



NYS JUSTICE CENTER 2025 SUMMIT

March 25 and 27 and April 1 and 3



Justice Center for the
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Agenda

Day One: Tuesday, March 25

- SESSION 1** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Lifecycle of a Justice Center Case**
Christa Book, Esq., *General Counsel*
Paula Branca-Santos, Esq., *Special Prosecutor & Inspector General*
Sara Del Marter, *Director, Mortality Reviews*
David Fribourg, *Assistant Director, Office of Incident Management*
Anthony Ryan, *Chief of Investigations*
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- SESSION 2** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Updates from the Justice Center**
Maria Lisi-Murray, Esq., *Acting Executive Director*
Robert Miller, *Executive Deputy Director*
Emily Steinbach, *Chief of Staff*

Day Two: Thursday, March 27

- SESSION 3** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Overview of Justice Center Prevention and Quality Improvement and Corrective Action Plans (CAP)**
Kim Affinati, *Director, Prevention and Quality Improvement*
Tracey Sosa, *Supervising Quality of Care Facility Review Specialist*
Sara Nelson, *Quality of Care Facility Review Specialist*
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- SESSION 4** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Investigative Strategies for Justice Center Cases**
Mike Marzullo, *Supervising Investigator, State Oversight Agency Review*
Juliane Miller, Esq., *Director of Administrative Litigation Unit*
Jennifer Michasiow, *Internal Investigator, State Oversight Agency Review*

Day Three: Tuesday, April 01

- SESSION 5** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAIID): Communication Devices**
Melinda Dolezal, *TRAIID Director*
Gemma White, MS, CCC, SLP, *Clinical Coordinator of Speech and Assistive Technology, Westchester Institute for Human Development*
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- SESSION 6** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Overview of the Justice Center's Individual and Family Support Services**
Jasmine Alfonso, *Advocacy Specialist*
Athena Rosario, *Advocacy Specialist*



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Day Four: Thursday, April 03

SESSION 7 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Surrogate Decision-Making Committee Process: Best Practices from a Provider Perspective (Panel Discussion)

Stephanie Arana, LMSW, *Volunteer and Contractor Manager, Surrogate Decision-Making Committee Program*

Anup Kaur, Esq., *Deputy Chief Attorney, Mental Hygiene Legal Service, First Department, The Bronx*

Sophia Lulgjuray, MS, *Director of Social Services and Community Engagement, Innovative Resources for Independence, Inc.*

Stacy Peck, LPN, *Administrative Assistant, Lexington ARC*

Violeta Stankovska, LMSW, *Complex Social Worker and Team Leader, Upstate University Hospital*

SESSION 8 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Overview of Pre-Employment Checks for Service Providers

Andrew Hartman, Esq., *Assistant Counsel, Criminal Background Check Unit*
Joni Mincher, *Assistant Director, Criminal Background Check Unit*