

2026 Annual TASC Conference • RISE TX



March 23-25, 2026 • Dallas, TX • Hilton Anatole

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, March 23, 2026

9:00-11:00am BOD Meeting – TASC Board Members Only *Carpenter Ballroom*

8:00am Registration Desk Opens

1:00-1:30pm Welcome/Introductions *Imperial Ballroom*

1:30-2:30pm PLENARY SESSION #1 *Imperial Ballroom*
93% Rule
Greg Gray

2:30-2:45pm Break

2:45-4:00pm TRACK SESSIONS (choose one)

Focus Over Frenzy *Imperial Ballroom*
Greg Grey

**Utilizing Trauma Informed Drug Testing
in Justice Involved Programs** *Cardinal*
Tim Reid

**Healing Paws:
Integrating Therapy Dogs into Treatment Court Programs** *Stemmons Ballroom B*
Hon. Elizabeth Rainey, Hon. Charles Stephens, Susan
Bourgeois, & Nicole Elise DeFee

4:00-4:15pm Break

4:15-5:30pm PLENARY SESSION #2 *Imperial Ballroom*
Burnout & Boundaries
Jessica Chevrier

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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

7:30–8:30am	AA Meeting	<i>Batik</i>
8:30–9:45am	President’s Awards Breakfast TASC Business Meeting Contest Winners Announcement	<i>Imperial Ballroom</i>
9:45–10:15am	Break	
10:15–11:30am	PLENARY SESSION #3 “That’s Not Fair!” What We Say vs. What They Hear: Perception of Fairness in Treatment Courts Hon. Denise Bradley (ret.)	<i>Imperial Ballroom</i>
11:30am–1:00pm	Lunch (On Your Own)	
11:45am–12:45pm	Judicial Luncheon – Invitation Only	<i>Imperial Ballroom</i>
1:00–2:15pm	TRACK SESSIONS (choose one)	
ADULT	Impaired Driver Puzzle - Pitfalls, Profiles, & Proven Practices Andrea Henderson	<i>Batik</i>
JUVENILE	When Teens Are Non-Compliant: Trauma is Driving the Bus Andrea Rangel & Laura Barraza	<i>Stemmons Ballroom A</i>
MENTAL HEALTH	Integrating Psychiatry Trainees into Court Systems Daniela Jimenez Chisolm & Dr. Eryn Pynes	<i>Imperial Ballroom</i>
VETERANS	Panel Overview: Peer Support in Veterans Treatment Courts - Rural Focus Terri Williams, Nadia Castilla, Jeffery Hurley, & Linda Anderson	<i>Cardinal</i>
PEER SUPPORT/ RECOVERY	Building Recovery Capital in Treatment Courts: Strengthening Long-Term Stability & Success Kendall Friend	<i>Stemmons Ballroom B</i>
FAMILY	Building Strong Futures: Bringing Family Treatment Courts to Scale Arielle Bowling & Amber Middleton	<i>Stemmons Ballroom C</i>
2:15–2:30pm	Break – Snacks Provided	<i>Exhibit Hall</i>
2:30–3:45pm	PLENARY SESSION #4 10-ish Things You Might Not Know Best Practices Tell Courts to Do Hon. Elizabeth Rainey	<i>Imperial Ballroom</i>

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3:45–4:00pm Break

4:00–5:15pm TRACK SESSIONS (choose one)

**Beyond the Cup:
Modern Drug Testing Strategies for Specialty Courts**
John Upchurch

Imperial Ballroom

**Beyond High Risk/High Need: When Risks To The Team
Are Greater Than The Good We Can Do**
Amy Lowrey & Dr. Sara L. Dolan

Stemmons Ballroom B

**Scaling Recovery Success: The Justice Forward Model
for Building Recovery Capital in Treatment Courts**
Hon. Devon Anderson (ret.)

Stemmons Ballroom A

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00–8:00am AA Meeting

Batik

8:30–9:30am TRACK SESSIONS (choose one)

**ADULT Beyond the Finish Line:
Preparing Participants for Life After Treatment Court**
Kendall Friend

Imperial Ballroom

**JUVENILE Juvenile Treatment Courts:
Effective & Healthy Staffing Techniques**
Hon. Rick Williams

Stemmons Ballroom B

**MENTAL HEALTH Beyond the Assessment:
Building Comprehensive Treatment Plans that Work**
Jennifer Weir & Kailey Paris

Stemmons Ballroom C

VETERANS Fireside Chat with VTC Practitioners
Hon. Dominique Collins, Brent Dorrough, Geraldine
Gonzalez, Erin Morgan, Leon Reed Jr., Beth Snear, Caitlin
Wilkinson, & Courtney Young

Batik

**PEER SUPPORT/
RECOVERY Changing the Narrative:
The LCDIC, the Peer Specialist, & Justice Reform**
Jenn McMorries, Ashlea White, & Astrid Murray

Stemmons Ballroom A

**FAMILY The Harvest of Hard Work:
Strategies to Support Families in Rural Communities**
Arielle Bowling

Cardinal

9:30–9:45am Break

9:45-10:45am TRACK SESSIONS (choose one)

ADULT Empowering Women in Treatment Court: Addressing Trauma, Domestic Violence, & Parenting Challenges
Hon. Denise Bradley (ret.)

Imperial Ballroom

JUVENILE Juvenile Treatment Court Best Practices: Making Your Data Work for You
Hon. Rick Williams

Stemmons Ballroom B

**MENTAL HEALTH “End of the Road”
What are the Next Steps Once a Person Successfully Completes and Graduates from Specialty Court?**
Hon. Raquel “Rocky” Jones

Stemmons Ballroom C

VETERANS VALOR: A Treatment-Focused ISF Open to All Justice-Involved Veterans in Texas
Amanda Garcia

Batik

**PEER SUPPORT/
RECOVERY Continuing Care:
Supporting Families Post-Family Treatment Court**
Arielle Bowling & Amber Middleton

Stemmons Ballroom A

FAMILY Family Treatment Court: Collaborative Approaches Within an Adversary Legal Case
Hon. Aurora Martinez Jones, Colin Gaffney,
Julie Bohrer, & Emmarie Foerster

Cardinal

10:45-11:00am Break

**11:00am-12:00pm PLENARY SESSION #5 / CLOSING
Advisory Committees 2.0: Elevating Voice,
Driving Impact Without Governing the Court**
Kendall Friend

Imperial Ballroom