



EMPOWERING PUBLIC DEFENSE: STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION

A Washington State Office of Public Defense Training co-sponsored by the Yakima Assigned Counsel Office

Friday, April 4th, 2025 | 9:30AM – 4:00PM

Location: 1401 Arboretum Drive
Yakima, Washington 98901

9:30 AM | Opening Remarks

Travis Stearns

10:00 AM | Ethical Advocacy: A Trauma-Informed Approach

Jacob Schmitt, [Just Us Solutions](#)

- Understand trauma's impact on clients.
- Practice ethical, trauma-sensitive communication.

11:00 AM | Coffee & Networking Break

11:15 AM | Mitigation Matters: Leveraging Specialists for Better Outcomes

Julie Armijo, M.S. Forensic Psychology, [Lotus Mitigation](#)

- Identify key mitigation evidence.
- Craft compelling client narratives.
- Influence sentencing outcomes effectively.

12:15 PM | Lunch Break

1:30 PM | Building Bridges: A Community-Centered Defense

Angela Colaiuta & Travis Stearns

- Connect with local service providers.
- Explore resources for mental health, housing, and legal aid.
- Build partnerships to improve case outcomes.

3:30 PM | Closing Reflections

Angela Colaiuta

This regional training will take place later in other parts of the state.



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