



2025 AJOA Spring Conference Choctaw Resort & Casino - Pocola, OK

Wednesday, March 5 (3 hours available)

9:00AM – 12:00PM – Registration / Networking / Meeting Our Vendor FRIENDS!

1:00 – 1:15PM - Opening Remarks and Welcome

Presented by Lavon Chatman, AJOA President & AJOA Executive Committee Members.

1:20 – 2:20PM - AOC Updates and Data

Presented by Kevin Hoffman, Juv. Just. Specialist AOC & Ashley Figueroa, Commission on Youth and Families/Supreme Court of Arkansas.

2:45 – 4:15PM – "From Data to Impact: Connecting Metrics to Meaningful Outcomes in Juv. Justice"

This session will explore how data outputs and performance measures can be effectively linked to tangible outcomes in the juvenile justice system. Participants will discover strategies for analyzing data, interpreting trends, and using metrics to drive decision-making that improves youth rehabilitation, reduces recidivism, and promotes community safety. Presented by Makeisha Davis, MPA, CIP Data Mgr. AOC.

4:15 - 5:00PM - Closing Remarks / Business Meeting / Updates

5:00PM – 'AFTER HOURS' HOSPITALITY ROOM

Thursday, March 6 (6 hours available)

9:00 – 10:30AM - TBRI / Trust Based Relational Intervention Pt. 1

An overview on the distinction of the adolescent brain versus the child and adult brain and how trauma and attachment play a role in neural development. Presented by Rick Hays, TBRI Practitioner, Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches.

10:45AM – 12:15PM – Positive Youth Development

Presented by Melrita M. Johnson, LCSW, The Chosen One Professional Services LLC, CEO/Clinical Dir./Owner.

12:15 – 1:45PM – Lunch (on your own)

1:45 - 3:15PM – "Self-Care Awareness"

Presented by Kimberly Key-Bell, MSW, LCSW, Assistant Director DYS.

3:15 – 3:30PM – Parade of Vendor Friends

3:30 - 5:00PM – TBRI / Trust Based Relational Intervention Pt. 2

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5:00PM – 'AFTER HOURS' HOSPITALITY ROOM

Friday, March 7 (3 hours available)

9:00 – 10:30AM – Trends in Teen Substance Use + Misuse + Abuse

Presented by Samantha Hodgson Sturdevant, Bryant PD, SRO Bryant High School.

10:45AM – 12:15PM – DYS Recidivism

Presented by Dominique Euell, AOC Reentry Coordinator, Department of Workforce Services.

12:15PM – Closing Remarks / Departure