

AJOA Summer Conference July 30 – August 1, 2025

Embassy Suites in Hot Springs, AR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th (3 hours available)

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

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

Presented by Lavon Chatman, AJOA President & Roshunda Foreman, AJOA Vice-President.

1:20 – 2:20PM - AOC Updates and National Data

Presented by Kevin Hoffman, Juvenile Justice Specialist.

2:45 – 4:15PM – "Together We Can"

Presented by Adrian Sanders, DYS Asst. Dir. & Andrew Hickman, Rite of Passage (ROP) Prog. Mgr. High Impact Program.

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

5:00PM- Annual Scavenger Hunt Adventure for PRIZES! Sponsored by Rivendell Behavioral Health.

'AFTER HOURS' Hospitality Suite



THURSDAY, July 31st (6 hours available)

9:00 – 10:30AM - Human Trafficking

Presented by Sgt. Matthew K. Foster, M.S. AR State Police Div. Arkansas Human Trafficking Coordinator.

10:45AM – 12:15PM – Asset Mapping: A Youth Coalition Activity

An interactive activity led by youth to identify, map, and leverage the strengths and resources in their community. Asset mapping helps professionals recognize their community's strengths and develop strategies to enhance youth engagement and resources.

Presented by Marcus Tatum, Certified Prevention Specialist, Ouachita Children Youth and Family Services.

12:15- 1:45PM Lunch (on your own)

1:45 - 3:15PM – "Hidden in Plain Sight"

A teenager bedroom simulation designed to educate parents, professionals, and adult community members on signs of substance misuse. This simulation empowers parents and professionals to communicate with youth about the dangers of risky behaviors that lead to addiction.

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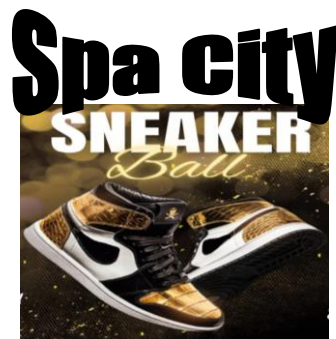
3:15 – 3:30PM – Parade of Vendors

3:30 - 5:00PM – Bridging the Gap with Real-Time Student Data

Presented by Harvey Hughes, Founder, SmartData All-In-One & Shannon Rucker, Product Spec./Project Mgr., SmartData All-In-One.

7:00 – 10:00PM – Jimmy Joyce Memorial Award Celebration & Spa City SNEAKER Ball

Co-sponsored by METHODIST Behavioral Health and St. Francis Ministries.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st (3 hours available)

9:00 – 10:30AM – Intensive In-Home Services (IIHS): An alternative to DYS

Presented by Representatives from St. Francis Ministries, Youth Advocate Programs, and Youth Villages.

10:45 – 12:15PM – Dignity, Respect & High Expectations: How Family-Centered Treatment Breaks Barriers with Complex, High-Risk Families Presented by Jon McDuffie, MSW, VP of Implementation and Development, Family-Centered Treatment Foundation.

12:15PM – Closing Remarks and Departure