

LASACT 2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION/PRESENTER/ROOM/ CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS				HOURS
11:00 AM -5:00 PM	PREREGISTRATION CHECK-IN/ON-SITE REGISTRATION				
1:00-2:30 PM	Behavioral Health Workforce: From Crisis to Care Emily Tilley, DSW, LCSW-BACS, LAC, SAP, CCGC Premier I A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:G LPC:G LMFT:G	Relapse After Year One: Trauma and Vulnerability Janice Johnson Dowd, MSSW, LMSW Premier II A,P,PR,G,Co,S SW:C LPC:D LMFT:G	Rest: An Ethical Responsibility Marquies Byrd, MS Cassandra James-Weathersby, RPSS, RCP, RCPF Cypress I A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:E LMFT:G	The Impact of Childhood Isolation and Loneliness on Substance Use Disorder Michelle Starkey, PhD, LPC, NCC Cypress II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:C LPC:D LMFT:G	1.5
2:30-3:00 PM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!				
3:00-4:30 PM	Clinical Supervision of Addiction Counselors Shawn Eves, MEd, LPC, LAC, CCS Premier I A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:E LPC:E LMFT:S	Digital Dopamine: Tech Use and the Hijacked Brain Janice Johnson Dowd, MSSW, LMSW Premier II A,P,PR,G,Co,S SW:C LPC:G LMFT:G	Two Hearts, One Journey: Evidence-Based Care for Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy Smita Prasad, MD, MPH, MBA, DFASAM, CMRO Cypress I A,P,PR,Co,S,E SW:C LPC:D LMFT:DX	If Disconnection is the Problem, Then Connection is the Solution Michelle Starkey, PhD, LPC, NCC Cypress II A,P,PR,G,Co,S SW:C LPC:D LMFT:G	1.5
4:30-5:00 PM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!				
5:00-6:30 PM	Ethics for Counseling and Recovery Practitioners Ann Wilder, MS, MBA, LPC, LAC Premier I A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:E LPC:E LMFT:G		Kratom and 7-OH: Opiate Pharmacology, Commercialization, Legality, Evaluation, and Treatment of Patients Using These Substances Christina Jones, MD, FASAM, FISAM Premier II A,P,PR,S SW:C LPC:D LMFT:DX		1.5
7:30-9:00 PM	 LASACT Pool Party/Meet-and-Greet Dinner To Be Provided Outdoor Patio (Pool)				
TOTAL CONFERENCE DAY CREDIT HOURS					4.5

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION/PRESENTER/ROOM/ CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS			HOURS
7:15 AM -3:30 PM	PREREGISTRATION CHECK-IN/ON-SITE REGISTRATION			
8:00-9:00 AM	Conference Opening Session Vanessa de la Cruz, OBH Medical Director Jordan Blacher, LASACT Executive Director Premier I & II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E			1.0
9:00-10:30 AM	Why Gambling Disorder Is Unique: A Peer Lens Christina Cook, IGRS Brian Hatch, RSS Premier I & II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E			1.5
10:30-11:00 AM	BREAK: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!			
11:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Compassionate Accountability: Moving Clients Forward in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Thad Shunkwiler, LMFT, LPCC, ACS, CCMHC Premier I A,P,PR,S	How Podcasting Is Revolutionizing Recovery Christina Cook, IGRS Brian Hatch, RSS Premier II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E	Boundaries: The Peer Ethical Imperative Justin Beattey, ICADC, ICPR, CPRC, CSPR-PR/CL, CADAC II, MATS, BCPG Cypress II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E	1.5
12:30-2:00 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN			
2:00-3:30 PM	Complex Trauma in Children and Adolescents Tanya Stuart, LCSW-BACS, LAC, CCS Premier I A,P,PR,Co,S,E	Why Buprenorphine Is THE Standard of Care for OUD Dave Daigle, MD Premier II A,P,PR	Redefining Jail-Based Peer Support Shane Ehrhart, CADAC II, CSPR-PR, CPRC FS/MH, MATS Cypress II A,P,PR,Co	1.5
3:30-4:00 PM	BREAK: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!			
4:00-5:30 PM	The Psychedelic Renaissance: Risks, Research, and Realities for Addiction Professionals Thad Shunkwiler, LMFT, LPCC, ACS, CCMHC Premier I A,P,PR,Co	Souldrama: Spirituality in the Counseling Room Gregory Greer, MSW, LSMW, LAC, CGP Premier II A,P,PR,G,Co	Recognizing Burn-Out in Peer Support Justin Beattey, ICADC, ICPR, CPRC, CSPR-PR/CL, CADAC II, MATS, BCPG Cypress II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E	1.5
5:30-8:00 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN			
8:00-9:00 PM	AA Meeting Riverboat			
TOTAL CONFERENCE DAY CREDIT HOURS				7.0

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MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION/PRESENTER/ROOM/ CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS				HOURS
7:15 AM -3:30 PM	PREREGISTRATION CHECK-IN/ON-SITE REGISTRATION				
8:00-9:30 AM	Evolving Illicit Drug Trends and Practical Drug Testing Considerations for SUD Providers Richard Lundberg, PhD Premier I A,P,PR SW:C LPC:D LMFT:G	When Play Becomes Risk: Youth Gaming and Gambling Stephanie Diez, PhD, MSW, LCSW Premier II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:C LPC:D LMFT:DX	Recovery Capital as a Roadmap: Turning Strengths Into Plans Shane Ehrhart, CADAC II, CSPR-PR, CPRC FS/MH, MATS Cypress II A,P,PR SW:G LMFT:G	1.5	
9:30-10:00 AM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!				
10:00-11:30 AM	Vaping and Behavioral Health Challenges Michael Celestin Jr., PhD, CHES, NCNTT Cypress I A,P,PR,G,Co SW:C LPC:D LMFT:G	Blurring Lines: Internet Gaming & Gambling Stephanie Diez, Ph.D., MSW, LCSW Cypress II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:C LPC:D LMFT:DX	Collaborating Across the Continuum to Care for Our Communities Scott Gagnon, MPP, PS-A Samuel Clemens/Natchez A,P,PR,G,Co,S SW:G LMFT:G	1.5	
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!				
12:00-1:30 PM	Conference Awards Banquet Dr. Monty Burks, Director of HHS Faith Center James Truax, LASACT President-Elect David Brocato, Awards/Nominations Chairman Premier I & II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E				1.5
1:30-2:00 PM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!				
2:00-3:30 PM	U.S. Stimulant Use in 2025: Lay of the Land Eric Dawson, PharmD Premier I & II A,P,PR SW:C LPC:G LMFT:G				1.5
3:30-4:00 PM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!				
4:00-5:30 PM	Beyond the Score: ASAM 4th Ed + CARF Certification Kristi Bierbaum, LPC-S Premier I A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:C LPC:D LMFT:DX	Treating Tobacco Use in Behavioral Health Settings Michael Celestin Jr., Ph.D., CHES, NCNTT Premier II A,P,PR,G,Co,S SW:C LPC:D LMFT:DX	Putting the Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral (MEB) Spectrum into Practice: Strategies for Effective Prevention Planning Scott Gagnon, MPP, PS-A Cypress II A,P,PR SW:G LMFT:G	1.5	
5:30-7:00 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN				
7:00-8:30 PM	LASACT Business Meeting Ryan Felder, LASACT President Cypress II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E				1.5
TOTAL CONFERENCE DAY CREDIT HOURS					9.0

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TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

TIME	PRESENTATION/PRESENTER/ROOM/ CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS	HOURS
7:15 -10:00 PM	PREREGISTRATION CHECK-IN/ON-SITE REGISTRATION	
8:00- 9:30 AM	What's the Connection? SUDs and Domestic Violence David Bloom, MSW, LMSW Teelye Matthews, MSW, LCSW Roosevelt Stevenson, BSW Premier I & II A,P,PR,Co,S,E SW:C LPC:D LMFT:G	1.5
9:30-10:00 AM	Break: Visit our SPONSORS during breaks for valuable information and chances to enter raffle for door prizes!	
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Ethical Challenges in the Social Media Landscape Jaqueline Meyers, Ph.D., LPC-S, LAC, NCC Premier I & II A,P,PR,G,Co,S,E SW:E LPC:E LMFT:G	2.0
TOTAL CONFERENCE DAY CREDIT HOURS		3.5
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LASACT 2027 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LASACT'27 planning has already begun, with a tentative date of **AUGUST 1-4, 2027**, and we hope to see you there!

Plan to join us right back here at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge.

Comments and recommendations are always welcomed in your conference evaluations or contact Jordan Blacher, Jordan@lasact.org.



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