

# 10th Annual Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Symposium June 11-13, 2025

Pre-Conference			
Date	Time	Location	Session/Event
June 11th	7:30-8:30 AM	Pre-function area	Registration check-in/Breakfast and coffee served
	8:30-11:30 AM	Regency CD	<b>Family Care Portfolio</b> ; Andrea K. Rincones-Hernandez, CHWI & Maria Morales, CHW, Baylor College of Medicine
	8:30-11:30 AM	Westheimer	<b>Brief Motivational Interviewing: Supporting the Behavior Change Process</b> ; Stacy Ogbeide, PsyD, ABPP, Associate Professor (Tenure Track) of Family & Community Medicine and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, UT Health San Antonio
	8:30-1130 AM	Regency AB	<b>Trauma Informed Care for Substance Use Disorder</b> ; Sonya R. Hardin, PhD, MBA/MHA APRN, FAAN, Dean & Professor, Dr. Patty L. Hawken Nursing Endowed Professor, School of Nursing, UT Health SA
Symposium DAY 1			
June 11th	12:30-1:30 PM	Pre-function area	Registration check-in/Break food and refreshments served
	1:00-1:30 PM	Regency AB	<b>Welcome</b> by Sonya R. Hardin, PhD, MBA/MHA APRN, FAAN, Dean & Professor, Dr. Patty L. Hawken Nursing Endowed Professor, School of Nursing, UT Health SA
	1:30-2:30 PM	Regency AB	<b>KEYNOTE: Cradled in Care: Foundational NAS Support for Infants and Families</b> ; Mandee Holmes, MSN, APRN, NNP-BC, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Texas Children's Hospital
	2:30-2:45 PM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	2:45-4:15 PM	Regency AB	<b>Mom/Family Panel</b> with Vanessa Fears, LMSW, LCDC; Dr. Yolanda Ross, DSW/LCSW-S/LCDC/MHA, Santa Maria – A United Way Agency; Steven Finees Flores, MA, LCDC-I, PRSS, Corazon San Antonio; Aubrey Davis, Full Time Mom; Faith Thompson, Full Time Mom
	4:30-5:30 PM	Pre-function area	Vendor Reception/Finger foods and refreshments
Symposium DAY 2			
June 12th	7:30-8:30 AM	Pre-function area	Breakfast and coffee served
	8:00-9:00 AM	Regency AB	<b>KEYNOTE: Respectful Care for All Families</b> ; Rebecca L. Vahle, MEd, Executive Director and Founder of Family to Family Support Network
	9:00-9:30 AM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	9:30-10:30 AM	Regency AB	<b>Child Welfare Updates</b> ; Marco Quesada, MA. Division Administrator for Master Investigations, Child Protective Investigations, DFPS
	10:30-10:40 AM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	10:40-11:40 AM	Regency AB Breakout 1	<b>Empowering Recovery: Unique Considerations and Best Practices in Addiction and Mental Health Treatment for Pregnant and Parenting Women, Overcoming Substance Use, and Embracing Resilience</b> ; Ariadna Forray, MD, Chief, Section of Psychological Medicine and Director, Center for the Wellbeing of Women and Mothers, Yale Medical Director, ACCESS Mental Health for Moms, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine
		Regency CD Breakout 2	<b>DFPS and Substance Use...How can I help?</b> Jessica Johnson, CPI Substance Use Program Specialist (Regions 01-05), DFPS

		Westheimer Breakout 3	<b>Back To Basics: NAS Continuum of Care 2025 Trauma-Informed Soul Care Continuum-PART 1</b> ; Keely Petty, CPsyD. Kick Start Your Life™ with Dr. Keely!
	11:40-1:00 PM	Pre-function area	Lunch served
	1:00-2:00 PM	Regency AB Breakout 1	<b>Congenital Syphilis in Texas: Intersections with Substance Use Disorder</b> ; Kelly Fegan-Bohm, MD, MPH, MA, Medical Director, Community Health Improvement Division, Texas Department of State Health Services; Amy Carter, Congenital Syphilis Coordinator, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Unit, Texas Health and Human Services
		Regency CD Breakout 2	<b>Buprenorphine vs Methadone in Pregnancy</b> ; Luke Newton, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology, UT Health San Antonio
		Westheimer Breakout 3	<b>Back To Basics: NAS Continuum of Care 2025 Trauma-Informed Soul Care Continuum-PART 2</b> ; Keely Petty, CPsyD. Kick Start Your Life™ with Dr. Keely!
	2:00-2:10 PM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	2:10-3:10 PM	Regency AB Breakout 1	<b>Bridging Gaps in Substance Use and Mental Health Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Women</b> ; Tara E. Karns-Wright, PhD, MS, Assistant Professor Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, UT Health San Antonio; Sarah Wakefield, MD, Professor & Chair, Texas Tech University Health Science Center
		Regency CD Breakout 2	<b>Pharmacotherapy of Substance Use Disorders</b> ; Sidarth Wakhlu, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Clinical Director Addiction Psychiatry Service, Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Director, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Professor Clinical Sciences, TCU Burnett School of Medicine
	3:10-3:20 PM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	3:20-3:50 PM	Regency AB Breakout 1	<b>Perceptions Toward Pregnant Women on Medication for Opiate Use Disorder (MOUD)</b> ; Lucy Rolfes, RN, BSN, NOWS Community Nurse Liaison, St. Elizabeth Healthcare Baby Steps Program
		Regency CD Breakout 2	<b>Generation O: Creating Lifelong Supports for the Smallest Survivors</b> ; Lennette Serlo, Founder & CEO, Jeanine Nordin, Director of Vision and Planning; Heather Howard, Director of Finance; Generation O
		Westheimer Breakout 3	<b>Building Bridges: Trust and Rapport in Recruiting Research Participants</b> ; Mia Martinez-Palacios, MSB, UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing
	3:50-4:00 PM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	4:00-5:00 PM	Regency AB	<b>Optimizing the Care and Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder</b> ; Joshua Kern MD, FASAM, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, UT-Southwestern Medical Center/Parkland Health and Hospital System
Symposium DAY 3			
June 13th	7:30-8:30 AM	Pre-function area	Breakfast and coffee served
	8:15-9:15 AM	Regency AB Breakout 1	<b>HHSC Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Services to Support Women and Families in Texas</b> ; Megan Bermea, MPA, CTCM, Program Director, HHSC Office of Family Services
		Regency CD Breakout 2	<b>Navigating the JPS Hospital and Criminal Justice Systems</b> ; Cindy Dinsmore, MA, LCDC, Program Coordinator, JPS Mom & Baby Program, JPS Health Network; Melissa Chambers, LCDC/Case Manager, MINT Program
		Westheimer Breakout 3	<b>Medication and Meetings: Physical and Emotional Recovery</b> ; Jeff Kamen, MBA, LCDC, Executive Director MARA International; Mark (Murf) Palinski II, NCCPSS, Peer Support Specialist
	9:15-9:30 AM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors

	9:30-10:00 AM	Regency AB	<b>Preserving the Mother-Infant Dyad: Trauma-Informed Advocacy for Pregnant and Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder</b> ; Heather Howard, PhD, LCSW, Chief Strategy Officer; Allison Jimenez, LMHC, NCC, CAP, Vice President of Program Development, Hanley Foundation
	10:00-10:10 AM	Pre-function area	Break with Vendors
	10:10-11:10 AM	Regency AB	<b>Endnote: Back to Basics: The Why and The How of Supporting Foundational Relationships</b> ; Umber Darilek, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Texas Arlington
	11:10-11:20 AM	Regency AB	<b>Wrap-up</b> Justin McClenny, LCDDC, Intervention Program Specialist, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
	11:20-11:50 AM	Pre-function area	Grab and go snacks and refreshments