

2016-2017 Union University Social Work Events

May 3, 2017 - Partnering to Address Domestic Violence

Presented by: WRAP | Safe Havens | Union University School of Social Work | The Center for Justice and Caring Communities

Join us in this faith based initiative to address domestic violence within our churches and communities. "Because no one should have to choose between faith & safety." Lunch provided. CEU credits available upon request.

April 27, 2017 - Stomp Out Stigma: 5K glow run / 1mile walk

Presented by: Union University School of Social Work | The Center for Justice and Caring Communities & The Grove Primary Care Clinic LLC.

Join us for a 5k glow run or 1 mile walk as we Stomp Out the Stigma of mental illness. This glow run will raise awareness of the hardships of mental illness and proceeds will go to our local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). When registering, you have the option to run the 5K or walk 1 mile. Unite with us as we run to embody light for those who feel alone in their struggle with mental illness.

April 26, 2017 - Mental Illness and the Church's Mission

Presented by: Union University School of Social Work | Psychology Dept. | University Ministries | Counseling Services | Englewood Baptist Church | All Saints Anglican Church | The Grove

Speaker: Amy Simpson, author of Troubled Minds and Anxious

Join us in this inspiring luncheon as author Amy Simpson reminds us that people with mental illness are our neighbors and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Discover the path to loving them well and becoming a church that loves God with whole hearts and whole souls, with the strength we have and with minds that are whole as well as minds that are troubled. Two CEU credits available upon request.

February 16, 2017 - IASWG Lunch & Learn "Good Grief: The Power of Groups in Bereavement"

Presented by: Union University School of Social Work, the Center for Just and Caring Communities, and the International Association of Social Work with Groups Tennessee Chapter

Speaker: Rhonda Hudson, MSSW, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work and BSW Program Director

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult trials a person can face. It's a trial no one should have to face alone. Discover the power of groupwork in the bereavement process in this workshop as we explore the following objectives:

- Identify appropriate and inappropriate helping behaviors individuals use when experiencing grief.
- Describe the relationship between personal attitudes and experiences and one's effectiveness in recovering from the loss of a loved one, and
- Describe the characteristics of complicated grieving processes.

February 10, 2017 - The Ethics of Compassion

Hosted by: The West Tennessee Council of Adoption Agencies and Cosponsored by School of Social Work at Union University

Presenter: Linda Oxford, LCSW, LMFT

Learn the relationship between ethical responsibility and compassion. Explore the place of compassion in the ethical practice of social work. Consider how both action and attitude are components of compassionate care in ethical service delivery.

November 4, 2016 - The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Ethics in Supervision

Presented by: Union University School of Social Work & Center for Just & Caring Communities

Speakers: Elizabeth Wilson, Ph.D., LCSW, Professor of Social Work & Tammy Patton, LCSW, Assistant Professor of Social Work

Ethical behavior in an organization is reinforced within the two-way communication between leaders and members, during their exchanges around cases, and through assessment of the leaders' fairness. Supportive ethical leadership within organizations can lead to greater job commitment, career satisfaction and ultimately stronger ethical practice with clients. This ethical leadership model as transformation, authentic and spiritual will be explored in this session with lecture and the opportunity to complete personal assessments and exercises.

October 26, 2016 - Hope for Freedom: Human Trafficking Awareness Summit

Presented by: Union University School of Social Work & School of Nursing, Calvary Church, & A Bridge of Hope Ministries

Guest Speakers: Senator Brian Kelsey | Representative Karen Camper | Lieutenant Wilton Cleveland, Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) | Captain Len K. Edwards, Exec. Dir for the Commission on Missing & Exploited Children (COMEC) | Antoinette Welch, Dir. of Investigations for the TN Dept. of Health | Candy Carter, Last Call 4 Grace Ministries | Kimberly Benson, President of A Bridge for Hope Ministries

This training is geared towards social workers, advocates, educators, medical professionals, law enforcement/legal professionals, civic leaders, the faith-based community, and the community at large. Participants will gain an understanding in many facets of human trafficking including methods, impact, and aftermath. Anti-trafficking efforts will also be discussed, as well as assessment strategies and much more.

October 19, 2016 - IASWG Lunch & Learn: It All Started With a Group

Presented by: Union University School of Social Work, the Center for Just and Caring Communities, and the International Association of Social Work with Groups Tennessee Chapter

Guest speaker: Mary Russell, MSW, MLS, LADCII - Associate Dir. of Aspell Recovery Center

Since the historic meeting between Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith in 1935, groups have been pivotal in helping people with substance use disorders. At this workshop, we will discuss how Alcoholics Anonymous has influenced the use of groups in substance use disorders treatment and how Aspell Recovery Center uses groups in treatment. Lunch will be provided and attendees will earn one (1) CEU.

September 26, 2016 – Remember Me Walk

Dinner with program, candlelight walk, and balloon release to follow.

Presented by: The Trauma, Faith & Resilience Initiative of the Center for Just and Caring Communities of the School of Social Work

September 15, 2016 - Shedding Light: Human Trafficking in our Community

Presented by: Scarlet Rope Project

Co-sponsored by Union University Social Work Department and The Grove

Shedding light will be an informative community meeting detailing what sex trafficking is, what it looks like in our area and local services available. Racheal Haagai with Restore Corps (Memphis) will be the main speaker along with other involved organizations in our community. Lunch is provided and one (1) CEU can be provided at an additional cost.