

## REGISTRATION FORM -

*Thinking Beyond Cycles:  
Expanding Perspectives*  
October 24, 2024

Name:

Agency:

Address:

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Check if CEUs are Desired:

\_\_\_\_\_ - Social Work (6 CECs)

\_\_\_\_\_ - Psychologist (APA)

\_\_\_\_\_ - Counseling (LPC)

License Number (required):

**Cost of Conference: \$25.00**

Payment must be submitted with registration to secure spot.

**Please see reverse side for payable to information and address for mailing registration and payment. Any questions, call Jessica, 610-782-3096**

## Agenda

**8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**  
Registration and light breakfast

**8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.**  
Welcome

**8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**  
Keynote Speaker- Thomas Carson\*, with special guest, Kevin McCloud\*  
*From Awareness to Action: Transforming Lives By Supporting the Homeless*

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
Break

**10:30 a.m. - noon**  
Speaker: Panayiota Papadopoulos\*,  
*Empowering Change: Beyond the Basics - How to Recognize, Respond and Connect Victims to Support Services in Domestic Violence Situations*

**noon - 1:00 p.m.**  
Lunch

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
Speaker: Courtney Owen\*, LCSW  
*Unpacking the Complexities of Hoarding: Advanced Insights and Intervention Techniques*

**2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
Closing remarks, surveys and certificates

\* Additional speaker information can be found inside conference brochure



# Thinking Beyond Cycles: Expanding Perspectives

Thursday, October 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DeSales University Center  
2755 Station Avenue  
Center Valley, PA 18034



A conference to educate professionals on advanced approaches to addressing three current and commonly encountered social service issues; **homelessness, hoarding, and domestic violence**. Speakers with expertise on these topics will share their professional experiences on supporting individuals facing these challenges and highlight broader societal issues to promote change at both individual and systemic levels.

## Presenters:

### **Keynote Speaker:**

**Thomas Carson, *Executive Director, Victory House of Lehigh Valley* with special guest, Kevin McCloud homeless survivor turned *Lead Certified Recovery Specialist at Treatment Trends Inc.***

Tom Carson, an Allentown native and veteran who once faced near homelessness himself, now dedicates his career to assisting homeless individuals. Through his work, he develops programs, plans, and opportunities aimed at transforming the lives of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Tom holds degrees in Criminal Justice as well as Rehabilitation and Human Services.

Joining Tom in presentation will be Kevin McCloud, a fellow veteran and former homeless individual. Together, they will provide audience members with new perspectives on homelessness and support strategies focusing on community involvement to reduce homelessness and recidivism.

### **Panayiota Papadopoulos, *Training and Education Advocate II, Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley***

Panayiota is dedicated to educating communities about domestic violence, bridging gaps between survivors and available resources, and advocating for policy changes to enhance support for survivors.

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Her presentation is grounded in her philosophy that "when you know better, you do better." She aims to empower and uplift attendees by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to help domestic violence victims feel safe, supported, and capable.

### **Courtney Owen, LCSW *Program Officer, Education and Outreach Services and Mental Health, Jewish Family and Children's Services JFCS of Greater Philadelphia* (Former Program Manager for Hoarding and Care Management)**

Courtney brings over 14 years of experience in providing community-based mental health and social services in both Philadelphia and New Orleans. For two years, she specialized in Hoarding and Care Management. Courtney also serves as a vital member of the Philadelphia Hoarding Task Force (a coalition that seeks to reduce the catastrophic consequences related to hoarding and improve hoarding survivor outcomes).

Courtney will share her extensive experiences and insights with attendees, covering advanced assessment and diagnostic techniques, intervention strategies, treatment plans, tips for multidisciplinary collaboration, and measures for building sustainability and hoarding relapse prevention.

\*Social Work CECs available\*

Breakfast and lunch  
provided.

**To register for this conference,** please complete the registration form on the reverse side of this brochure and mail it with payment to:

Lehigh County Office of  
Aging & Adult Services  
Attn: Jessica Yaich  
17 South 7th Street  
Allentown, PA 18101

**Deadline to register,  
Friday October 11, 2024**

