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October 26 – 29, Doubletree Newark Airport

Newark, New Jersey

Partial list of Workshop Titles and Presenters*

Click links below for course descriptions, presenter bios and additional information.

[“People with Lived Experience as First Responders: Successes and Challenges”](#) – Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law - [Jalyn Radzinski](#), [Vania Mendoza](#); [e.v. yost](#), esq., and [Lewis Bossing](#), Esq.

[“When State Courts Fail: The Use of Habeas Corpus to Vindicate Constitutional Rights”](#) – [Dennis Feld](#), J.D., and [Arthur Baer](#), J.D.

[“Investigations into Serious Incidents \(Seclusion and Restraint\)”](#) – [Aaryce Hayes](#), L.C.S.W. This presentation has Part I and Part II, and encompasses two workshop time slots.

[“Mental health epidemic or normal response to abnormal circumstances: Mental pain in context”](#) – [Noël Hunter](#), Psy.D.

[“Is There A Role for Supported Decision-Making for People with Mental Health Histories?”](#) – [Nina Loewenstein](#), J.D., and [Lisa Volpe](#), J.D.

[“Advocacy, Activism, & Peer Support through an Anti-Oppression Lens”](#) -- [Ebony Flint](#) and [Chacku Mathai](#)

[“The Impact of Contributing the Client Voice North of the Border : 20 years of Unprecedented Intervention by Psych Survivors in Precedent Setting Cases in Canada’s Top Court”](#) – [Jennifer Chambers](#), Executive Director, Empowerment Council; [Anita Szigeti](#), J.D., Anita Szigeti Advocates

[“Providing Effective Legal Representation to Individuals Facing Involuntary Hospitalization”](#) – [Bill Brooks](#), J.D., Center for Justice, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

[“Private Equity Investment in Behavioral Health Facilities: What It Means and How We Combat It”](#) – [Cory Bernstein](#), J.D., Disability Rights New Jersey; [Eileen O’Grady](#), Research & Campaign Manager, Private Equity Stakeholder Project

[“Accessible Yoga – Yoga for All \(Including Attorneys\)”](#) – [Virginia Knowlton-Marcus](#) , J.D., Disability Rights North Carolina

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[“Round Up the Usual Suspects: The Use of Involuntary Out Patient Treatment to “Fight Crime” and the Rights of Patients To Challenge such Treatment”](#) -- [Dennis B. Feld](#), J.D., and [Arthur A. Baer](#), J.D.

[“The Airing of Grievances of Discrimination in Public School Settings”](#) – [Martin Cirkiel](#), J.D., L.M.S.W.-AP; [Robin Petty](#), L.M.S.W.

[“Should Danger to Self Statutes be Repealed and Replaced by Capacity Evaluations? A Discusson between a Psychiatrist and a Person with Lived Experience”](#) – [Paul Acker](#), The Housing Collective, and [Leigh Nathan](#), M.D.

[“Policing Mental Health in Our Schools and On Our Streets”](#) – [Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee](#), [Sarah Yousuf](#), J.D., [Phillip Kassel](#), J.D., [Ivy Moody](#), J.D., and [Matt Cregor](#), J.D.

[“Compassionate Activism Training”](#) – [Mitzi Sky](#), Advocacy Unlimited

[“The Expansion of the Suicide Prevention Hotline to Crisis Intervention Services: What People with Disabilities Should Know about 988”](#) – National Disability Rights Network, [Ian Watlington](#) and [Claire Stanley](#).

[“Digital and Technology Rights in Psychiatric Care”](#) – [Ann Kasper](#), M.A., P.S.S.

[“For Life”](#) – Film presentation of this mini-opera. Composer [Dawn Sonntag](#), D.M.A., and [Kermit Cole](#), filmmaker, co-founding editor, [Mad In America](#)

[“A Discussion of Recent Efforts to Remove Police from Mental Health Emergency Calls through Litigation, as well As On-Going Legislative and Community Advocacy for Establishment of Peer-Led Crisis Response Systems”](#) - [Ruth Lowenkron](#), Esq., and [Marinda van Dalen](#), J.D., of the Disability Justice Program at the [New York Lawyers for the Public Interest](#); an organizational plaintiff in the litigation (TBD); and a Peer Advocate (TBD)

[”The Culture of Commoditization”](#) -- [Kristina Kapp](#) and [Shawn Terrell](#)

[Coerced Treatment, New Challenges, New Responses: NARPA’s Treatment Over Objection Working Group](#) --- A public meeting to discuss NARPA’s Treatment Over Objection Committee and its activities, including a recent national survey regarding forced treatment -- [Arthur Baer](#), J.D.

[Link to Registration form, hotel information, and for details about the Pre-Conference Institute For PAIMI Council Members: “PAIMI Councils as Leaders for Systemic Reform”](#)

Keynote presentations →

Keynote Presentations:

Rob Wipond

Investigative Journalist; Author of *Your Consent Is Not Required: The Rise in Psychiatric Detentions, Forced Treatment, and Abusive Guardianships*
“911 and 988: Both Help and Horror on Everyone’s Speed Dial”

Vesper Moore

Indigenous Political Activist, Leader, Author, Trainer and Educator
“Reimagining Crisis Response in a Culture of Surveillance”

Ruth Lowenkron

Director, Disability Justice Program,
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
“Mental Health Services vs. Mental Health Crises”

Deborah Dorfman

Executive Director, Disability Rights Connecticut
“Exercising Autonomy, Dignity and Choice: The Role of Supported Decision-Making for People with Psychiatric Diagnoses”

Robert Dinerstein

Professor of Law and Director of the Disability Rights Law Clinic,
American University Washington College of Law
“Significant Developments in Mental Health Law – 2022” -- NARPA’s much anticipated annual update on recent cases affecting disability rights/mental health law.



Note: Additional workshops are yet to be added. Please check www.narpa.org for updates.

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Link to the Conference Flyer and Registration form [here](#).