out this agenda.

Presenters:

Christian González-Rivera, MA Urban Planning
Katelyn Andrews, MPA

Moderator:

Stephanie Ruiz-Barcelo, LMSW

WORKSHOP # 3

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 **11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
CEU - 1.5 credits

Living Into the Values of DEI In Elder Care: A Strength-Based Approach to Understanding Diversity & Inclusion

Employee and older adult consumer engagement need to go beyond words to a place where everyone is given the opportunity to contribute, feel valued for who they are, and empowered to bring every aspect of their identity into a space. This interactive workshop will explore ways to breakthrough challenges to sustaining an inclusive culture and leave participants with real tools to fully integrate and appreciate the diverse cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives of consumers and employees.

Presenter:

Kesha Carter, CDP, PHR

Moderator:

Paul Caccamise, LMSW, ACSW

WORKSHOP # 4

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 **2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
CEU - 1.5 credits

Concerned Persons: Vital Supports in Preventing and Addressing Elder Mistreatment

Support systems are a crucial part of sustaining older adults in the community and protecting them from harm. While service providers conduct outreach to protect and serve older adults, concerned persons (friends, family, and neighbors) provide vital emotional and material supports to older adults. These concerned persons are often the first to uncover abuse – hearing it through walls, witnessing it, observing the decline of the victim – but they often experience distress, too. Hear the testimony of a concerned person who intervened in an elder abuse situation, and learn about the first-ever service dedicated to concerned persons to help relieve their stress while providing information and guidance without judgment or pressure.

Presenters:

Lina Irias, LMHC
Serena Ross, LMSW
Stephanie Good, MSW
Nancy Oatts

WORKSHOP # 5

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 **2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
CLE - 1.5 credits

Improving NY Guardianship

This workshop will discuss the recent Elder Justice Innovation Grant awarded by HHS to New York State's Unified Court System (UCS). Through this grant, UCS seeks to examine and improve NY State guardianship, including improving outcomes for those in guardianship, increasing access to court services and modernizing guardianship case operations.

Presenters:

Denise Colón, Esq., MSW
Kimberly George, Esq.
John Holt, Esq.

Moderator:

Donna Dougherty, Esq.

WORKSHOP # 6

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 **2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
CEU - 1.5 credits / CLE - 1.5 credits

What are the Benefits/Challenges of Restorative Justice in Adult Protective Services?

Restorative Justice is a philosophy that emphasizes repairing the harm caused by maltreatment. In Adult Protective Services (APS), maltreatment can look like physical, financial, sexual, or emotional abuse as well as neglect, undue influence, and isolation. Through a panel discussion, we will explore the APS, Legal and Guardianship perspectives of restorative justice in elder abuse.

Presenter:

Gili (Galit) Hershkovich-Kim, LCSW
Thomas Catapano, Esq.
Ivette Callender, MSW

Moderator:

Deborah Holt-Knight
Deputy Commissioner, NYC APS

WORKSHOP # 7

Thursday, June 2, 2022 **11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
CEU - 1.5 credits

Reaching Out to New York's Underserved Older Adult Populations

In 2020 and 2021, Lifespan of Greater Rochester and NYS Office of Victim Services sponsored the third New York State Elder Abuse Summit as a series of virtual events and in-person focus groups. The Summit sought to create a plan to better connect with and serve underserved and marginalized older adult groups in NYS including Black/African American, Latinx, Native American, LGBTQ, New American and rural populations. This workshop will describe the process the Summit adopted to explore the needs of underserved older citizens and discuss the Action Agenda for the state that came out of the Summit process.

Presenters:

Paul L. Caccamise, LMSW, ACSW
Katherine Martinez, LMSW
Tracey Siebert-Konopko, LMSW

WORKSHOP # 8

Thursday, June 2, 2022 **11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
CEU - 1.5 credits / CLE - 1.5 credits

Partner, Child, Caregiver: Exploring the Elder Abuse Dynamic and Restorative Justice

Can restorative justice apply to cases of elder abuse? Participants will hear how restorative justice has worked within the field of domestic violence; the specific nature of the older adult and adult child relationship commonly seen in cases of elder abuse; and how a practical application of safely reuniting an older adult who has experienced elder abuse with the person who has caused them harm has worked.

Discussion will include what we can learn from each of these areas, and the legal tools that are relied on to support restorative justice. The speakers will examine the differing considerations that exist when the person who caused harm is an intimate partner, an adult child, or an opportunistic stranger and whether or how restorative justice can work when the damaged relationship cannot be reestablished.

Presenters:

Professor Judy Smith, PhD, LCSW
Meredith Levine, LMSW, APHSW-C
Hillary Packer, Esq.

Moderator:

Deirdre Lok, Esq.

WORKSHOP # 9

Thursday, June 2, 2022 **11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
CEU - 1.5 credits

Reframing Elder Abuse to Elder Justice

Elder abuse situations can be complex with many nuances and usually involve more than the older person and the person who is causing harm. Other family members, neighbors, community agencies, and stakeholders are all affected and may even play a part. What if we reframe "Elder Abuse" to "Elder Justice?" Could that bring more effective outcomes? Join us as we look at this changing lens from Elder Abuse to Elder Justice.

Presenters:

Nancy Nybergh, MA, LP
Bobbi Jessani, LMSW

WORKSHOP # 10

Thursday, June 2, 2022 **2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
CLE - 1.5 credits

ACAT: A Trauma-Informed, Anti-Racist Approach to Legal Advocacy

Burnout, capacity, vicarious trauma, and structural racism continue to be pressing issues for legal advocates, especially during a pandemic and civil rights uprising. This training is designed to help you rethink your approach to legal advocacy entirely, which will result in increased sustainability for you as the advocate, holistic care for the people you serve, and outcomes that disrupt unjust systems. This training will provide a basic introduction to concepts relating to trauma and race, leading up to a four-part model that guides legal advocates to tangibly engage in a trauma-informed, anti-racist approach to legal advocacy. This training is designed to be a very small taste of everything that can be learned, developed, and strengthened to make the work better for ourselves as agents of change and directly impacted individuals and communities we serve.

Presenter:

Lorilei Williams, Esq.

Moderator:

Dianne O. Woodburn, Esq.

WORKSHOP # 11

Thursday, June 2, 2022

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

CLE - 1.5 credits

Why Wait for Death Do Us Part? Issues Surrounding Later in Life Divorce

This session will discuss "gray divorces." Topics will include reasons for the increasing divorce rate among older adults, numerous legal issues that arise in these divorce actions, and when mediation may be appropriate. The panelists will further discuss intimate partner violence in later life, safety planning and Orders of Protection for older divorcing adults subjected to spousal abuse, as well as cultural, religious and other barriers to divorce among older adults.

Presenters:

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan
Joan Levenson, Esq.
Jenifer J. Foley, Esq.

WORKSHOP # 12

Thursday, June 2, 2022

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

CEU - 1.5 credits

Using Trauma-Informed Spiritual Care as a Tool for Elder Abuse Recovery

According to the National Council on Aging, approximately 1 out of 10 Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse. Elder abuse provokes trauma and requires a multi-disciplinary approach on their route to recovery. This training will introduce how spiritual/pastoral counseling can be an essential tool for assisting clients in building resiliency and offering hope, healing, and growth.

Presenters:

Loangys Sanchez, MSW
Alessandra Pilarte, MSW
Rabbi Marcelle Hohl

Moderator:

Tynisha Rodriguez, LMSW

To learn more about the presenters, you can download a pdf of the presenter biographies from the conference webpage.

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CEU and CLE Attendance Requirements

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WORKSHOPS: Please select only ONE AM and only ONE PM workshop per day

- Will you be attending the Plenary session Wednesday, June 1 at 9:00am - 11:00 am? Both CLE + CEU are available. You must select to attend. No additional fee.

Wednesday, June 1st

- Workshop 1 - CEU (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Workshop 2 - CEU (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Workshop 3 - CEU (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Workshop 4 - CEU (2:00 pm - 3:30pm)
- Workshop 5 - CLE (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)
- Workshop 6 - CEU + CLE (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)

Thursday, June 2nd

- Workshop 7 - CEU (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Workshop 8 - CEU + CLE (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Workshop 9 - CEU (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Workshop 10 - CLE (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)
- Workshop 11 - CLE (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)
- Workshop 12 - CEU (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)

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