



2021 Texas IAFN Annual Conference Speaker Introduction

Forensic Nurses specialize in providing care for the physical, psychological, and social trauma that occurs in patients who have been sexually assaulted or abused. Forensic nurses also have a specialized knowledge of the legal system and collect evidence, provide medical testimony in court, and provide consultation to legal authorities. The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is the recognized authority on forensic nursing, providing access to forensic nursing care for patients, and enhance nursing's evidence-based response to the needs of forensic populations. The IAFN Texas Chapter is comprised of valued members who were sought out by the public, policymakers, media, government officials, and healthcare systems for their knowledge, expertise, and collaborative leadership.

The 2021 Texas IAFN Annual Conference host, The SAFE Alliance, is a non-profit organization in Austin, Texas whose mission is to "Stop Abuse for Everyone". As a merger of Austin's Children Shelter and SafePlace—both long-standing and respected human service agencies in Austin—The SAFE Alliance serves survivors of child abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, domestic violence, and other underserved populations by providing access to shelter, resources, forensic nursing care, legal advocacy, education, and abuse-prevention strategies within at-risk communities. The Forensic Nursing and Sexual Assault Advocacy Program (FNAP) at The SAFE Alliance provides 24/7, free, sexual assault forensic exams and medical care for adolescent and adult survivors. The SAFE Alliance's FNAP staff believes that providing trauma-informed, patient-centered care to survivors during the forensic exam process is not only an important first-step in the healing process, but also essential to their long-term health and well-being.

Thursday, February 4th

9:00-9:45	<p><i>Forensic Nursing Updates from IAFN Headquarters</i> presented by <u>Nancy R. Downing, PhD, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAN</u></p> <p>Nancy Downing is serving as President of the International Association of Forensic Nursing for 2021. She is an associate professor in the Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing at Texas A&M Health College of Nursing in Bryan/College Station. She teaches in the MSN Forensic Nursing Program and conducts research on health outcomes of violence. She is Principal Investigator on a grant from the U.S. Office of Victims of Crime to develop and pilot a telehealth sexual assault nurse examiner program, the Texas Tele-forensic Remote Assistance Center, Tex-TRAC. She is a Principal Investigator on two U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration grants to address opioid use disorder and substance use disorder in the rural Golden Crescent counties surrounding Victoria. Her interest in this work stems from her experience as a forensic nurse and understanding the intersections between trauma and substance use.</p> <p>Dr. Downing has been a forensic nurse since 2004 and currently provides care to patients across the lifespan at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in College Station. In 2016, she was the first nurse appointed by Governor Abbott to the Texas Forensic Science Commission and was recently reappointed for a third term. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She was first elected to the International Association Board of Directors in 2018.</p>
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<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p><i>Communication with Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i> presented by <u>Megan Westmore, LMSW & Maggie Suter, MEd.</u></p> <p>Megan Westmore is the Disability Services Manager for The SAFE Alliance. She works with transition-aged youth with disabilities to improve their understanding of healthy relationships, safer sexuality, and self-advocacy. Before her current role, Megan worked as the SAFE Sexual Assault Victim Advocate and Volunteer Supervisor. She supported volunteer advocates, and provided medical accompaniments to acute sexual assault survivors. Previously, Megan worked as the Developmental Disabilities Policy Fellow for The Arc of Texas, where she advocated with and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Texas Legislature. Megan received her Master of Science in Social Work degree with a concentration in Community and Administrative Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin, and she has a license to practice in the state of Texas. She additionally holds a bachelor’s degree in Spanish.</p> <p>Maggie Suter is the Disability Services Educator and Trainer for The SAFE Alliance where she gets to teach adults with disabilities and educate others about effectively interacting with people in this population. She is an advocate for people with disabilities going on 15 years, and she has advocated at the state level on policy issues as well as in schools across the state. Maggie serves on the Board of Directors at The Arc of Texas, and is the mother of two teenaged sons with developmental disabilities.</p>
<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p><i>Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners: A Community-Based FNE Program & Adult Forensic Interviewing Program</i> presented by <u>Khara Breeden DNP, MS, SANE-A, SANE-P, AFN-BC</u></p> <p>Khara Breeden completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, in August 2016. Khara holds a Master’s of Science in Patient Safety Leadership from the University of Chicago at Illinois. Her Bachelor’s degree is from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Her nursing career spans over 18 years with experience in critical care, emergency services, women’s health, academia and most currently, forensic nursing. Khara began working as a forensic nurse in 2011 and immersed herself in the field. In 2017, while working with community partners, the gap in forensic nursing services was recognized, and in response, Khara formulated Harris County Forensic Nursing Services (HCFNE), now Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners, a non-profit, community based forensic nursing program, where she currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>In 2018, Khara was recognized by the Texas Nurses Association as one of the “Top 20 Nurses” in the region. In 2019, she was honored by The Houston Business Journal as an “Outstanding Health Care Practitioner.” In 2020, she was recognized as Houston Business Journal’s, “Most Admired CEO” award. Khara serves as the Board Secretary for Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) and is the President-Elect of the board of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). She is also a working group member of the Texas Sexual Assault Survivor’s Task Force, led by the Governor’s office.</p>
<p>11:00-11:45</p>	<p><i>Patient Empowerment and the Role of GTAs in SANE Trainings</i> presented by <u>Marika Alderink, GTA, FGTA & Haripriya Walton GTA, FGTA, Birth Doula, RMT, CBE</u></p> <p>Marika Alderink is a Forensic Gynecologic Teachers Associate and EFT practitioner, living in Austin, TX. Marika began work in women’s health as a birth doula, where she quickly</p>

	<p>realized her passion for trauma reduction in medical spaces. She was certified as a GTA through Texas A&M in 2017, and since then has been working with colleges and veteran hospitals around Texas as a GTA, passionately representing the patient perspective, Patient Empowerment Model, and trauma-informed care. Since 2018, she has contributed towards curriculum development of A&M’s Forensic GTA program, and participates in SANE trainings as an FGTA, educating nurses across Texas. Recently, she has been working alongside nurses, advocates, and administration at SAFE Austin in training and development, as well as co-facilitating activities for various clinics and Texas A&M’s SANE program to encourage personal development and worker sustainability in the medical and advocacy fields. In her private wellness practice, Marika offers EFT, an evidence-based self-care modality used to release stress and trauma from the body, noted for its efficacy in reversing PTSD diagnosis. This client experience informs the patient advocacy that she performs through GTA & FGTA work.</p> <p>Haripriya Walton brings to this line of work a passion for trauma-informed reproductive health, patient empowerment, and human rights advocacy. Her 16 plus years of experience working with diverse populations as an advocate and educator allow her to bring a perspective that is advancing the field and the quality of care for survivors; bridging the clinical skills with the needs of the people/patients. As a highly regarded Gynecologic Teaching Associate (GTA), Haripriya has trained over 100 nursing students and taught at special continuing-education workshops for VA hospital providers and nurse practitioners. As a Forensic GTA since 2019, she has trained and participated in numerous SANE Trainings, and contributed patient empowerment curriculum content for Texas A&M’s training program. She has also facilitated staff development and training at The SAFE Alliance. Haripriya is a certified full-spectrum doula (spanning pre-conception through postpartum) and has attended over 125 births since 2004. Her focus is holistic pain coping, patient advocacy, trauma reduction, and postpartum nutrition and care. She is a first year student of traditional midwifery, a certified childbirth educator, and a certified Ayurvedic postpartum caregiver. In addition, Haripriya has been a licensed Massage therapist since 2003 with a multi-modality private practice. She has an innate and fine-tuned ability to create a comfortable environment, increase somatic awareness, listen compassionately, and hold professional boundaries. Throughout her 20’s, Haripriya served as a mentor and group facilitator for The Amala Foundation, a humanitarian service organization in Austin, TX that works with youth refugees. This is the root of her trauma informed advocacy work. When she is not working, Haripriya enjoys cooking meals for the community, playing in her backyard garden, or traveling with her daughter.</p>
11:00-11:45	<p><i>Pediatric Strangulation</i> presented by <u>Katherine Snyder, MD, MPH, FAAP</u></p> <p>Dr. Snyder is a child abuse pediatrician, with board certification in Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics from the American Board of Pediatrics. She completed medical school training at West Virginia University, residency training at the University of Louisville, and fellowship training in child abuse pediatrics at Hasbro Children’s Hospital/Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island. Currently, Dr. Snyder serves as a child abuse pediatrician and the medical director for the CARE (Child Abuse Resource and Education) and Pediatric SANE Teams at Dell Children’s Medical Center and currently sits on the Governor’s Sexual Assault Survivors’ Task Force for the state of Texas. Before joining Dell Children’s Medical Center, Dr. Snyder served in Denver, Colorado, as an attending child abuse pediatrician at Denver</p>

	<p>Health Medical Center, Children’s Hospital Colorado and Ralston House (Child Advocacy Center).</p> <p>Dr. Snyder served as a governor appointed member of the Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System and the subcommittee for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention as well as the Denver County Child Fatality Review Team. Dr. Snyder is actively involved in the Ray E Helfer Society, the national honor society for physicians involved in the field of child maltreatment medicine. Dr. Snyder has a passion for education, a research interest in pediatric strangulation and has been an invited speaker at local, regional, national and international conferences focused on the subject of child abuse and neglect.</p>
12:45-1:30	<p><i>Is this Working? Tough Questions for the Movement Against Sexual Violence</i> presented by <u>Amanda Lewis, MSSW</u></p> <p>Amanda Lewis is a social worker with over a decade of community education and advocacy experience in domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault intervention and prevention. She believes that sustainable social change starts small, building upon close bonds within communities, and is best led by those most impacted. Amanda holds a Master's of Science in Social Work with a focus on community and administrative leadership from The University of Texas. She is the Statewide Community Organizer for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, co-founder of Survivor Justice Project, and an appointee to the Austin Commission for Women.</p>
12:45-1:30	<p><i>Immigration and Legal Consideration for Survivors of Sexual Assault</i> presented by <u>Laura Bates, JD</u></p> <p>Laura Bates was licensed to practice law in 2002, and started her career as a prosecutor in the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney’s Office. There, she prosecuted misdemeanors and felonies and handled protective orders. She left that office in 2005 to practice criminal defense. As a defense attorney, she defended clients charged with all levels of crimes, from traffic tickets to intentional murder, and everything in between. She was also appointed a special prosecutor for child abuse cases in Medina County. She joined the Comal County Criminal District Attorney’s Office in 2008 and prosecuted misdemeanors, and felonies, including family violence assaults, sexual assaults, and sexual assaults of children. She also handled all juvenile cases, handled CPS cases, and litigated protective orders. In 2013, she opened her own appellate law practice and handled appeals on behalf of the Comal County Criminal District Attorney’s Office, the Guadalupe County Attorney’s Office, as well as private clients. In 2016, she joined The SAFE Alliance as their Staff Attorney. While employed with SAFE, she handles family law custody cases, immigration cases involving U-Visas and VAWAS, protective orders, wills, consumer issues, and provides legal advice on a large range of issues also including criminal law, other civil law, appellate issues, etc.</p>
1:45-2:30	<p><i>Presentation on Human Trafficking</i> presented by <u>Detective Romero & Katie Herbers, LMSW</u></p> <p>Detective Romero</p> <p>Katie Herbers has been working with survivors of human trafficking with law enforcement for the past year. Prior to that, she worked with survivors of child abuse, frequently including trafficking.</p>

1:45-2:30	<p><i>Texas Association Against Sexual Assault 87th Texas Legislative Update</i> presented by <u>Katherine Strandberg, MPAff</u></p> <p>Katherine Strandberg is a Senior Policy Advisor for the TAASA Policy Team. She received her BA from the University of Oregon and her Masters of Public Affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas Austin. Her work at TAASA focuses on statewide legislative action and evaluating the quality of criminal justice systems across Texas for survivors.</p>
2:45-3:30	<p><i>Expanding the Role of Asphyxiation</i> presented by <u>Kelsey McKay, BA, JD</u></p> <p>Kelsey McKay is a highly recognized national expert on the topic of criminal asphyxiation and interpersonal violence. She was the child abuse and domestic violence prosecutor in Travis County, Texas for 12-years, exclusively prosecuting strangulation related crimes for half that time. She now trains and consults nationally to implement sustainable protocols and help strengthen how communities collaborate, investigate, treat and prosecute strangulation in cases ranging from intimate-partner violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, child abuse and homicide. She is the President & CEO of RESPOND Against Violence, a non-profit organization. She serves on multiple faculties, advisory boards and committees</p>
2:45-3:30	<p><i>Psychiatric Aspects of the Forensic Exam</i> presented by <u>Ellen Bleiweiss MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC</u></p> <p>Ellen Bleiweiss is a psychiatric nurse practitioner who specializes in pediatric psychiatry. She has a background in sexual assault forensic nursing and has incorporated this training and experience to practice psychiatry in a trauma informed way. She is particularly interested in communication styles and therapeutic interventions to help patient’s cope through acute crisis.</p>
3:45-4:30	<p><i>Adult/Adolescent Peer Review</i> presented by <u>Maggie Macri RN, MSN, SANE-A, Natale Rossi BSN, RN, CA-SANE, SANE-A & Haley Ferguson BSN, RN, CA-SANE</u></p> <p>Maggie Macri is a certified adult and adolescent sexual assault nurse examiner with the Safe Alliance in Austin, Texas. She has been working with survivors of sexual violence for the last three and a half years, and has collaborated with a variety of community organizations to improve resources and care for survivors. Maggie graduated from Stony Brook University with a BA in anthropology and a BS in nursing. She recently graduated with a Master’s degree in nursing education from the State University of New York at Delhi.</p> <p>Natale Rossi (pronouns she/her) is a Registered Nurse residing in Austin, Texas with her partner and two dogs. She received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Texas State University in 2015 and is a certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for adults and adolescents. Natale has worked with survivors of sexual assault at the SAFE Alliance for over three years, providing trauma-informed and patient-centered medical forensic exams. Natale works with new forensic nurses as a preceptor and routinely completes chart audits for her colleagues. Natale is also a contract employee of Texas A&M University as a Telehealth Forensic Nurse Expert. Her role will be to provide consultation to nurses in remote Texas cities where SANEs are not as readily available once this program is up and running.</p> <p>Haley Ferguson is a former Labor and Delivery nurse with training in high-risk antepartum, high-risk intrapartum, and complicated postpartum care. The experience of working with</p>

	<p>female-bodied people and their families from various communities during a vulnerable, transformative life event helped her understand her passion for trauma reduction in the healthcare setting. She joined The SAFE Alliance one year ago as a Full Time Forensic Nurse, providing holistic, trauma-informed, and patient-centered care to survivors during the acute stages of trauma following a sexual assault. Haley also works to develop training, on-boarding, and precepting guidelines for new forensic nurses to create an orientation process that will assist in provider-sustainability within this specialized nursing field.</p>
<p>3:45-4:30</p>	<p><i>Pediatric Peer Review</i> presented by <u>Deborah Kleypas RN, CA-CP SANE, SANE-A, SANE-P & Sheilah Priori RN, CA-CP SANE, SANE-A, SANE-P</u></p> <p>Deborah Kleypas has been a certified SANE for 18 years, and has served as the Forensic Nursing Coordinator at Williamson County Children’s Advocacy Center for the past 3 years. Deborah was a hospital-based SANE for 15 years providing care for adults, adolescents and pediatrics. She is a preceptor for nurses training to become SANEs, and provides lectures for law enforcement, DFPS, medical personal, and the community. Deborah also provides expert simulation lab training with Texas A&M University College of Nursing.</p> <p>Sheilah Priori is a Sexual Assault Medical Management Program Manager at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center’s Emergency Dept. in Fort Hood, TX. Ms. Priori has 16 years’ experience as a forensic nurse, and is an expert witness. Ms. Priori has conducted over 1500 examinations, reviewed hundreds of cases involving crimes, and testified in court as a subject matter expert. She provides education to the Army installation and teaches other Department of Defense Agencies.</p>



2021 Texas IAFN Annual Conference Speaker Introduction

Friday, February 5th

<p>9:00-9:45</p>	<p><i>Overview of the Sexual Assault Survivors’ Task Force</i> presented by <u>Hillary England, LMSW</u></p> <p>Hillary England is the Administrator for the statewide Sexual Assault Survivors’ Task Force (SASTF) in the Office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott. Hillary has 25 years of cross-sector leadership experience with over 10 years of experience in the human services field. Prior to joining the Governor’s Office, Hillary worked for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in the Behavioral Health Services Division, where she managed two statewide mental health programs serving adults and children. Hillary has also worked extensively in the non-profit sector serving primarily two populations: youth and adult survivors of interpersonal violence; and youth/adolescents involved in the youth justice and/or child welfare systems. Hillary’s areas of expertise include organizational effectiveness, performance quality improvement, data-driven practice and program evaluation. Hillary received her BA from Yale University and her Master’s Degree in Social Work from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she completed extensive training and research in program evaluation, trauma interventions, and the theory and practice of trauma-informed care.</p>
<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p><i>Turning Awareness into Resiliency</i> presented by <u>Whitney Bliss, MA, LPC</u></p> <p>Whitney Bliss received her Master’s degree in Counseling from Saint Louis University in 2009. Before relocating to Texas, she worked for four years at a trauma-focused residential center for eating disorders. From January of 2011 to January 2017 she worked at Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center as a Sexual Assault Counselor and the coordinator for the Center’s hospital response team. While at HCWC, Whitney also coordinated the Hays-Caldwell Sexual Assault Response Team. Whitney regularly trains helping professionals, first responders, volunteers, and community members. She is also the a member of the Hays Regional CISM. Whitney has been trained in a variety of modalities, including Internal Family Systems, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Mindful Self-Compassion, NeuroAffective Relational Model, and Somatic Experiencing. Whitney currently has a private practice where she sees adult individuals in San Marcos, Texas.</p>
<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p><i>nPEP – Non-Occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Prevention</i> presented by <u>Steve Paris, MSN, APRN, FNP-C (The Kind Clinic), & Sarah Palmer, MPH (Patient Advocate Supervisor, The Kind Clinic)</u></p> <p>Steve Paris has more than 10 years’ experience working and volunteering in HIV prevention and treatment, including PEP, PrEP, and HIV management. He was a volunteer nurse at the Austin PrEP Access Project, now KIND Clinic, starting in 2016. He holds a Masters in Nursing from the UT Austin School of Nursing where he completed training as a Family Nurse Practitioner and has been full-time in his current role since 2019. He is a certified HIV Prevention Certified Provider, routinely providing non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis consultations for survivors of sexual assault and others potentially exposed to HIV. He is currently sitting for the HIV Specialist credentialing exam through the American Academy of HIV Medicine.</p>

	<p>Sarah Palmer, pronouns are (she/her), is a Patient Advocate Supervisor at Texas Health Action-Kind Clinic in Austin, TX. She graduated with a Master’s in Public Health from the University of Texas Health Science Center in 2017 with a focus in health promotion and behavioral sciences. Sarah has been involved with Texas Health Action/Kind Clinic since it began in 2015 serving in multiple roles. She supervises a team of Patient Advocates who directly serve our patients in PrEP/PEP care, HIV positive care, and gender affirming care. Patient Advocates assist Kind Clinic patients in navigating the complex healthcare system by linking them to medication assistance programs, making referrals to other relevant services and resources, and by serving as the primary point of contact for any patient questions or concerns. Sarah has also presented at the Texas HIV/STD state conference in 2018, and the 2019 HIV Biomedical Prevention Summit. In her free time, Sarah volunteers with Austin Harm Reduction Coalition and the Lilith Fund to increase access of Central Texans to services like needle exchange, free naloxone to reverse overdose, and mini-grants to access abortion care.</p>
<p>11:00-11:45</p>	<p><i>Re-imagining the Road to Justice for Sexual Assault Victims</i> presented by <u>Sergeant Michael Crumrine</u></p> <p>Michael Crumrine is a Sergeant with the Austin, Texas Police Department with over thirty-three years of law enforcement experience. He is currently a sergeant in the Child Abuse Unit and supervises seventeen detectives who investigate all manner of physical and sexual abuse of children. Sergeant Crumrine began his investigative career in the adult Sex Crimes Unit where he investigated felony and misdemeanor sexually related offenses against adult victims. His investigations included non-stranger and stranger sexual assault cases, serial cases, alcohol & drug facilitated cases, investigations involving same sex victims, and sexual assault cases that stemmed from intimate partner violence relationships. Sergeant Crumrine’s investigative career included being a detective in both the Homicide Unit, where he investigated all manners of death including homicides, suicides, accidental and natural deaths, and the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (SOAR), which took a proactive approach to monitoring and holding sex offenders accountable. Sergeant Crumrine is a founding member and current President of the Lesbian and Gay Peace Officers Association-Austin, the first and only LGBTQ+ Peace Officers Association in Texas. Sergeant Crumrine has written nationally on the subject of intimate partner and sexual violence in the LGBTQ+ community, detailing ways law enforcement can improve their response to LGBTQ+ victims. He was instrumental in encouraging the Austin Police Department to train every police cadet about the dynamics present in intimate partner and sexual violence within the LGBTQ+ community, making them the first major police department in Texas to do so. Sergeant Crumrine continues to create training and policies for the Austin Police Department in regards to their interaction with the LGBTQ+ community. Sergeant Crumrine is a member of End Violence Against Women International Cadre of Experts. He has trained for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, The United States Department of Defense, The United States Department of Justice, The Office of Violence Against Women, The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The Tribal Governments Program Summit, The United States Office for Victims of Crime, The Battered Woman’s Justice Project, The Conference on Crimes Against Women, The Statewide Conference on Violence Against Women and The Campus Technical and Resource Project. Sergeant Crumrine continues to serve as an active duty officer and consults on a national level in the field of sexual and intimate partner violence.</p>

<p>11:00-11:45</p>	<p><i>How to Utilize Toluidine Blue Dye as a Tool for Injury Documentation</i> presented by <u>Crystal Love RN, SANE-A, CA-CP SANE</u></p> <p>Crystal Love has over 18 years of experience working as a Registered Nurse in the fields of Emergency Medicine and Critical Care. She has over 12 years of experience working as a Forensic Nurse in the areas of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, strangulation child abuse/neglect and elder abuse/neglect. She is the Executive Director of Brave Alliance, a nonprofit organization, providing care to sexual assault patients and is employed as a Forensic Nurse at the Williamson County Children’s Advocacy Center.</p>
<p>12:45-1:30</p>	<p><i>Advocate and Nurse Continuum of Care</i> presented by <u>Andrea Perry, BA & Holly Bowles, BS</u></p> <p>Andrea Gray Perry manages the Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Program at The SAFE Alliance in Austin, Texas. She has worked as a victim advocate since 2012, including roles as a sexual assault advocate and a hotline advocate at the National Domestic Violence Hotline. She holds a BA from St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she studied philosophy and history of science.</p> <p>Holly Bowles is the volunteer coordinator for the Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Program at The SAFE Alliance where she recruits and trains individuals who respond as confidential advocates to survivors in Austin, Texas. She holds a BS in Public Health from the University of Texas at Austin, and, like many in this work, found her start in advocacy through volunteering.</p>
<p>12:45-1:30</p>	<p><i>Seeking Survivor Justice: Auditing the Criminal Justice Pipeline</i> presented by <u>Amanda Lewis, MSSW & Kristen Lenau, MPH</u></p> <p>Amanda Lewis is a social worker with over a decade of community education and advocacy experience in domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault intervention and prevention. She believes that sustainable social change starts small, building upon close bonds within communities, and is best led by those most impacted. Amanda holds a Master's of Science in Social Work with a focus on community and administrative leadership from The University of Texas. She is the Statewide Community Organizer for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, co-founder of Survivor Justice Project, and an appointee to the Austin Commission for Women.</p> <p>Kristen Lenau is a community leader with 15 years of experience working with populations impacted by violence. She holds a Master’s in Public Health and believes that effectively responding to violence against women requires a community-driven, holistic approach. Kristen works for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault as a Senior Policy Advisor. Kristen is a co-founder of the Survivor Justice Project, a local policy advocacy group in Austin, TX.</p>
<p>1:45-2:30</p>	<p><i>Track-Kit: Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program</i> presented by <u>Rebecca Vieh, MS</u></p> <p>Rebecca Vieh is the Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program Specialist for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Crime Laboratory Service. Rebecca is primarily responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Texas Sexual Assault Evidence (SAE) tracking system including training and the development of program policies and procedures. She also represents the DPS Law Enforcement Support Division on the Governor’s Sexual Assault Survivors’ Task Force. She has been employed by the DPS since 2006 and with the</p>

	<p>Crime Laboratory Service since 2009. From 2009-2017, Rebecca served as the CODIS Interagency Liaison, providing training to criminal justice agencies while promoting the Texas CODIS Program. Rebecca is a graduate of Sam Houston State University earning both Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Criminal Justice</p>
1:45-2:30	<p><i>Abnormally Normal</i> presented by <u>Tesa Miller, MD, FACOG</u></p> <p>Dr. Tesa Miller is a board certified OB/GYN who has been in practice in Austin, TX since 2009. She has worked for a FQHC, private practice, and is currently an OB/GYN hospitalist at North Austin Medical Center. She has served as the medical director of the Forensic Nursing program at The SAFE Alliance since 2019.</p>
2:45-3:30	<p><i>An Introduction to Texas Teleforensic Remote Access Center(Tex-TRAC) Program</i> presented by <u>Kimberly Zemanek, PhD, MEd & Kayce Ward, MSN, RN, CA-CP SANE, SANE-A</u></p> <p>Kimberly Zemanek is the Associate Program Director at the Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing College of Nursing at Texas A&M University. She has over 15 years of project management experience as well as experience as a certified clinical research coordinator.</p> <p>Kayce Ward began her journey in Forensic Nursing in 2001 as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. She worked full-time as a SANE at Methodist Hospital Specialty and Transplant in San Antonio, TX, conducting over 1700 sexual assault forensic exams on both adolescent/adult survivors and suspects of all ages. After fifteen years in the clinical role, she became the Forensic Nursing Service program coordinator where she supervised 10-12 SANEs, providing 24-hour coverage to more than 25 counties in South Texas. She regularly collaborated with community partners to ensure all forensic patients received holistic care and support. In September of 2020, she had the pleasure of becoming the Program Manager for Forensic Nursing at Texas A&M University College of Nursing. She is responsible for managing the Texas Teleforensic Remote Assistance Center (Tex-TRAC) team of Forensic Nursing experts and for training the clinical personnel at all Tex-TRAC provider sites to provide real-time telehealth consultations. She received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Angelo State University and both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing Education from Western Governors University. She is currently certified as an Adolescent/Adult Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (CA-CP SANE) from the Texas Office of the Attorney General, and holds SANE-A certification from the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Providing this specialized nursing care to victims of crime is what she has been called to do and she is extremely grateful for the opportunity.</p>
2:45-3:30	<p><i>Pediatric Mimics</i> presented by <u>Rebecca Broussard, BSN, RN, CA-CP SANE</u></p> <p>Rebecca Broussard is the Sexual Assault Nurse Coordinator at Dell Children’s Medical Center. She is an experienced SANE of 6 years, and she has been working as the SANE coordinator for DCMC for the past 2 years.</p>
3:45-4:30	<p><i>Adult/Adolescent Peer Review</i> presented by <u>Amanda Brookshire RN, SANE-A</u></p> <p>Amanda Brookshire is a Forensic Nurse for the Forensic Nursing and Advocacy Program at SAFE Alliance, where she has completed over 350 exams. Amanda has designed an educational program for Emergency Departments with the goal of helping hospitals and the forensic nursing program work more smoothly. She also gives community presentations to help first responders and advocates provide the most trauma informed care. Prior to</p>

	<p>becoming a Forensic Nurse, Amanda worked as a travel nurse, working in emergency departments and trauma centers all over the country. She started her nursing career as a Psychiatric nurse, working with children and adolescents. She believes that an empathetic and caring environment is key to sexual assault survivors' long term health.</p>
<p>3:45-4:30</p>	<p><u><i>Pediatric Peer Review presented by Deborah Kleypas RN, CA-CP SANE, SANE-A, SANE-P & Sheilah Priori RN, CA-CP SANE, SANE-A, SANE-P</i></u></p> <p>Deborah Kleypas has been a certified SANE for 18 years, and has served as the Forensic Nursing Coordinator at Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center for the past 3 years. Deborah was a hospital-based SANE for 15 years providing care for adults, adolescents and pediatrics. She is a preceptor for nurses training to become SANEs, and provides lectures for law enforcement, DFPS, medical personal, and the community. Deborah also provides expert simulation lab training with Texas A&M University College of Nursing.</p> <p>Sheilah Priori is a Sexual Assault Medical Management Program Manager at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's Emergency Dept. in Fort Hood, TX. Ms. Priori has 16 years' experience as a forensic nurse, and is an expert witness. Ms. Priori has conducted over 1500 examinations, reviewed hundreds of cases involving crimes, and testified in court as a subject matter expert. She provides education to the Army installation and teaches other Department of Defense Agencies.</p>