



2026 SPRING CONFERENCE EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 6, 2026	
8:30 – 10:00	Conference Registration
9:45 – 10:00	MACPO President Welcome
10:00 – 12:00 Keynote	<p>“Compassionate Accountability: Restoring Resilience & Responsibility in County Probation” Thad Shunkwiler</p> <p>Community probation professionals work at the intersection of public safety, behavior change, and human complexity. They are tasked with holding individuals accountable while simultaneously supporting long-term rehabilitation — a balance that is both critical and challenging.</p> <p>This interactive training introduces participants to the <i>Compassionate Accountability</i> framework, a structured approach designed to integrate empathy with directional intervention. Rather than choosing between being “supportive” or being “firm,” this model provides a clear roadmap for doing both effectively. Participants will explore how over-accommodation can unintentionally reinforce avoidance, while excessive control can trigger resistance, shame, and power struggles.</p> <p>By the end of the session, probation professionals will leave with a defined model, concrete skills, and renewed clarity about how to move clients forward — strengthening outcomes for individuals, agencies, and communities alike.</p>
1:30- 3:30	<p>“Case Planning” Debra Schmitt</p> <p>A structured approach that helps the practitioner guide activities and achieve agreed upon tasks and goals when working with clients. Learning what we can do as practitioners to build skills around areas of need, so clients can be successful on and off supervision.</p>
4:00	<p>Golf Tournament</p> <p>Email travis.fisher@casscountymn.gov to sign up</p>
6:30	Vendor Hospitality
Thursday, May 7, 2026	
9:00 – 10:30 Keynote	“It Matters” Cory Greenwood

	<p>In a profession where progress is slow and change rarely follows a clean timeline, it can be easy to lose sight of the long-term impact of your work.</p> <p>After speaking to more than 900 audiences across the country, Cory Greenwood has built a reputation for delivering high-energy, story-driven sessions that resonate deeply with professionals who guide, correct, and support others through difficult seasons.</p> <p>Through humor, authenticity, and powerful personal perspective, Cory reframes the daily standards you uphold—not as routine policy, but as moments that shape futures. The accountability you maintain, the consistency you practice, and the boundaries you enforce today may become the turning point someone looks back on years from now.</p>
<p>10:45–12:15</p>	<p>“How to Identify the Drivers of Criminogenic At-Risk Behaviors” Allen Godfrey</p> <p>The workshop focuses on identifying an individual's primary criminogenic driver — the need or behavior that most strongly contributes to unlawful actions. By accurately identifying and addressing this driver, staff can select the most impactful strategies, tools, and interventions to support meaningful behavior change. Participants will explore the research behind driver-focused assessment, learn when and how to apply the Driver Workbook, and practice incorporating results into everyday supervision and case planning.</p> <hr/> <p>“Module I: Domestic Violence-Offender Typology & Module II: Types of Domestic Violence” Anita Burke</p> <p>Part One: A detailed overview of types of individuals who use violence in intimate relationships, their mindset, thinking patterns, and their attitudes. Module I will identify potential warning signs, grooming tactics, whether abusers realize they are being abusive, and whether it is possible for abusers to change.</p> <p>Model II will have an in-depth examination of abusive tactics, strangulation, stalking, sexual abuse, and homicide in intimate relationships. A deeper look into types of abuse used to gain power/control, case samples, intimate partner lethality, and lethality assessments.</p> <hr/> <p>“What’s the Buzz about CCP: Core Correctional Practices in Minnesota” Bridget Letnes and Rachel Miller</p> <p>Learn about the journey bringing core correctional practices to Minnesota corrections: what it is, where it came from, and the difference between capital CCP and lowercase ccp. We'll provide research that shows why and how using these tools can impact client change and recidivism reduction and provide examples of what core correctional practices looks like through role play so participants can see how they work for agents and clients. Lastly, we'll talk about the training model for CCP and how agencies can train and coach to provide quality correctional practices statewide. Come and learn what all the buzz is about CCP in Minnesota!</p>
<p>1:15 – 2:45</p>	<p>“Gun Laws – Step by Step Through the System” Joe VanTomme <i>*Full Description Coming Soon*</i></p>

	<p>“Module III: Probation & Parole Supervision of Domestic Violence Caseload” Anita Burke</p> <p>Part Two: Module III will discuss a case study from the beginning of a police report to conviction – a deep dive study of a violent offender on probation, tips and tricks of supervising a domestic violence caseload. This session will discuss grooming, abuse, and manipulation used on supervising agents. Contacting, understanding, and supporting victims. Discussing tools for risk assessments, PSI’s, violation reports and keeping yourself mentally and physically safe.</p> <p>“Drug Search & Seizure Safety” Alex Nelson</p> <p>This presentation will be centered around probation agent safety, search/ seizure and police collaboration. Will be referencing Drug Task Force case studies. <i>*More information Coming Soon*</i></p>
<p>3:00 – 4:30</p>	<p>“Decision Points – Real V Reel” Debra Schmitt & Sean McGongile</p> <p>Are you a Decision Points Group Facilitator? Want to enhance your skills and learn some tips and tricks to become a better Decision Points group facilitator? Discussing the importance of role-playing and why we use it in Decision Points. Discussing the importance of using JT situations that are relevant and engaging to Decision Points participants. We have a fun activity planned that involves a prize.</p> <p>“Safety 101” Aric Walsh & Keri Powell</p> <p>This session will cover basic safety training for Corrections Professionals. The perfect safety training for new agents.</p> <p>“CSTS: 2026 Updates & Initiatives” Carrie Stumne</p> <p>This session will cover the major updates included in the CSTS v5.0 release posted in January 2026, as well as the future initiatives for the CSTS application in 2026. Topics from the v5.0 release will include modifications to text messaging features, enhancements to PSC Tracks, Intervention Internal Program Tracking, Incident Reporting, and other new fields and functionality. The future initiatives to be covered include the scheduled enhancements for Recidivism Reporting, Incident Report Charting, Case Plan feature enhancements, and other approved enhancements, which will be included in an upcoming release in 2026. We will leave time at the end to answer any questions.</p>
<p>5:30 – 7:30</p>	<p><i>Awards Banquet</i></p>
<p>Friday, May 8, 2026</p>	
<p>8:30 – 12:00</p>	<p>“Emerging trends- The Normalization and Glamorization of Sex & Drugs through Social Media.” And more! Dave Gomez</p> <p>Dave “Officer Gomez” Gomez is a nationally recognized youth safety speaker and veteran School Resource Officer with more than 15 years in law enforcement and over a decade embedded in public schools. Drawing on thousands of real-world student interactions and investigations, he helps parents, educators, and</p>

	<p>professionals understand the rapidly evolving risks facing today's youth, including social media exploitation, misuse of artificial intelligence, emerging drug trends, mental health challenges, dating culture, and high-stakes decision-making. Known for blending humor, straight talk, and practical solutions, Gomez translates complex issues into clear, actionable strategies audiences can immediately apply to protect kids, strengthen families, and build resilient communities.</p>
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