

2026 Annual TRAINING CONFERENCE

May 4-7, 2026 • New Orleans, Louisiana

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MONDAY, MAY 4

TBD **Welcome Reception**

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:00am **Opening and Welcome**

9:00am GENERAL SESSION #1

Resilient Optimism: Failing Forward in High-Stakes Decision Making
Dr. Alex Walker, ACJI

10:30am **Break**

11:00am BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

1A From Rollout to Routine:

Lessons Learned in Structured Decision-Making Implementation
New York State Parole Board

1B Canada's Approach to Safer Communities –

Research-Based Decisions and Merit-Based Board Member Selection
Parole Board of Canada

1C From Burnout to Balance:

A Self-Care Workshop for Today's Criminal Justice Workforce
Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles

1D Beyond Compliance: A National Exploration of Supervision Conditions, Trends, and Emerging Practices

Crime and Justice Institute

12:00pm **Lunch (on your own)**

1:30pm BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

2A How Alabama Developed Security Protocols for Visitors and Staff During Parole Hearings
Alabama Parole Board

2B BOARDWalk: A Strategic Simulation for Parole Board Outreach Efforts
Utah Board of Pardons and Paroles

2C Utilizing Evidence Based Practices in the Release Decisions of Individuals Convicted of Sexual Offenses
Washington Indeterminate Sentence Review Board

2D Uncovering Motivation to Reduce Recidivism
Dr. Taisha Kovar, Pure Insight

2:30pm Break

3:00pm REGIONAL BREAKOUTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8:30am GENERAL SESSION #2

Transparency and Challenge in Parole
Parole Board of England and Wales

9:30am Break

10:00am GENERAL SESSION #3

Knowing Your Role: Rebalancing Professional Identity on the Parole Board
Panel Presentation

11:30am Business Luncheon and Awards

1:00pm Break

1:30pm BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

3A Balancing the Scales: Understanding Actuarial Measures, Structured Tools, and Professional Judgment
Dr. Alex Walker, ACJI

3B Evidence-Informed Conditions and Responses to Non-Compliant Behavior
Richard Stroker and Cynthia Mausser, CEPP

3C Drivers of Prison Population Trends: Admissions, Time Served, and Revocations
Dr. Julia Laskorunsky, Robina Institute

3:00pm Break

3:30pm BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

4A Trauma-Informed Engagement: Best Practices for Parole Board Interactions
New Hampshire Adult Parole Board

4B Reentry After Parole: Applied Learnings from Impacted Leaders
Andrew Hundley, Louisiana Parole Project

4C Balancing Professional Judgement and Evidence Based Practice: Lessons Learned After 15,000 Interviews
Pennsylvania Parole Board

4D Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision; A Dose of Good Judgment
Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:30am GENERAL SESSION #4
SDMF Site Implementation and Outcome Study
Dr. Danielle Rieger, National Institute of Corrections

10:00am Break

10:30am GENERAL SESSION #5
Media, Public Outcry & Parole: Navigating the Fallout from High-Profile Releases
Panel Presentation

12:00pm Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm **Membership and Professional Engagement and Facilitated Discussion**

3:00pm **Conference Conclusion**