



# ASCWA

Attendance Certification and Mental Health Training



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022  
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Martin G. Petersen Event Center  
720 Twelfth Street, Modesto, CA

# Attendance Certification and Mental Health Training



**DAY 1**

*Thursday, September 1, 2022*

**7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION)**

**8:30 A.M. WELCOME MESSAGES**

*Kevin Torosian, Dr. CASCWA State President*

*Sharma Uma, President CASCWA San Joaquin/SCOE SARB*

*Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools*

*Jeff Dirkse, Stanislaus County Sheriff*

*Birgit Fladagar, Stanislaus County District Attorney*

*Honorable Jeff Mangar, Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge*

*Sandra Day, SCOE, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Options/Sp.Education*

*Dallas Plaa, SCOE, Director III, Prevention Programs*

*Nancee Davis, SCOE, Director II, Prevention Programs*



*Becky Ray, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Alternative Education Teacher and Juvenile Court, Community, and Alternative School Administrators (JCCASAC) of California, Teacher of the Year for 2022*

Becky Ray truly embodies the character, heart, and commitment the Alternative Education world must possess for student success. Dedicated, confident, passionate, and invested are just a few of the words used by students and colleagues when describing her. Becky has been a teacher at the Stanislaus County Office of Education for over 34 years, engaging students in and beyond the classroom. Throughout her tenure with the Educational Options division, she has taught all subject areas in the classroom and is currently teaching modified Independent Studies.

**8:45 A.M. MINDFULNESS, A PRACTICE OF BEING IN THE MOMENT**



*Danielle Jones, Stanislaus County Office of Education, After School Planning Coordinator, Prevention and Expanded Learning Programs*

In our current times it can be challenging to take a moment to stop, take a breath and consider what is good and right in the world. We can get caught up in the human doing and the busyness of life instead of looking for opportunities to bring joy into our day. Join me for this mindfulness moment to ground ourselves in the power of letting go and simply being.

**9:10 A.M.**



## **THE THREE ELEMENTS OF SELF-COMPASSION!**

*Jennifer Johnson, MSW, LCSW, California State University, Stanislaus Lecturer-Master of Social Work Program, PEER Project Coordinator*

Utilizing the three themes of self-compassion can change our way of interacting not only with ourselves but also with the students and families we serve through the school system. Self-compassion is the most basic mental health strategy to roll out to all providers; teachers, administrators, case managers, school-based counselors, and classroom aides. The push for self-care was indeed warranted but unfortunately there is little long-term benefit to self-care practices unless a strong foundation of self-acceptance and self-worth is had – and that is where self-compassion comes in, it helps create such a foundation.

**11:00 A.M.**



## **SART'S/DART'S AND SARB TO HELP GET YOUR KIDS IN THEIR SEATS: ADDRESSING STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

*Maria Lobato, Modesto City Schools SARB Coordinator*

Modesto City SARB Team is made up of SARB Coordinator, SARB Assistant and five Truancy/Attendance Liaisons who cover the entire school district of 30,000 students, providing training, guidance and assistance to K-12 sites throughout the district to assure attendance policies are implemented. Together they coordinate, facilitate and conduct SARB meetings/hearings, SARTS and refers SARB cases to Superior Court. Today's session will focus on the importance of early attendance interventions, school and community resources, attendance liaisons responsibilities and impact and celebrating attendance improvements.

**12:00 P.M.**

## **LUNCH (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION)**

**12:30 P.M.**



## **RESTORATIVE RESTART: ADDRESSING ATTENDANCE HABITS IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD**

*Brenda Tapp, National Training Manager, School Innovations & Achievement*

*"The willingness to show up changes us, It makes us a little braver each time. Bravery is the choice to show up and listen to another person, be it a loved one or perceived foe, even when it is uncomfortable, painful, or the last thing you want to do." -Brene Brown*

As students and staff return to schools, this session will explore the necessary strategies to reinforce student and parent habits on daily attendance. Real world examples and options to bring students back into the school culture after two and half years of disrupted program offerings.

**1:30 P.M.**



## **THE "NEW" 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

*Jennifer Baker, M.A., M.Ed., LMFT Stanislaus County Office of Education, Project Coordinator, MTSS*

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 160 crisis centers providing 24/7 service via toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. Jennifer will share information and updates on the new 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, which in 2020 Congress designated would operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline went live on July 16, 2022, providing free and confidential support for anyone experiencing a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis.

**2:00 P.M.**

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE: A PRACTICAL AND LEGAL PERSPECTIVE**

*Dr. Kevin Torosian, Esq. Legal Educational Consultant*



Dr. Kevin Torosian has spent over 30 years in Education. From Teaching to occupying virtually every position in Child Welfare and Attendance, he most notably spent 15 years as a Disciplinary Hearing Officer followed by 10 years as a Director of Child Welfare and Attendance. He has personally handled close to 10,000 student expulsion cases without a single reversal on appeal. He holds a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Washington University, St. Louis School of Dental Medicine and a Juris Doctorate from the San Joaquin College of Law. He is currently the State President of the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance.

**3:15 P.M.**

## **ENGAGING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ON CAMPUS**

*Mike Baldwin, Community Advocate*



A Modesto resident since November 2018, Mr. Baldwin's long, courageous journey toward purpose and his personal commitment to helping others is a testament to the resiliency of the human spirit in the face of immeasurable pain and tragic mistakes. His is an often-searing story, honestly told... "I was born in the city of Chicago, on the west side," he recalled during a recent interview. Mr. Baldwin will share his past and his current work as a community advocate and a paralegal since his move to Modesto in 2018. He is currently assisting Middle School students throughout Stanislaus County.

**4:30 P.M.**

## **NETWORKING SESSION**

Join our CASCWA Community for casual conversation, food and spirits.





## DAY 2

Friday, September 2, 2022

7:30 A.M.

### BREAKFAST (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION)

8:30 A.M.

### WELCOME CAREER INSPIRATION CENTER



*Dallas Plaa, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Director III, Prevention Programs*

The Career Inspiration Center is an exciting and innovative program that includes hands-on learning and career pathway awareness opportunities for Stanislaus County 7th-12th graders of partnering school districts, which include Ceres, Denair, Hughson, and Patterson, Sylvan, Waterford, Keyes, Hickman, Salida, and Riverbank. Students who participate in the program have access to additional resources and program offerings which may include summer workshops, field trips to businesses, educational programs, internships, industry-recognized certifications, and an end-of-year culminating activity.

9:00 A.M.

### BUILDING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS



*Shaun Hurtado, Modesto City Schools, Principal, La Loma Middle School*

Shaun Hurtado has served in leadership and educator roles in urban, rural and suburban school districts. His experience and professional passions include creating positive school cultures for all students and staff, creating the conditions so people can thrive in their careers improving learning outcomes for all students and cultivating leadership in others. Additionally, he has presented at local and state conferences as well as facilitated leadership and coaching development sessions on Student Mental Health, incorporating Restorative Practices, building a positive school culture and cultivating leadership in others. Mr. Hurtado is passionate about his role as an instructional and transformational leader. He feels he can have a lasting, positive impact on his community by educating youth, being a positive role model, and providing consistent leadership for students, teachers, community members, and other stakeholders.

10:00 A.M.

### A CLEAR VIEW THROUGH THE HAZE: VAPING MYTHS & REALITIES



*Charmaine Monte, M.Ed., Stanislaus County Office of Education, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) County Coordinator*

*Elizabeth Escalante, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Coordinator*



Vaping, both nicotine and marijuana, continues to be a problem schools and communities are facing within Stanislaus County and across the nation. Several recent new studies show the negative health impact of vaping and how, specifically nicotine, exacerbates anxiety and depression. Yet, adolescents continue to believe vaping is harmless. This session will provide attendees with a solid foundation of vaping drug trends, knowledge, and recognition. We will explore local trends including the wide array of disposal vapes, the impact of nicotine-based vape, THC-based vape, and other harmful drugs found in vape liquid.

**10:55 A.M. BREAK**

**11:00 A.M. INCREASING COGNITIVE ATTENTION IN ANY CLASS**



*Erin T. Dolin, EdD., OTR/L, Clovis Community College, Program Director,  
Occupational Therapy Assistant Program,*

Dr. Dolin is an expert in behavioral interventions and using the neuroscience of movement in classrooms to increase attention and engagement for increased academic performance and reduction of behavior problems. Her techniques and strategies are complementary to classroom and school wide efforts to increase learning, reduce disruptive behavior, and support SWPBIS and SEL programs. As an occupational therapist she has a unique perspective to learning and behavioral interventions. This session will provide strategies that any teacher or administrator can use to change a classroom. You will receive new strategies to help support teachers and increase classroom management for all students.

**12:00 P.M. CLOSING WITH LUNCH ON-THE-GO!  
(INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION)**



## **CASCWA 2023 State Conference**

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**CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

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## ANTHONY BRUCIA SUCCESS AWARD



**Recipients of Anthony Brucia Scholarship Awards. The scholarship luncheon was held at Pardini's in Fresno. 5 Students were selected representing all areas of San Joaquin CASCWA.**

CASCWA's "Anthony Brucia Success Award" is the result of the organization raising money each year specifically for the purpose of awarding multiple \$1,000 awards. Funds primarily come from registration fees of workshops, raffles and private donations. Since it's inception over \$220,000 has been awarded to students. Official presentations of the awards are made by CASCWA in May of each year and at the winner's school award programs. Major donors are also recognized with their identification on the award certificate and the opportunity to make the presentation. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund you may do so by logging onto <http://www.cascwa.wildapricot.org/Anthony-Brucia-Success-Award-Donations>



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