

2019 Conference



Keeping Kids Safe and Healthy

Milton Hershey School
Catherine Hall
300 Hotel Road
Hershey, PA 17033

Monday October 14, 2019
8:15 am to 3:45 pm

Registration Information

\$125.00 registration fee includes:

- **2 year** membership to PASSWP
- 6 NASW-approved CEU's*
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch

*Act 48 credits must be approved and uploaded through your school district.

Register Online:

www.passwp.com/upcoming-events

Please contact PASSWP (passwp@gmail.com) if special accommodations are needed in order to participate in the event.

Coming to town the night before the conference??

There are lots of things to keep you busy in Hershey - the Hershey Outlets, the array of restaurants on Chocolate Avenue, or maybe a tour of Chocolate World! Below are hotel options that are close to Hershey attractions and just a short drive from Catherine Hall!

- **Days Inn Hershey:** 717-534-2162
- **Hershey Lodge:** 855-729-3108
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites Hershey, \$104+tax** (call: 717-520-5240 or book [online](#)-room block cut-off date is 9/13/19)

Find things to do while in Hershey, PA:

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2019 Conference Agenda

Time	Sessions
7:45-8:15	Registration & Continental breakfast (included)
8:15-9:45	Session 1
10:00-11:00	Keynote Speaker: Eugene DePasquale, PA Auditor General
11:00-11:30	Statewide Updates - PASSWP Board
11:30-12:20	Lunch (included)
12:30-2:00	Session 2
2:15-3:45	Session 3



Keynote Speaker Eugene DePasquale PA Auditor General

Eugene A. DePasquale began his second term as Pennsylvania's 51st Auditor General on January 17, 2017. During his first term, Auditor General DePasquale delivered on his promise to be a tough, fair and independent fiscal watchdog for Pennsylvania taxpayers. So far, his audits have identified nearly \$600 million in misspent or potentially recoverable state money including urging the state pension plans to cut another \$100 million in Wall Street investment fees.

Auditor General DePasquale's ongoing work touches the lives of all Pennsylvanians. He is most proud of the work that led to fixing the state's child-abuse hotline, ChildLine, where more than 58,000 calls went unanswered before his audit; reducing the number of untested rape kits in Pennsylvania and across the nation; and recommending improvements in the state's response to the opioid crisis. He continues to fight to protect children from abuse, end the backlog of untested rape kits, make college affordable for the middle class, and ensure seniors have access to the services they need. His work on charter school reform is frequently mentioned in the *Washington Post* and was featured on HBO's *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver.

Session 1 Options (8:15-9:45)

So you want to be a School Social Worker?

Dee Stalnecker & Chris Rich

Whether you are new to the profession or have been around for several years, participants will leave this session feeling energized with a sense of identity and lots of ideas to implement at your school to make yourself Vital, Valuable, Visible, and have a Voice! They will facilitate a brain storming session on the various roles we have in schools and ways we can further legitimize our place in schools.

Implementing your own School-Based

Attendance Improvement Court

Heather Way

In 2015, the Williamsport Area School District piloted an Attendance Improvement Court program within the high school. Since then the program has expanded to include the middle school with plans to include grades 4-6 this year. The goal of the program is to address underlying issues contributing to chronic absenteeism through a team centered approach. The Honorable Joy Reynolds McCoy, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Lycoming County, will also be presenting and answering questions regarding the process.

Baby Steps to Trauma Informed

Lindsay Knepp & Doug Knepp

Palmyra Area School District is in the process of becoming trauma informed and is working on supporting the staff in providing education, training, and materials. In addition to working with the staff, we are working to build community relationships with trauma informed agencies. At the end of this training you will have information on starting a Trauma informed district in a grass roots model.

The Importance of Supporting Student Well-Being and Resilience in Schools

Micah Beaston

This presentation will provide participants with the opportunity to explore the research behind the multi-faceted domains of well-being (Duff et al., 2016) as well as Resilience theory as a goal of supporting effective outcomes of programmatic interventions in the school setting. Participants will learn about research behind diverse educational interventions and findings will be presented from a qualitative case-study which focused on perceptions of the impact of the community school model on student well-being and resilience.

Session 2 Options (12:30-2:00)

Children and Grief: Support in the School Setting

Terri Bowling

Highmark Caring Place, a grieving center for adolescents and their families, provides peer support programming after a death. This workshop will provide an overview of the program and what we've learned from grieving children over the past 20 years. It will also provide an in depth understanding of grief, how grief can affect the developing child, the Grief Spiral theory and the triggers that can impact students in the classroom, tips for effective communication, and ideas for supporting grieving students.

Teens and Technology: Unintended Consequences (Part 1)

James Dill

This is a unique and eye-opening presentation will help raise the awareness of anyone working with juveniles. It will discuss things such as sexting, self-destructing photo apps, secret messaging apps, information hidden in digital photos, location sharing, sextortion and the way juveniles are hiding things from their parents, teachers, and police.

**Youth Mental Health: The Crisis that is
Destroying Our Youth and What We Need to Know**
Kara Vojcsik

Youth mental health is a hot topic issue in schools, doctor offices and counseling agencies. Research is coming out that our youth are more depressed, more anxious and more suicidal than ever before. Participants will leave with knowledge about anxiety groups, suicide assessments, the not good enough effect and what is really going on in homes today.

**Mental Health and Resiliency: Hope for
Individuals, Families, and Communities**
Dr. Charlene Lane

According to the National Institute of Mental Health (2017), nearly 20 percent of the U.S. adult population experiences mental illness. Strengthening resilience in people improves functioning for individuals exposed to the stresses of mental illness (Rutter, 2017). This workshop will focus on the impacts of mental illness on individuals, families and communities. There will be an emphasis on how to strengthen resilience at multiple levels to reduce the impact of mental illness on communities.

Session 3 Options (2:15-3:45)

Flipping the Script
Lindsay Knepp, & Doug Knepp

This session will examine Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices and how they can be used to support conflict resolution. Participants will leave with tools that will help them with more affective groups, circles, and tools so that all participants feel heard.

Teens and Technology: Unintended Consequences (Part 2)

James Dill

Part 2: Not only will we show you the dangers of teens and technology, but we will provide the tools, resources and advice to help mitigate the risk.

Creative Ways for Community Engagement

Katie Reiff & Carla DiClemente

This session will look at creative ways to work with different groups of stakeholders. They will share about technology, activities, and so much more!

Just Talk About It

Sheila Gillin & Scott Prendergast

The Just Talk About It program opens with a Minding Your Mind clinician discussing the signs and symptoms of mental health issues most prevalent in adolescents through young adulthood. This program also features a young adult speaker whom adds a real-life story that illustrates the information from our clinician, transforming it all into relatable experiences.

Parking at Catherine Hall (300 Hotel Road, Hershey PA)

Please park behind the building. Building entrance will also be just in front of the parking lot.

