



ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM
AND ADDICTION PROGRAMS
of Washington State

2026 Provider Conference

Program Schedule

Thursday & Friday, April 23 – 24

12.5 CEU hours for full conference, offering 4+ hours in Law & Ethics, 2-hours Suicide Prevention and 1.5-hours in Health Equity

Thursday

7:30 AM – Registration & Sign-In for Preregistered Attendees (Limited late registration with \$50 added fee onsite)

- Preregistered sign-in, pick up agenda & name tag
- Silent Auction bidding opens

Workshops 8:00 am – 9:00 am

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Update on Illicit Drug Trends – Amanda Dutt, Public Health Analyst, NW High HIDTA & Mike Mizer, Drug Intelligence Officer, NW HIDTA: *This workshop will provide an update on illicit drug trafficking in WA State, including interdiction, overdoses, and an update on trends.*

Using Recovery Navigators, Peer Support & RNP Pretrial Diversion for Effective Intervention – Panel including Yvonne Franz-Lakey, CPSS and Terry Miller, SUDP, Merit Resources: *Applications and effectiveness of peer & navigators in intervention and referral to treatment will be examined, with an eye to engagement in recovery supports and will share how these unique services fit within outpatient continuums.*

Keynote Presentation 9:15 am – 11:30 am

Basics of Pharmacology & Neural Communication Processes – Dr. Darryl Inaba

Buffet Lunch – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Keynote Presentation 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Neuropharmacology of Addiction & Etiology of Communication Processes – Dr. Darryl Inaba

Workshops 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Value & Improvements in Deferred Prosecution – Perspectives of a Panel of Judge, Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, Probation & Treatment: *Access to deferred prosecution was recently revised and a panel of local professionals will share perspectives on improvements as well as suggestions for change. Moderated by Julie Mitchell, Sr. VP of Operations at Lakeside Milam Recovery Centers. Participants will also hear from Defense Attorney Geoffrey Burg, Amy Freidheim, King County Prosecutor's Office, Judge Adam Eisenberg, Judicial Outreach Liaison, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and Melissa Patrick, Des Moines Municipal Court Administrator and former probation officer.*

SUD Law & Ethics, Part 1 – Alicia Egan, MHA, SUDP, Sundown M Ranch: *This 2-day workshop will examine key legal & ethical considerations in SUD treatment settings. Participants will explore legal responsibilities, common ethical dilemmas related to regulations (WAC), confidentiality, and professional boundaries. Alicia has a Master's in Healthcare Administration and is Director of Programs at Sundown M Ranch. This session continues Friday at 10:00 AM.*

Ethical Conduct, Counselor Requirements & Licensing (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM) – Claire Wilson, MA, Officer of Health Professions, WA Dept. of Health: *This session will provide an overview of the standards & ethical conduct expected of SUDP's as well as DOH support systems for licensees experiencing challenges and a brief overview of new credentials.*

Updates in 42 CFR, Part 2 & Patient Rights (4:00 PM to 5:00 PM) – Casey Moriarty, Attorney with Ogden, Murphy & Wallace, PLLC: *An overview of recent changes in 42 CFR Part 2 will be discussed. Mr. Moriarty devotes his practice to healthcare law, with expertise in patient privacy matters, including HIPAA and federal regulations governing SUD records governed by 42 CFR Part 2. He regularly guides clients through complex compliance requirements.*



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Novel Psychoactive Substances & New Methods in Treatment (MAT & Devices) – Dr. Darryl Inaba

Workshops 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Suicide Prevention for Addiction Counselors – Richard Ries, MD, FAPA, FASM: *Dr. Ries will present on the relationship of suicide to persons with addictions and why suicide prevention needs to be integrated into addiction treatment curricula. Tools for integration will be discussed and links to materials available to employ these techniques. Dr. Ries recently retired as professor of psychiatry at the UW Department of Psychiatry and Harborview Hospital and was editor for the ASAM publication “Principles of Addiction Medicine, 3rd Edition.”*

SUD Law & Ethics (Part 2) – Alicia Egan, MHA, SUDP, Sundown M Ranch: *Continuation from Part 1 on Thursday. Presenter will examine key legal and ethical considerations in SUD treatment settings. Participants will explore legal responsibilities, common ethical dilemmas related to regulations (WAC), confidentiality, and professional boundaries. Alicia holds a Master’s in Healthcare Administration and is Director of Programs at Sundown M Ranch.*

Self-Care for Treatment Professionals – Jason Schilling, MA, SUDP, Sundown M Ranch: *This workshop explores the critical role of self-care for helping professionals, highlighting the inherent challenges of the field and the risks of compassion fatigue and burnout. Participants will examine the ethical importance of self-care and discover practical strategies to sustain well-being, effectiveness, and longevity in their work. Jason holds a Master’s in Pastoral Counseling and Leadership and is employed by Sundown M Ranch as Outpatient Program Manager and teaches a Self-Care class at Yakima Valley College.*

Buffet Lunch – 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm

Traditional Treatment Professional Service Countdown

Workshops 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Where Hope & Resilience Take Root: Illuminating Healing Pathways for Immigrant & Refugee Communities – Kush Dashi, BS, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW): *This session will identify ways health care providers can be prepared for an ICE/CBP engagement, and identify ways to be supportive, collaborative and better prepared to work with immigrants and advocates and the community as well as federal law enforcement. Kush brings expertise in health equity and program management as a Business Owner at CHPW and a work history in healthcare and government.*

50-Year View on Changes in SUD Treatment – Panel of Current & Past Leaders: *AAP incorporated in 1975 and has been active in shaping policy, law, regulation and innovation during that time. From AIRC’s and replacing drunk tanks to today, the evolution of treatment in this State, including successes and challenges for the future, by a panel including Dr. Inaba, Dr. Rick Ries, Victoria Evans, Cammy Hart-Anderson and Cynthia Moreno Tuohy; moderated by Linda Grant.*

2:45 PM – Conference End - Turn in completed Conference Evaluations