

2025 OCAPS Conference Outline

OHIO COALITION FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
40th Annual OCAPS Conference:
Friday, March 14, 2025
The Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University
2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus Ohio 43210

Conference Outline
5 hours CEU/CLE PENDING
6 Hours/CPT PENDING

Time	Agenda Item	Agenda Information	Workshop Description
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	Open networking and visit vendor tables	
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome	Kristina Allwood Teri Ruslander OCAPS Co-Chairs	Opening remarks, announcements and introductions.
	The 2025 Judge Thomas Swift Collaboration Award	Presented by OCAPS Co-Chairs and the nominator of the Judge Thomas Swift Award	
9:15am – 10:30am	Morning Plenary Session:	Brian John Founder, and President of Echo & Athena Difference Makers	An uplifting, practical, and powerful engagement keynote that sets you and your team in a direction to improve cognitive well-being while elevating individual and collective efforts that result in a transformative level of difference-making impact. Difference Makers addresses the constant stress and struggle that chokes out our ability to make effective decisions, to maintain and create innovation, that skews our work-life balance, and stands in the way

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			<p>of greater connection with our loved ones, clients, and colleagues.</p> <p>Difference Makers helps you create a more authentic and cohesive balance in your life while building authentic leadership and growing a stronger team culture in your organization.</p> <p>By embracing the Difference Maker framework, you'll uncover impactful and authentic shifts that lead to a more balanced life, renewed intentions, and a genuine positive influence on those around you. Imagine the feeling of watching yourself and your colleagues soaring to new heights, achieving extraordinary results, and creating meaningful change in the lives of those you love and serve.</p> <p>The time is now, and the place is here, to make meaningful adjustments that your younger self would admire, and your older self will be proud of!</p>
10:30am – 10:45am	Morning Break		
10:45am – 12:00pm	Concurrent Morning Workshops		
	Workshop One:	<p>Jessica Roshon,</p> <p>The Basics of Long-term Care Medicaid</p>	<p>This session will feature an explanation of basic concepts for long-term care Medicaid benefits including income and asset eligibility, asset transfers and penalties, the types of potential planning available, etc.</p>
	Workshop Two:	<p>Teri Ruslander</p> <p>Keys to Investigating Elder Financial Exploitation and Collaborating with Law Enforcement for Results</p>	<p>This workshop will show a collaborative work between an APS Investigation of Elder Financial Exploitation while collaborating with Law Enforcement. The workshop will provide an</p>

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			understanding of Elder Financial Exploitation and will be given tools to investigate the cases.
	Workshop Three:	Dr. Kevin Schmuker Crisis Intervention in Older Adults	This workshop will show attendees how to be able to intervene effectively in the lives of older adults who may be having a mental health crisis. We will explore the impact of untreated mental illness on the aging, families, and communities. This presentation will provide information on assisting, leveraging resources (formal and informal) and providing suggestions as appropriate for those who may be struggling.
	Workshop Four:	Katherine E. Shumate, MPH Growing Older with HIV Disease	As a result of life-saving medications, we have reached a turning point in that we have individuals living long enough to be growing older with HIV disease. In Ohio, nearly 70% of those living with HIV are now age 40 and over. These individuals have unique needs, and we need to know how to meet these needs. This program is designed to open a dialogue about addressing the needs of this population.
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Award Luncheon	Lunch/networking and visit vendor tables	
12:45pm -1:30pm	The 2025 APS Worker of the Year	Presented by Office of Families and Children Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	
1:30pm –2:45 pm	Concurrent Afternoon Workshops		
	Workshop Five:	Janice Hitzeman Timothy Jones	In this session, we will review the resources available from the Ohio Division of Securities. We will discuss the Ohio Investor Recovery

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		<p>Ohio Department of Commerce – Division of Securities</p> <p>Victim Recovery and Cryptocurrency Tools for Financial Scams</p>	<p>Fund (OIRF), who is eligible and how to apply. WE will share a high-level review of tracing cryptocurrency to determine the identity of fraudsters. Attendees will be introduced to tools and resources available to trace cryptocurrency and digital assets. We will review how the Division can work with other agencies and individuals to investigate and prosecute violations against the elderly and vulnerable adults. End with a discussion of a recent cryptocurrency case, from intake to investigation to financial recovery through the OIRF.</p>
	Workshop Six:	<p>Dr. Kevin Schmuker, PhD</p> <p>Crisis Intervention in Older Adults</p>	<p>This workshop will show attendees how to be able to intervene effectively in the lives of older adults who may be having a mental health crisis. We will explore the impact of untreated mental illness on the aging, families, and communities. This presentation will provide information on assisting, leveraging resources (formal and informal) and providing suggestions as appropriate for those who may be struggling.</p>
	Workshop Seven:	<p>Morgan Fitzgerald Dr. Beth Happ</p> <p>Advancing Elder Justice with a Comprehensive Support Network for Dementia Caregivers – The Golden Buckeye Center for Dementia Caregiving</p>	<p>Join the Golden Buckeye Center for Dementia Caregiving in this informative workshop to learn about free resources and tools which can be utilized by professionals and the public to advance elder justice for persons living with dementia. Attendees of this workshop will learn ways they can leverage Ohio’s Alzheimer’s and Related Dementia Statewide Resource Program in their own personal and professional lives.</p>
	Workshop Eight:	<p>Laura Kaiser</p> <p>Forensic Nursing Network</p>	<p>When older adults come to the emergency department following sexual abuse, hospitals can</p>

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		<p>Medical Response to Sexual Assault and Older Adults</p>	<p>provide trauma-informed patient centered care. Understanding the role of a forensic nurse examiner within hospitals will enhance collaborations. This creates opportunities for improved outcomes during investigations and increased community resources.</p>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Break		
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Afternoon Plenary Session:	<p>Shawn Ireland Creator and Co-host of the Shawn and Cyd Show</p>	<p>Stress is inevitable, especially in the business of protecting our elder population from abuse. When stress piles up do you forget how to laugh? Have you lost the ability to see the humor around you and in you? It's time to get back in touch with your humorous side so you can improve your work environment, improve your relationships, and your overall well-being.</p>
4:00 pm – 4:15pm	Closing Remarks & Gift Card Raffle	<p>Kristina Allwood Teri Ruslander OCAPS Co-Chairs</p>	<p>Answer any unanswered questions about the conference and wrap up.</p>