

2026 ARC/DBWPC Joint Summit For Change					THEME: Persistence & Purpose/Advocacy with Impact					April 15-17, 2026				
Session Time		DBWPC Session			Joint Session			ARC Session						
<b>Day 1 Wednesday, April 15</b>														
8:00 - 9:00 AM		<b>Sign-in / Breakfast, coffee (2nd Floor Concourse)</b>												
9:00 AM - 9:15		Welcome - Mary Roberts and Stacy Ellison (Lecture Hall)												
9:15 AM-10:25		Opening Keynote - The Impacts of Imprisonment (Lecture Hall)												
10:25-10:40		Break												
10:40 - 12:00		Advocating for Immigrant Clients: Relationship-Building, Policy Navigation, and Case Impact (Lecture Hall)												
12:00 - 1:20		Lunch (Independently)												
1:20 - 2:45 PM		The Path Toward Justice: Protecting Clients Against Sudden Shifts in State and Federal Policy (Lecture Hall)												
2:45PM - 3:00 PM		Break												
3:00 - 4:20 PM		Highlighting Humanity: Presenting Persuasive Mitigation in a Tense Political Climate   Scott Sundby and Samantha Kennedy (Northern Trust Seminar Room)			Contextualizing Multi-Generational Trauma and PTSD   George Woods (Lecture Hall)			n/a						
4:20PM - 4:35 PM		Break												
4:35 PM - 5:50 PM		Interviewing Techniques (Witnesses) Amy Vosburg-Casey and Elisa Quesada - Lecture Hall												
5:50 PM - 6:00 PM		End of Day Wrap-up												
<b>Day 2 Thursday, April 16</b>														
8:00am - 9:00am		Vendor Hall & Coffee, and Breakfast open (2nd Floor Concourse)												
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM		Welcome - Vicky Basra and Elizabeth Varkessian (Lecture Hall)												
9:30 AM-10:45 AM		Girls in the Justice System - Richard Ross (Lecture Hall)												
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM		The Deserving: What the Lives of the Condemned Reveal About American Justice - Elizabeth Vartkessian (Lecture Hall)												
11:45AM - 1:00 PM		Lunch - Bicottis												
1:00PM-2:15 PM		Artificial Intelligence in Justice Work: Opportunities, Challenges, and Ethics   Radhika Singh			Caring for the Caregiver: Dr. Richmond Wynn			See the Girl Behind Closed Doors: New Juvenile Justice Findings: Lena Wimes & Marlo Friedland			The Interactive Relationship Between Mental Illness and Substance Use: Reframing Harmful Narratives   Holly Hagle			
2:15-2:30 PM		Break												
2:30-3:45 PM		Artificial Intelligence in Justice Work: Opportunities, Challenges, and Ethics   Radhika Singh			Bridging Information & Communication Gaps in Human Trafficking: Dr. Shelly Wagers			Girls Centered Practice in Practice: Kim Gallon, Stephanie Burke			The Interactive Relationship Between Mental Illness and Substance Use: Reframing Harmful Narratives   Holly Hagle			
3:45-4:00 PM		Break												
4:00-4:45 PM		Impactful Networks: Collaboration Between Justice Advocates, Service Providers, and Community Members (Panel)												
4:45-5:15 PM		End of Day Wrap												
<b>Day 3 Friday April 17</b>														
8:00am - 9:00am		Coffee, and breakfast open												
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM		Welcome - Dr. Vicky Basra												
9:15-9:45 AM		Carolina Bazan: Rights 4 Girls - Federal Policy Campaigns												
10:00-11:00		HT Policy Campaigns that work: Dr. Tracye Polson, Kristin Keen, Lisa Chaloux, Carolina Bazan												
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM		Break												
11:15 AM- 11:45 AM		How Girls Experience the Juvenile Justice System: Focus on School Response featuring the voices of girls												
12:15 PM-1:15 PM		Lunch and Learn with Emily Folz Holland; Lunch provided by Bono's BBQ												
1:15-2:15		Building Protective Communities: The Power of the Bystander: Vicky Basra, Lakesha Burton, Carolina Bazan, Betsy Dobbins)												
2:15-2:30		Final Summit Wrap												