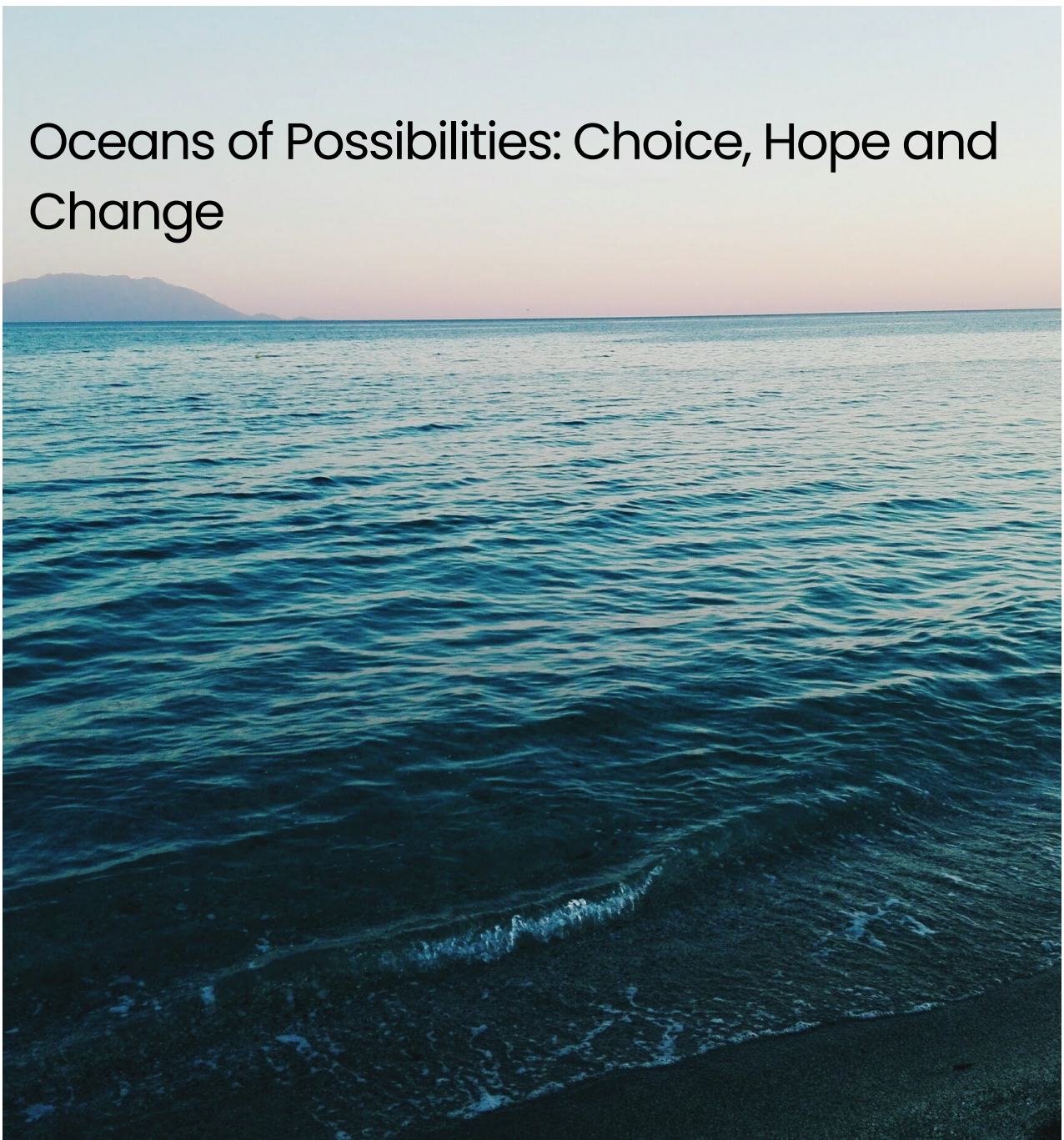


North Carolina Juvenile Services Association Fall Conference 2022

Oceans of Possibilities: Choice, Hope and
Change



President's Message

Greetings NCJSA Board of Directors, Membership Body, and Juvenile Justice Professionals and Practitioners:

As President of NCJSA, I would like to welcome you to the 2022 Fall Conference. Since we last met in March 2022, I can assure you, that the association has been in capable hands, with the body of folks that we have as board members representing your association. I have had the privilege and honor of serving alongside remarkable humans who have encouraged and made me not only a better leader but a better person. The years of professional experience they each bring to the association are unmatched. Thank you so much for your support.

As one of the most prestigious and devoted organizations to Juvenile Justice in North Carolina, I am pleased to have served as your President for the 2022 calendar year. We are aware that these last few years have been somewhat challenging. Everyone has had to make significant adjustments to their usual way of life; especially with how our economy has shifted.

NCJSA has stayed the course by continuing to provide services to the children and families of North Carolina. Your dedication and spirit validate your true passion for the work that you all contribute. Continue to stay the course and keep leaving visible footprints for others to follow.

Thank you for joining us for the 2022 Fall Conference "Ocean of Possibilities: Choice, Hope and Change". On behalf of the NCJSA Board of Directors, we appreciate your support and dedication to the youth and families of North Carolina.

Warmest Regards,

King Thomas
NCJSA President
U. S. Marines/Retired

Agenda

10am-noon Registration check in

1-1:30pm Welcome

**1:30-2:45pm Opening Presentation
Gun Violence: Strategies, Education and Prevention**

Major Kelli Berg and A. Njeri Fikes- Fayetteville Police
Department

Sergeant Edward McCoy- Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

**3pm-4:15pm Turn the Ship Around: How to
Navigate Discussions about Racism with
Parents**

Bettie Murchison- CEO Oasis Health and Wellness
Center

5-6pm Vendor, Sponsor and Board Reception

6:30-7:30pm Networking Event

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Sponsored By Teen Court

7:30-10:30pm Lip Sync Battle and Dance

Sponsored by Methodist Home for Children

Thursday

8-8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:45am Intervention Strategies for Gangs and At-Risk youth

Robert David Sr.

10-11:15am Invisible Sentence: recognizing, Supporting and Advocating of Incarcerated and Returning Parents

Melissa Radcliff- Our Children's Place of Coastal Horizons

**11:30-1:15pm Luncheon/Keynote Speaker
Deputy Secretary William "Billy" Lassiter**

1:30-2:45pm Cleansing Our Lenses: A look at how Implicit Bias Impacts How we Serve

Isis Bey- Harmony Health, LLC

3-4:30pm JCPC Provider Sessions

3-3:45pm Referral and Risk Assessments

Mike Walston and Daniel Sevigny

3:45-4:30 Basics of SPEPing and QoS

TreNeice Townes and Nancy Hodges

6-8pm Montana Horseshoes Tournament

8-9:30pm BINGO

Friday

9-10:15am Closing Speaker

Danya Perry

10:30-11:30am NCJSA Updates and conference closing



Mr. Lassiter plans and directs operations of the Juvenile Justice Division and serves as a member of the Department's senior leadership team. As Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Justice, he oversees juvenile facility operations, juvenile court services, juvenile community programs, and juvenile intervention and treatment programs.

Mr. Lassiter received his master's degree in public administration from North Carolina State University; and in January 1998, he began working as a researcher for the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the Center for the Prevention of School Violence. In 1999, he became the project coordinator for North

Carolina's statewide school safety tip line and its accompanying educational campaign: Working against Violence Everywhere (WAVE). By 2001, Mr. Lassiter had been promoted to the Center's School Safety Specialist. In this position, he coordinated a number of projects for the Center, including the "What We Want to be is Bully-Free" awareness campaign, North Carolina's annual census of school resource officers, the North Carolina portion of the National Institute of Justice-sponsored national evaluation of school resource officers, North Carolina's critical incident response kit project, North Carolina's pre-service teacher conflict management project, and the Center's character education effort. In 2005, Mr. Lassiter was called upon to lead the Center and help it realize its vision of "every student attending a school that is safe and secure, one that is free of fear and conducive to learning."

In 2010, Mr. Lassiter was called upon to serve as the State Contracts Administrator for Juvenile Community Programs. In 2013, he was promoted to Director of Juvenile Community Programs, where he worked to develop a comprehensive service delivery model for youth in the state's juvenile justice system.

In 2015, Mr. Lassiter was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use, for which he co-chaired the Work Group on Children, Youth and Families.

Gov. Roy Cooper appointed Mr. Lassiter as chair of the N.C. Task Force for Safer Schools in October 2019. This task force serves as an advisory board to the Center for Safer Schools, and provides guidance and recommendations to the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the General Assembly to improve statewide policy to enhance statewide and local capacities to create safer schools.

Mr. Lassiter was honored to receive the prestigious National Service Award from the Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence, for his exemplary service to children, youth, and communities. Lassiter has co-authored Preventing Violence and Crime in America's Schools: From Put-Downs to Lock-Downs, which takes an in-depth look at the causes and solutions of youth violence. He has been featured on a number of major news networks and national publications including: CNN, Fox News, the BBC, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, and many others.

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