



# 2024 Mat-Su Reentry Summit:

## Building Bridges to Success

Sept 5, 2024 – DAY 1

9:00 – 9:35

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Ice Breaker Activity

9:35 – 10:35

**Session 1 - Key Note Speaker: Tanaine Jenkins – It Takes Both Sides to Build a Bridge**

This session will explore the critical role of employment, advocacy, and reentry resources in supporting justice-involved individuals. The speaker will share their personal journey of reentry, highlighting the challenges faced and the strategies that led to their success. Attendees will learn about effective reentry programs, the importance of being a proactive advocate, and how to leverage community resources to support successful reintegration.

10:35 – 10:45

Break/ Door Prizes

10:45 – 11:20

**Session 2: Crisis and Peer Support – Alexa Filanowicz (UAA)**

Since 2020, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority has provided funding for the Crisis Now Implementation Support Project in Alaska, and a component of this effort involved the development of a simulation experience for crisis response team members and other interested in crisis response. The Alaska Department of Health has funded these simulation experiences since 2021 so that they may be offered free of charge to attendees from communities across Alaska. This simulation provided exposure to the Crisis Now Model Framework and the value of peer support specialist on a crisis team.

11:20 – 12:00

**Session 3: Reentry Success Starts Before Release – Speaker Todd**

While incarcerated, men and women need to have access to life skills training to prepare them for the challenges of release. (Prison Fellowship Program)

12:00 – 1:00

Networking Lunch (Meal Provided)

1:00 – 1:45

**Session 4a: Insurance for Reentrants - Aaron Parks, CEO Parks Insurance (Via Zoom)**

We will discuss how the changes to the ACA have now opened the door for returning citizens to receive mental health treatment, medications, surgeries, and more upon release back into society without the burden of a monthly premium.

1:00 - 1:45

**Session 4b: New Skills for Sobriety – Speaker Bryan Brandenburg (AARS)**

Discuss the history of AARS and long-term treatment in the Mat-Su, services AARS provides, update on expanding treatment facility project, adding more beds to serve Alaska.

**1:45 – 2:00:** Break/ Door Prizes

**2:00 – 3:00:** **Session 5: Mat-Su Crisis Now: A New System of Care- Melissa Toffolon, Crisis Now Team**

Mat-Su is developing a robust system to serve people in behavioral health crisis, similar to the system that serves people who have a physical health crisis such as a heart attack. Meet the front-line staff who are working to support our community, create a safety net for those in behavioral health crisis, and prevent further crisis.

**3:00 – 3:30:** **Wrap-up / Evaluations**

Close the out day and discuss any questions, complete evaluations for presenter sessions.

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