

CHILDREN'S GRIEF & TRAUMA

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WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A SPONSOR FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

HOSTED BY ADAM'S PLACE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ACADEMY OF FORENSIC NURSING AND UNLV. THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE, TITLED "WHEN TRAUMA AND GRIEF COLLIDE: EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO BUILD RESILIENCE," IS SET TO BE A TRANSFORMATIVE EVENT, BRINGING TOGETHER NATIONAL SPEAKERS AND EXPERTS TO ADDRESS CRUCIAL TOPICS RELATED TO CHILDHOOD GRIEF AND TRAUMA.

THIS CONFERENCE IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR PROFESSIONALS IN HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY GROUPS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, LEGAL SERVICES, AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.

BY SPONSORING THIS EVENT, YOU WILL NOT ONLY GAIN VISIBILITY AMONG THESE KEY AUDIENCES BUT ALSO DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS LEVELS, EACH OFFERING UNIQUE BENEFITS AND EXPOSURE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION. YOUR SUPPORT WILL PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE AND IN THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY TRAUMA AND GRIEF.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME A SPONSOR**

WHY YOUR SPONSORSHIP MATTERS

1. IMPACT AND REACH:

- **SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE:** YOUR SPONSORSHIP DIRECTLY AIDS IN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY TRAUMA AND GRIEF.
- **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:** HELP BUILD STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES BY EMPOWERING THOSE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN THROUGH SOME OF THEIR TOUGHEST CHALLENGES.

2. VISIBILITY AND RECOGNITION:

- **HIGH-PROFILE EXPOSURE:** GAIN VISIBILITY AMONG A TARGETED AUDIENCE OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, EDUCATORS, SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, AND ADVOCACY GROUPS.
- **BRAND ASSOCIATION:** ALIGN YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH A HIGHLY RESPECTED EVENT SUPPORTED BY ADAM'S PLACE, THE ACADEMY OF FORENSIC NURSING, AND UNLV.

3. NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **CONNECT WITH EXPERTS:** NETWORK WITH NATIONAL SPEAKERS, INDUSTRY LEADERS, AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
- **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS:** FOSTER LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR FIELD.

4. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- **POSITIVE IMPACT:** DEMONSTRATE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT.
- **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT:** INSPIRE YOUR TEAM BY SHOWING THEM THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO IMPORTANT SOCIAL ISSUES.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE: YOUR SPONSORSHIP WILL NOT ONLY ENHANCE THE QUALITY AND REACH OF OUR CONFERENCE BUT ALSO ENSURE THAT MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED. PARTNER WITH US TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE.

TITLE SPONSOR \$2,500

- COMPANY RECOGNITION INCLUDED IN PRESS RELEASES
- A FEATURE IN 3 MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS THAT GO OUT TO A DATABASE OF OVER 5,000 MEMBERS
- SIGNAGE AND PROGRAM EXPOSURES.
- UP TO 3 MINUTE SPEECH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFERENCE.

GOLD \$1,500

- COMPANY RECOGNITION ANNOUNCED AT EVENT
- SIGNAGE AT EVENT & LOGO LISTED ON SPONSORSHIP SIGN
- BUSINESS NAME & LOGO POSTED YEAR-ROUND AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER ON ADAM'S PLACE'S WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER CHANNELS.

SILVER \$1,000

- LOGO POSTED YEAR-ROUND AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER ON ADAM'S PLACE'S WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER CHANNELS.

ALTERNATIVE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VENDOR TABLE \$175

- **EARLY BIRD PRICING (VALID UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST)**
- PRICE INCREASES TO \$250 AFTER EARLY BIRD PERIOD.
- SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
- VENDORS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ONE 6-FOOT TABLE AND 2 CHAIRS. THE TABLE WILL BE LOCATED INSIDE THE MEETING ROOM AND WALLED OFF FROM THE EDUCATION AREA.

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2024

TIME: SET UP BEGINS AT 7 AM AND TAKEDOWN IS AT 5:30 PM

LOCATION: STUDENT UNION BALLROOM AT UNLV (SPECIFICS TBD)

PURCHASE YOUR VENDOR TABLE AT [ADAMSPLACELV.ORG](https://adamsplacelv.org)

JOIN US ON THIS IMPACTFUL JOURNEY TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES NAVIGATING TRAUMA AND LOSS. OUR CAREFULLY CURATED AGENDA WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF ESSENTIAL TOPICS, INCLUDING:

NEUROBIOLOGY OF TRAUMA
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SUITCASE LIVING / FOSTER CARE
HOMELESSNESS
SUICIDE
SEX TRAFFICKING
MINDFULNESS FOR TRAUMA

**OUR SPEAKERS ARE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY
THEIR SHORT BIOS GIVE A SNAPSHOT OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS**

Paul Thomas Clements

PHD, RN, ANEF, CGS



Paul Thomas Clements, a distinguished forensic nurse with over 30 years of experience, holds certifications as an Advanced Forensic Nurse, Gang Specialist, and in Danger Assessment. He has offered expert consultation across various sectors including hospitals, emergency services, Child Protective Agencies, and educational institutions, focusing on vulnerability risk assessment, workplace violence reduction, and addressing bullying. Clements has notably contributed to public school systems and child-related agencies, particularly in child abuse assessment and managing the aftermath of violence, including gang-related incidents and homicides.

Beyond consulting, Clements is a prolific author with forthcoming textbooks on gender violence, child maltreatment, and domestic violence, alongside numerous peer-reviewed publications. His research, presented globally, spans topics such as the neurobiology of trauma, coping strategies after violent death, and safety assessment. With a background in psychiatric and forensic nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, Clements is honored as a Distinguished Fellow in the International Association of Forensic Nurses and the Academy of Forensic Nursing. Currently, he holds a professorial role at Texas A&M University's Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing.

Dr. Christina Vela

DPP



Dr. Christina Vela, the Chief Executive Officer of St. Jude's Ranch for Children, brings over 20 years of experience in human and social services. Her extensive background includes developing and managing programs for foster care, homelessness, and supportive services aimed at children, youth, and transition-age youth, along with their families. Dr. Vela's work has been pivotal in addressing the complex needs of these vulnerable populations through comprehensive service provision and strategic program development.

Dr. Vela's expertise encompasses the impact of foster care on grief and trauma in youth. She provides a broad overview of how foster care experiences affect children, focusing on the social and emotional factors that contribute to trauma and grief. Dr. Vela also outlines strategies for community helpers to support these children, emphasizing the importance of understanding their unique challenges and offering effective interventions to help them cope with their experiences.



Michelle G. Paul

Ph.D.



Dr. Michelle Paul serves as the Executive Director of UNLV PRACTICE, a mental health training clinic that supports the Las Vegas community and rural areas of Northeastern Nevada. She is also involved in a national collaborative focused on disseminating evidence-based trauma interventions for children and caregivers. In her role as UNLV's Assistant Vice President of Mental and Behavioral Health, Dr. Paul is spearheading an innovative strategic plan to integrate mental and behavioral health training with physical health under the UNLV Academic Health Center Initiative. This initiative aims to create a national model of integration and collaboration across various units to enhance mental health and well-being in Nevada. Dr. Paul has actively engaged in numerous initiatives to respond to community traumatic events, fostering healing and recovery.

In her upcoming keynote address, Dr. Paul will provide a comprehensive overview of the brain's response to trauma, the long-term mental health impacts, and the significance of trauma-informed care in promoting resilience and healing. Her expertise and leadership in integrating mental health services and responding to community needs underscore her commitment to improving mental health outcomes and creating a model for collaborative care in Nevada and beyond.



Muna Bhattarai

PhD, RN, CRC



Dr. Muna Bhattarai is a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Nursing at Texas A&M University, with a diverse academic background in nursing, psychology, and rehabilitation counseling. Her research expertise spans mental health, mindfulness, and well-being, particularly focusing on individuals with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Recently, Dr. Bhattarai has expanded her research to address the intersection of mindful self-care and the specific needs of forensic nurses. Her work highlights the potential benefits of mindfulness practices in enhancing the well-being and resilience of forensic nurses, who often face high-stress environments and traumatic situations in their professional roles.

Dr. Bhattarai has recently conducted a comprehensive narrative review on the benefits of mindfulness for forensic nurses, offering a variety of practical tools tailored to their unique challenges. Her research underscores the importance of integrating mindfulness-based self-care strategies into forensic nursing education. By developing and promoting mindfulness practices within the curriculum, Dr. Bhattarai aims to support forensic nurses in managing stress, preventing burnout, and enhancing their overall mental health and effectiveness in their demanding field. Her ongoing commitment is to foster a supportive environment where forensic nurses can thrive through the practice of mindful self-care.

Heather Dahl-Jacinto

PhD



Dr. Heather Dahl-Jacinto is an Associate Professor of Counselor Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She has multiple peer-reviewed publications and presentations and over \$8 million dollars in grant funding. Her research interests are focused on mental health and include crisis intervention (e.g., suicide prevention and assessment), mental health education, and qualitative research methodology. She has held service positions at the local, regional, national, and international level, including president of the Western Association of Counselor Education & Supervision (2018-2019).

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for those 10-24 years of age, with a rate of 13.4 per 100,000 deaths. For every adolescent that dies by suicide, it is estimated that 100-200 have made an attempt. Many intersecting identities (e.g., LGBTQ+, race/ethnicity) also impact these numbers. This presentation will provide an overview of relevant statistics, risk and protective factors, cultural awareness and values considerations, and an approach to intervention.

Activity	Time	Presentation Topic/Name	Presenter	CE Eligible
Registration	7:30-8:00 AM			
Welcome/ Housekeeping	8:00-8:15 AM	Vendor Tables Are Open		
Presentation #1	8:15-9:15 AM	Neurobiology of Trauma	Dr. Michelle Paul, Ph.D.	1
Presentation #2	9:15-10:15 AM	Domestic Violence	Dr. Paul Clements PhD, RN, CGS, DF-IAFN, DF-AFN	1
BREAK	10:15-10:30 AM			
Presentation #3	10:30-11:30 AM	Suitcase Living-Foster Care	Dr. Christina Vela, DPP	1
Presentation #4	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Youth Homelessness	Dr. Christina Vela, DPP	1
LUNCH	12:30-1:15 PM			
Presentation #5	1:15-2:15 PM	Youth Suicide	Dr. Heather Dahl- Jacinto Ph.D., NCC, ACS	1
Presentation #6	2:15 -3:15 PM	Sex Trafficking	Erin Terry, MA, FBI Victim Specialist	1
BREAK	3:15-3:30 PM			
Presentation #7	3:30-4:30 PM	Mindfulness for Trauma	Dr. Muna Bhattarai PhD, RN, CRC	1
Closing	4:30-4:45 PM			
Evaluations	4:45-5:00 PM			.25

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YOUR COMPANY CAN GAIN EXPOSURE FOR THE COMBINED DATABASES OF OVER
10,000 PEOPLE

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HEALTH

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