


TIDEWATER DISTRICT
VIRGINIA JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
 32nd ANNUAL SPRING INSTITUTE

“Together we can face any challenge as deep as the ocean & as high as the sky”

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration/vendor visitation	<i>(breakfast & coffee not provided this year)</i>
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening Remarks and Welcome! Valarie Jordan-Hunter, VJJA Tidewater Chair Samantha Higgins, VJJA President	<i>Room: Cape Henry (1st floor)</i>
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Keynote: Mastering the Juggle: Balancing Caregiving, Career & Everything in Between Natalie Elliot Handy, Health Connect America <i>(Vendor visitation during 15 minute break)</i>	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch buffet (provided)	<i>Room: Vista (6th floor)</i>
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	<i>Vendor visitation</i>	

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS: (Select one during each time frame)

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Professional Ethics: Where Morality Meets Action Nicole Washington, Training Specialist, DJJ	<i>Room: Croatan (1st floor)</i>
	Cognitive Communication Disorders in System-Involved Youth Allison Chappell, PhD., Anne Perrotti, PhD. & Tancy Vandecar-Burdin, PhD., ODU	<i>Room: Cape Henry (1st floor)</i>
	Interstate Compact for Juveniles Jessica Stefenack, VA ICJ Coordinator, DJJ	<i>Room: Vista (6th floor)</i>
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	<i>Vendor visitation</i>	
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshops Repeat: Select one of the three above	
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Break to get ready for networking at 5:00 pm 	
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Networking with light appetizers/drinks & the 13th annual limbo contest.	<i>Room: Vista (6th floor)</i>

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

8:45 am - 9:15 am	Registration/vendor visitation	<i>(breakfast & coffee not provided this year)</i>
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Opening remarks	<i>Room: Cape Henry (1st floor)</i>
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	General Session; Covid in Retrospect: The genie that won't go back in the bottle Stephan Stark & Patrick Slifka, NCG <i>(Vendor visitation during 15 minute break)</i>	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch buffet (provided)	<i>Room: Vista (6th floor)</i>
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	<i>Vendor visitation</i>	
1:15 pm - 3:45 pm	General Session; Workplace Safety Allen Perry, Master Police Officer, VA. Beach Police Dept. <i>(Vendor visitation during 15 minute break)</i>	<i>Room: Cape Henry (1st floor)</i>
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Wrap up, evaluations, door prizes & 50/50 drawing (bring cash & must be present to win). Every year around the winter holidays the VJJA Tidewater district donates \$1,000 towards food for families in need. The 50/50 drawing helps raise funds for this service project. 2024 conference winner left with over \$400.	

