Hello & Welcome!

CARES Conference on Aging
Promoting Excellence in Service Delivery to TN Aging Citizens

The Center on Aging Research and Education Services (CARES) Conference is a collaboration between TN State University and the TN Adult Protective Services and designed to enhance the knowledge of the aging service delivery system, raise awareness of elder abuse and provide opportunities to network with other professionals who serve, treat or represent aging adults.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

Recognized every year on June 15th, WEAAD's purpose is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. Elder abuse is considered a public health and human rights issue and WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations and communities.
11:30-12:30 pm: Lunch/Welcome Facilitated by Jude White & Michael Harris

**Jude White:**
Jude White serves as Assistant Commissioner for Child Care and Community Services at the TN Department of Human Services. In this role, Ms. White oversees licensing and subsidy support for child care, the adult protective services program, child/adult care and summer food programs, and administration of the community services block grant. Previously, Ms. White served as Executive Director of the Children’s Cabinet for Governor and First Lady Haslam. With a law degree from Vanderbilt University, Ms. White brings a mixture of experience in judicial and private law practice, non-profit management, and state government service. Ms. White previously served as the executive director of Renewal House, a local non-profit agency in the Nashville community serving families in recovery from addiction. She worked formerly as an assistant general counsel for the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services, after practicing law and holding a judicial clerkship.

**Michael Harris:**
MA ’86, PhD ’93, is Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Professor in the Department of Public Administration at Tennessee State University. He is an internationally renowned scholar in public policy and higher education administration, an award-winning educator, and a widely recognized academic leader. Throughout his career, he has served as a go-to expert for a wide range of media outlets including NPR, Washington Post, The Voice of Israel, and the Detroit Free Press. Prior to becoming the Interim Provost, he served as the Dean of Tennessee State University’s College of Public Service at TSU, Chancellor and Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs, Business, and Education at Indiana University Kokomo. Dean Harris previously had a distinguished career at Kettering University (Provost & Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Professor of Public Policy), Ferris State University (Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Public Policy), Eastern Michigan University (Associate Provost, Professor of Political Science), and Tel Aviv University. He has published 5 books, over 50 articles and book chapters, and has been directly involved with facilitating over $23.5 million in appropriations, grants, and institutional gifts. In addition to his work as a higher education administrator, Dr. Harris is a Consultant for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and serves on the Board of Directors for the Nashville Downtown Partnership. The Dean has a master’s in public policy from Tel Aviv University and a doctoral degree in public policy from Indiana University Bloomington.

**Facts about Elder Abuse**
1 in 10 Americans age 60+ have experienced #ElderAbuse.
DESCRIPTION:
Adults have the right to make their own decisions when capable. Concerns arise when illness makes it difficult to determine if a person can make their own decisions safely. This presentation will explore autonomy and how dementia, delirium, and depression impact the ability of a person to make decisions on a daily basis. Using a case discussion, approaches to determining decisional capacity will be discussed and implications for safety planning and ways to protect the older or vulnerable adult will be identified.

William Benson:
Bill Benson, President of Health Benefits ABCs (HBABCs), offering health and aging policy, educational and strategic planning consulting services, has a long association with elder abuse, anti-health care fraud, and consumer protection efforts. Since 1998 Benson has served as the National Policy Advisor to the National Adult Protective Services Association, representing state and local APS programs. He played a key role on behalf of NAPSA in drafting and enacting the Elder Justice Act and other legislative initiatives related to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, and in securing in late 2020 and 2021 the first-ever direct federal funding to states for APS. From 2006-2018 Benson worked with AoA's national resource center for the states' Senior Medicare Program (SMP) providing technical assistance to SMPs in their efforts to educate beneficiaries about fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. As a former Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Administration on Aging, he led AoA’s role in Operation Restore Trust, the U.S. Government’s national anti-Medicare and Medicaid fraud initiative, the establishment of the SMP program, and managed the Elder Rights program, among other responsibilities. Benson spent 8 years on Capitol Hill in senior roles and was heavily involved in the nursing home reform provisions of 1987 and the 1987 and 1992 reauthorizations of the Older Americans Act including the creation of the Elder Rights Title of the Act.

Benson co-founded and is president of the American Association for International Aging (IA2) which focuses on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) elders. IA2 recently completed a federally funded project about health care providers’ experience in identifying elder abuse among AIAN patients. He is a former California State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and is a past president of the National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform (now Consumer Voice). Since 2000 Benson has hosted First Person, a series of conversations with survivors of the Holocaust before a live audience at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and during the COVID pandemic virtually.

For every 1 case of #ElderAbuse reported, 44 cases are not.
1 – 2:15pm: TSU Interdisciplinary Panel Case Review

DESCRIPTION:
This session provides an interdisciplinary and multiprofessional approach to the topic of elder abuse. Using a case-based approach, the expert panel provides varying perspectives on their recognition of, attending issues with, and overall approach to elder abuse from the lens of each individual health professional. Facilitated by a physical therapist, the panel includes a nurse, a psychologist, and a nursing home administrator – all of whom have extensive experience and clinical specialization in the care of the older adult.

Dean Ron Barredo:
Dr. Barredo has been a licensed physical therapist since 1990. He is a board-certified specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy and has recently been granted Emeritus status by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. He is a graduate of the Faculty Scholars Program at the University of Alabama – Birmingham’s Geriatric Education Center. Dr. Barredo previously served as Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and currently serves as Dean of the College of Health Sciences at Tennessee State University.

Dr. Beverly Brown:
Dr. Brown is a registered nurse, an advanced practice nurse, and a board-certified Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist since 1977. She is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the RN Refresher Program in the School Nursing at Tennessee State University. She serves as President and CEO for Professional Consultants Without Walls, Inc. and Minority AIDS Outreach. Dr. Brown is a retired Commander of the US Navy Nurse Corps with 25+ years of service. She was honored and inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame on the Wall of Fame since 1998.

Dr. Elizabeth Brown:
Br. Brown is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. She earned a Master of Science in Public Health from Meharry Medical College and a PhD in Health and Human Science with a cognate in Nursing Administration and a specialization in Safety at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Dr. Brown currently serves Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Health, Health Administration, and Health Sciences at Tennessee State University.

Dr. Teresa Young:
Dr. Teresa Young is a licensed psychologist and health service provider. Dr. Young completed her Ph.D. at Tennessee State University and interned with the Vanderbilt University – Tennessee Valley VA Healthcare Consortium. Following her postdoctoral fellowship with the Tennessee Valley VA, she began her career as a rehabilitation and geropsychologist at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She then moved with her husband to Columbus, Ohio, where she worked in private practice, served on the board of the Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, and provided consultation to Ohio State University's Age-Friendly program. Dr. Young returned – hopefully to stay – to the greater Nashville area in August of 2021. She currently works as a geropsychologist with Veterans Affairs and maintains a small virtual private practice focused on adjustment to aging, acquired disability, chronic illness, and caregiver support.
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Kathy Cherry:
Kathy Cherry RN MSN SANE
Graduated from Nursing School Madison Wisconsin. Later obtained MSN Clinical Specialty Forensic Nursing From the University of Colorado Completed Death Investigation at the Davis Medical Examiners Office Miami Florida Work experience includes General Medicine, Acute Neurology, Intensive care and the Emergency Room. Spent 17 years with Florida APS and 3 years with California APS Started with Tennessee APS 8/4/22 survivors of the Holocaust before a live audience at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and during the COVID pandemic virtually.

Dr. Raymond Romano:
Raymond Romano is a family nurse practitioner with experience in research and quality improvement. His focus is on health services research, and his specific interests are in the detection, diagnosis and care of dementia in the primary care setting. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology at Marymount Manhattan College, his master’s degree in public health from Boston University and his master’s degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University. He completed his PhD at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center during which he studied how alteration in the pain experience differs in those at risk for developing Alzheimer's Disease. Ray's interest in dementia began as an undergraduate studying the role a certain protein plays in insulin-related neurodegenerative diseases. While at Boston University, he worked in clinical research at the school's Alzheimer's Disease Center, then moved to Nashville to join the Vanderbilt Memory and Alzheimer's Center. He also completed a yearlong fellowship at the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on quality improvement.

#ElderAbuse reduces older people’s participation in the life of our communities.
Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 from 8:30 am - 1pm World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

8:30-10:15am: Hoarding Disorder

**DESCRIPTION:**
Our team of Suzanne Chabaud, Ph.D., and Certified Professional Organizers (CPO), Melissa Hladek and Katie Tracy, who authored a book on Hoarding Disorder (HD), will examine the impact of lifetime hoarding and map out a path ahead for more resources for people beset by HD. The path ahead includes establishing an active and consistent network of providers and resources, such as mental health and medical providers, social services, and professional organizers. Together the network will collaborate to help people with HD, their families,

**Dr. Suzanne Chabaud:**
Suzanne Chabaud, Ph.D., a clinical and developmental psychologist, specializes in OCD and Hoarding Disorder (HD). Her appearances in 33 episodes of A&E HOARDERS inspired her commitment to people with HD and their families. In a 20/20 TV special, she addressed the lifetime effects of HD on Children of Hoarding Parents (COHP). She contributes through media, conferences, outreach, networking, and publications. Her focus is on early intervention and prevention of HD, the impact of multiple factors on HD, and getting more resources for people affected by this disorder.

**Melissa Hladek:** Certified Professional Organizer®
Melissa Hladek is a Certified Professional Organizer® and a Certified Senior Advisor® with a specialty in hoarding recovery. She uses an integrative approach to navigate through the complex social, medical, legal, and financial aspects related to hoarding disorder with a strong emphasis on aftercare. Melissa consults with municipalities, courts, families, and individuals. She works as a project manager to resolve some of the most complicated cases nationwide. With 30 years of field work behind her, Melissa is passionate about educating professionals and consumers about the ways collaboration is the most helpful approach to solving complicated cases.

**Katie Tracy:** Certified Professional Organizer®
Katie Tracy had a knack for organizing for as long as she can remember. Her childhood bedroom was only 72 square feet and she used every opportunity to rearrange, reorganize, and reinvent the small space. Katie started her professional organizing business, Simple Spaces, in 2010 and worked with individuals and families to help clear out the “stuff” that cluttered their homes and lives. While doing that work she learned how organizing is about so much more than just the stuff. It is about relationships, emotions, the past, and the future. Her passion now is to connect the worlds of professional organizing and mental health so that clients can clear both the physical AND mental clutter.

Katie has a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a Masters in Human Resource Management. She is an active member of the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals (NAPO), The Institute for Challenging Disorganization (ICD), a Certified Professional Organizer®, and author of: Behind the Closed Door: The mental stress of physical stuff. Katie shares a simple life in New Jersey with her husband and young daughters.
Bill Benson, National Policy Advisor to the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), will provide an overview of the historic first-ever federal funding to states to specifically support their adult protective services programs. He will provide the historical context for the enactment of the federal Elder Justice Act (EJA) and its provisions to support states’ APS programs. Benson will describe the status of the funding that is now available to states and the challenges ahead in sustaining the funding.

William Benson:
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The annual loss by survivors of #FinancialAbuse is estimated to be between $2.6 billion and $36.5 billion.
Planning Committee

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Thank you Committee Members for all your hard work!

For more information on elder abuse awareness please visit these sites:

TDHS Adult Protective Services:
https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/adults/adult-protective-services.html

USC Center for Elder Abuse:
https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home/

National Center for Elder Abuse:
https://ncea.acl.gov/
Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

11 am – 12 pm Registration and Vendor Set Up

11:30 – 12:30 pm: Lunch/Welcome
• Dr. Michael Harris | Cherrell Campbell Street

12:30 – 12:50 pm: Trauma and the Impact of COVID
• William Benson

1 – 2:15 pm: TSU Interdisciplinary Panel Case Review
• Dean Ron Barredo | Dr. Beverly Brown | Dr. Elizabeth Brown | Dr. Tessa Young

2:15 – 2:30 pm: Break

2:30 – 3:45 pm: Decision Making Capacity and the Right to Self-Determination
• Kathy Cherry | Raymond Romano

3:45 – 4 pm: Closing and Door Prizes

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7:30 – 8:30 am Registration/Breakfast

8:30 – 10:15 am: Hoarding Disorder
• Suzanne Chabaud, PhD | Melissa Hladek | Katie Tracy

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:45 am: WEAAD Meaning, NAPSA and the Impact of COVID on APS Clients
• William Benson

11:45 – 12 pm: Closing, Purple Contest and Door Prizes
• Jude White

12 pm – 1 pm: Lunch & Group Photo

1 – 2 pm: TN Vulnerable Adult Coalition (TVAC) Annual Meeting – Training Room 1