



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ALLIANCE

24th Annual Domestic Violence Alliance Program

Domestic Violence Alliance

Friday, October 22, 2021

8:45 AM – 3:40 PM | Zoom Live Virtual Webinar

CLEE POST Credits for Law Enforcement: Missouri - 7.0

CEU Credits for Social Workers: Pending

CEU Credits for Therapists: Pending

CLE Credits for Attorneys: Missouri - 7.0 | Kansas – 7.0

PROGRAM TOPIC:

**Looking Ahead: Lessons Learned from the
COVID-19 Pandemic and Domestic Violence**

Morning: Friday, October 22, 2021

8:45 AM **Welcome**

Judith Westmoreland, DVA Chair, *Jackson County CASA*

Opening Remarks

Jane Pansing Brown, *General Counsel, Office of the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri*

9:00 AM **Topic: Domestic Violence Prevention Strategies and How Attorneys
Can Assist**

Henry Chapman, *Jackson County Prosecutor's Office*

Dr. Anthony Dishman, *Synergy Services*

Elizabeth Gruss, *Hope House*

Nina Ward, *Crossroads Charter Schools*

Margaret Young, *Legal Aid of Western Missouri*

Moderator: Elizabeth Sharp Lynch, *Lynch Sharp & Associates, LLC*

- 9:50 AM** **Topic: A Legislative Perspective of Domestic Violence Laws in Missouri and Kansas**
Keri Ingle, *Missouri House of Representatives*
Wes Rogers, *Missouri House of Representatives*
Rui Xu, *Kansas House of Representatives*
Moderator: Judith Westmoreland, *Jackson County CASA*
- 10:40 AM Break (10 Minutes)
- 10:50 AM** **Topic: Domestic Violence from the Perspective of a Survivor and the Legal System that Helped Her (Client)**
Kimberly Sligh
Madison Peak, *Legal Aid of Western Missouri*
- 11:40 AM Lunch (20 Minutes)

Afternoon: Friday, October 22, 2021

- 12:00 PM** **Welcome and Remarks**
Jill Katz, *KCMBF President*
- 12:10 PM** **Topic: Understanding Batterers Better: Changing Behaviors and Increasing Victim Safety**
Danielle Thompson, *Kansas Department of Corrections*
- 1:00 PM** **Topic: How Therapists and Domestic Violence Shelters Have Pivoted to Address Legal and Other Needs During a Pandemic**
Dr. Sara Brammer, *Synergy Services*
Ilene Shehan, *Hope House*
Moderator: Jill Katz, *KCMBF President*
- 1:50 PM Break (10 Minutes)
- 2:00 PM** **Topic: Social and Emotional Effects of COVID-19 in Schools and Education**
Karis Parker, *Crossroads Charter School District*
- 2:50 PM** **Topic: View from the Bench - COVID-19 and the Courts**
Hon. Jessica M. Agnelly, *16th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, Jackson County*
Hon. Sarah A. Castle, *16th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, Jackson County*
Hon. Mary F. Weir, *16th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, Jackson County*
Moderator: Hon. Courtney A. Wachal, *16th Judicial Circuit Court Kansas City Municipal Division*
- 3:40 PM Adjourn