

24th Annual Spring Social Work Conference:
Transforming Communities: Building Resilience for Tomorrow
March 6, 2026

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	
8-8:30 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments
8:30-9 a.m.	Introductions/Welcome
9-10 a.m.	Keynote: <i>AI and Ethics in Social Work Practice</i> ; Hank Cecil, MSW, LCSW
10-10:15 a.m.	Break / Vist Exhibition Tables
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Break Out Session 1 (choose between 4)
	<i>IN Social Work Licensure</i> , Beryl Cohen, MSW
	<i>AI and Social Work</i> , Hank Cecil, MSW, LCSW
	<i>Resilience in Motion: Social Work's Role in Sports</i> , Jara Dillingham, LCSW and Dr. Wilderman, LCSW
	<i>How Where We Live Shapes Suicide Risks and Support in America</i> , Janet Schnell, LCSW and Dr. Anne Kelly
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Break / Vist Exhibition Tables
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lunch, Recognitions
12:30-12:45 p.m.	Break / Vist Exhibition Tables
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	Break Out Session 2 (choose between 4)
	<i>Neurosequential Model in Therapeutics Part 2</i> , Robin Miller, LSCW
	<i>From Practicum to Practice: A Journey of Growth, Grit and Grace</i> , Jervai Dumas, LCSW
	<i>Bridging the Gap: Applying the R.A.I.S.E. Model in Neurodivergent Support Systems</i> , Dr. Alexis Nelson, LSW
	<i>Resilient Leadership</i> , Dr. Stephanie Hirons
1:45-2 p.m.	Break / Vist Exhibition Tables
2-3 p.m.	Break Out Session 3 (choose between 4)
	<i>Navigating Your First Year as a Social Worker</i> , Katie Vinci, LSW and Taylor Sant, LCSW
	<i>Unleashing Resilience with Animal Assisted Services</i> , Cyndie Kieffer, LCSW (& Norm)
	<i>Resilience, Growth, Hope: Improving Outcomes in Trauma Services</i> , Lindsey Saltzman, LCSW
	<i>Preventing Opioid Overdose: Practical Naloxone Training for Social Workers</i> , Mark Storms, BSW

3-3:15 p.m.	Break / Vist Exhibition Tables
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Break Out Session 4 (choose between 4)
	<i>The Importance of Networking and Community Engagement</i> , Mandy Sims and Dr. Zelenko, LCSW
	<i>Don't Just Do, Delight- How Horses Build Secure Attachments</i> , Jillian Moon, LCSW
	<i>Seasons of the Therapist: Managing Burnout While Doing the Work</i> , Mark Luzader, LCSW
	<i>Psychiatric Treatment and Addiction</i> , Dr. Datt
4:15-4:30 p.m.	Final Break