

**Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13, 2026****SIU Carbondale, Student Center*****Strength in Partnership: Communities United for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery***

The Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference provides a vital platform for collaboration and education, bringing together local agencies, community stakeholders, and professionals from diverse sectors to address the critical intersectionality of substance use, mental health, and homelessness. This two-day event is dedicated to fostering understanding, sharing innovative practices, and building partnerships that create lasting impact in our communities. Participants will include social workers, educators, law enforcement, healthcare providers, child and family service representatives, prevention specialists, treatment providers, recovery support specialists, and veterans' organizations.

Join us as we work together to build stronger, healthier communities in southern Illinois. Together we can drive meaningful change and create pathways to recovery and hope. **CEUS: IAODAPCA = 14      Social Work = applied TBD**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****Thursday, March 12, 2026**

8:25 - 8:30      Welcome and Opening Remarks  
8:30 - 9:30      Plenary I - Drug Trends  
9:30 - 10:30      Plenary II - Human Trafficking  
**10:30 - 10:45**      **Break**  
10:45 - 11:45      Breakouts Round 1  
**11:45 - 12:45**      **Lunch A / Vendors - 12:45-1:15**  
**12:15 - 1:15**      **Lunch B / Vendors - 11:45-12:15**  
1:15 - 2:15      Breakouts Round 2 (Repeat of Round 1)  
**2:15 - 2:30**      **Break**  
2:30 - 4:00      Plenary III - Finding Solid Ground:  
Personal Journeys From Housing  
Instability to Recovery

**Friday, March 13, 2026**

8:30 - 9:30      Plenary IV - From Enforcement to Engagement  
**9:30 - 9:45**      **Break**  
9:45 - 10:45      Breakouts Round 3  
**10:45 - 11:00**      **Break**  
11:00 - 12:00      Breakouts Round 4 (Repeat of Round 3)  
**12:00 - 1:00**      **Lunch A / Vendors - 1:00-1:30**  
**12:30 - 1:30**      **Lunch B / Vendors - 12:00-12:30**  
1:30 - 3:00      Plenary V - People in Recovery  
**3:00 - 3:15**      **Break**  
3:15 - 4:15      Plenary VI - Peer Professionals  
Closing and Door Prizes  
4:15

**Registration Form (Registrations received after 2/27/2026, will not receive a t-shirt)**

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<b>WAYS TO REGISTER:</b>
<b>Online:</b> conferenceservices.siu.edu
<b>Phone:</b> 618/536-7751

<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Early Bird</b> \$60
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>After 2/27/2026</b> \$75
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student/Retiree</b> \$40
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I need the following CEUs:	<input type="checkbox"/> LCSW	<input type="checkbox"/> LCPC	<input type="checkbox"/> LSW	<input type="checkbox"/> LPC
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Please select your sessions on the other side of this registration form.



**Please choose one (1) workshop from each session.**

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**Breakout Sessions Round 1: 10:45 – 11:45**

- Addressing Trauma In Recovery Part 1 | **Mark Sanders**
- Into the Abyss | **ISP Major Jonathan Edwards**
- Treating the Whole Person—The Benefits of Integrated Care  
**Stacy Seitz, Jessica Harrocks and Melanie Russell**
- Kratom: Use, Abuse, and Forging a Path Forward  
**Dr. Michael Blaine and Sarah Foster**
- Mental Health Advocates | **Carbondale Police Department**
- Advancing Culturally Responsive Substance-Use Support in Southern Illinois | **Cristina Castillo**
- Addressing Barriers to Palliative Care | **Tara Hartley**
- Addictions and Veteran Care  
**Aaron Morehead and Quest Nelson**
- Meth 101 | **ISP Master Sergeant Brant Blackburn**
- Cannabis Policy and Prevention | **Jake Levinison**
- Women on Probation | **Jenee' Westjohn-Meyers**
- Conditioned to Survive | **Megan Ragan**
- Substance Use in the Military | **Jennifer Nevers**
- Opioid and Overdose Epidemic | **Brian Van Ham**

**Breakout Sessions Round 2: 1:15 – 2:15**

- Addressing Trauma In Recovery Part 2 | **Mark Sanders**
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**Breakout Sessions Round 3: 9:45 – 10:45**

- Addressing Trauma In Recovery Part 1 | **Mark Sanders**
- Celebrate Recovery | **Scott Bollman and Dona Howell**
- Service Dogs and Benfits to Mental Health | **Tony Eaton and Doug Hexamer**
- Lets Talk About It! Systematic Harms in Society  
**Torie Patton, Valerie Stewart, Rachel Tucker & Heather Dale**
- SIYEN Unplugged: Prevention, But Real  
**Teea Ferrell, Danielle Kroeger & Jessica Schultz**
- From Withdrawal to Wellness | **Krysten Green**
- Intersection of Substance Abuse & Juvenile Court | **Judge Gott**
- "Whole Family" Recovery | **Mike Tyson and Megan Ragan**
- Problem Solving Courts (PSC101) | **Judge Gill and Jeff Watkins**
- Community Health | **Carrie Vine**
- Certified Peer Workforce Devlopment | **Elizabeth Raeligh and Bobby Baker**
- A New Life: Carbondale Gateway Recovery Home Program  
**Robert Dalby and Michael Valliant**
- Open Door: A Collaborative Model of Recovery | **Angela Towne, Cristina Castilloand Quinn McBride**

**Breakout Sessions Round 4: 11:00 – 12:00**

- Addressing Trauma In Recovery Part 2 | **Mark Sanders**
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