



2021 Conference Schedule

Wednesday, September 15th

**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration (Town Hall Upper Lobby)
and Resource Fair Open (Town Hall Lower)**

Lunch (Fairways Restaurant)

Afternoon Welcome and Keynote:

President's Welcome: MACPO President

"Take this Job and Love It", Martha Bryan

George Bernard Shaw said, "A master in the art of living knows no sharp distinction between their work and their play, their labor and their leisure, their mind and their body, their education and their recreation . . . They simply pursue their vision of excellence through whatever they are doing and leave others to determine whether they are working or playing." Because we manufacture ourselves through our work, each time we make a choice on the job, we shape our identities, our inner feelings about who we are, our sense of self-worth, and our relationships with others. This program is about discovering the hidden truths about our life, and how we can move from simply surviving our work to mastering the art of living through our work.

Resource Fair opportunity a time to visit with vendors

Conclusion of "Take this Job and Love It", Martha Bryan

Maddens Check in starts at 4:30 p.m. (earlier check in subject to availability)

Vendor Sponsored Golf Tournament starts at 5 p.m.

Evening Vendor Hospitality/Networking Event (Voyageur)

****If we are unable to hold this event each attendees will be on their own for the evening meal****

Thursday, September 16th

Breakfast (Fairways Restaurant)

Opening Keynote **“From Medical Marijuana to Vaping: New Issues in Chemical Health”, Thad Shunkwiler**

We’ve likely already been told, “If I just got medical weed, it’ll fix all my problems.” This workshop will examine the Minnesota Therapeutic Cannabis Program and its potential impact on treating psychiatric disorders. Participants will review current empirical research on the use of cannabis while understanding potential benefits and consequences. Additionally, this training will look at the current phenomena of vaping. Participants will understand the history, current use trends, and potential health related consequences. An emphasis will be placed on what probation professionals need to know about vaping and medical marijuana with the hope of putting the knowledge into practice.

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Morning Breakout Sessions

- **“Mental Health: What Every Probation Professional Needs to Know”, Thad Shunkwiler**

With over half of the population of offenders presenting with mental health issues, knowledge about how we can help is more important than ever. This workshop will examine mental health disorders and how they impact probation professionals work with offenders. Participants will review common treatments for disorders, and how the probation professional can help. An emphasis will be placed on what probation professionals need to know and how to put the knowledge into practice.

- **“Preventing the school to prison pipeline: Benefits of Probation Departments handling Truancy”, Andreas Braulick and Barbara Carson**

Research consistently documents that school truancy is related to a greater risk of delinquency during adolescence and adult criminal behavior (see Mazerolle et al 2019 for a review). Brown County, a rural county located in southern Minnesota received an OJP program to start a pre-truancy and truancy program in 2019. In the first year of this program a link between truancy and delinquency emerged. This program has shown that handling truancy matters through a probation department in rural areas has helped reduce the number of juveniles who commit new crimes and kept more kids in school. Presenters will share the evaluation statistics and real world experiences of the truancy officer to detail how truancy matters were handled by this rural probation department. The STOP Truancy Program developed strategies to keep kids in school, reduce delinquency, and develop community relationships.

- **“Criminal Justice Information Available Through the BCA - Today and in the Future”, Gary Kalstabakken and Carla Duellman**

The BCA is your gateway to information you need about your clients including their driver and vehicle records, criminal history, court records, protection orders, warrants and predatory offender registration. The BCA continually strives to improve the user value of those systems. Hear about information currently available to probation personnel and provide feedback to help shape what you'll see in the future. Let the BCA know what you like, what can be improved and what new information or display would be valuable. Your feedback counts! Feedback has led to significant changes to POR and criminal history in the last two years.

Lunch (Fairways Restaurant)

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Afternoon Breakout Sessions

- **“Measuring Social Support in a Justice-Involved Population: An Exploratory Study”, Phillip Galli**

From March – May 2019, researchers conducted survey research at the Ramsey County Adult Probation Department. The survey included 28 items looking at the role of social support in the lives of individuals that were justice-involved. Policy implications follow from results. Phillip will cover how Social support (family, peers, etc.) impacts recidivism. He will cover the survey conducted. He will speak on different forms of social supports such as expressive (having someone to talk with) and instrumental support (money, cars, food, etc.). Phillip was a probation officer for 8 years so he will discuss how probation can help someone with social support on their caseloads, especially when they may not have family to go to when need.

- **“Elder Abuse”, Marit Anne Peterson**

This presentation will provide training related to best practices; prevention strategies; and other topics related to abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults. Two thirds of perpetrators of elder abuse are trusted individuals or family members who could be someone you are supervising on probation.

- **“Cultural Topic (formal title TBA)”, Tim Walsh and Kevin Saunders**

******Presentation description to be announced ******

Awards Banquet Dinner - More information to come.

After Banquet we are hoping to have a network gathering at The O'Madden Pub with karaoke or around the campfire located by Voyageur ** subject to COVID safety protocols**

Friday, September 17th

Breakfast (Fairways Restaurant)

Closing Keynote Speaker:

**Top 20 Thinking: How Our Thinking
Governs Our Experience", Willow Sweeney**

This session focuses on becoming aware of our thinking, so we know when it is working and when it is not working. It explores (1) the conditions that come up in our life that invite us to think like a Bottom 80, (2) indicators telling us when we are Bottom 80, (3) how to handle Bottom 80 experiences with more grace and dignity and (4) how to trampoline to Top 20 Thinking.

Maddens Check out 11 AM