

NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
ASSOCIATION

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**“From Prison to Transition”**

FEBRUARY 5-6, 2026



HOMEWOOD SUITES AT CRABTREE VALLEY  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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# Conference Program

**Thursday, February 5**

7:30-8:25 am Registration opens (table outside Winston/Barclay Meeting Room)

## 8:30 – 8:35 am Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

## **Welcoming remarks from Bianca Harris, President**

8:40– 9:35 am Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

## ***Paper Panel #1***

## **Paper 1: Successful Reentry Utilizing Compliance**

**Presenter:** Beverly "B.J." Council, Retired Police Executive and Owner/Founder of You & Five-O, LLC

## **Paper 2: From Custody to Community: Safety, Identity, and Reentry for Transgender Justice-Involved Individuals**

**Presenter:** James A. Crawford, Ph.D., Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

## **Paper 3: A Multi-Modal Approach to Reducing Placed-Based Barriers of Reentry**

Presenter: Reggie Cline, MA, Western Carolina University

9:40 – 10:25 am Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

### ***Special Panel #1***

Arise Collective and Campbell University discuss their collaborative partnership offering an undergraduate degree program to formerly incarcerated women. It is a wrap-around service approach through Arise Collective's mission and Campbell University's commitment to improving the lives of women in the community.

**Speakers:** Doris J. Bullock, Arise Collective, Ed.D. and Kelly Morin, M.Ed., Campbell University

Dr. Bullock is the Chief Outreach and Education Officer for Arise Collective. Arise Collective is a non-profit organization in Raleigh (formerly Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women) that supports justice-involved women through chaplaincy services, transition education, reentry support, and community engagement.

10:30 – 11:00 am

**Special Panel #2**

**Topic:** *From Prison to Transition. Invisible Sentence: Including Children and Families in the Reentry Conversation*

**Presenter:** Melissa Radcliff, Program Director of Our Children's Place of Coastal Horizons, Durham, North Carolina

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11:05 am-12:00 pm

**Paper Panel #2**

**Paper 1:** *Adherence to Female Rape Myths Among Criminal Justice Students*

**Presenter:** Jaden Bryan, Student, and Scott Walfield, Ph.D. East Carolina University

**Paper 2:** *Using Psychological Theories to Explain Crime*

**Presenter:** Tessa Parson, East Carolina University Student

**Paper 3:** *Youth in Adult Court: Factors, Outcomes, and Long-term Impacts*

**Presenter:** Amere Eadie, Graduate Student, North Carolina Central University

**Paper 4:** *Cross-National Public Beliefs About Crime, Violence, and Second Chances*

**Presenter:** Joseph M. Hoft, Ph.D., East Carolina University

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12:05 – 12:55 pm

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

**Lunch & General Business Meeting (open to all)**

Please join us for a light lunch and other association information.

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1:00 pm – 1:55 pm

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

**Paper Panel #3**

**Paper 1:** *Preventing Officer-Involved Homicides of Young Children: An overview of existing policies and practices*

**Presenters:** Delores Jones-Brown, J.D., Ph.D., Sequoia Montague, and Pedro Bonilla, Fayetteville State University

**Paper 2:** *Probation and Parole Officer Training in the United States*

**Presenters:** Jeff Holcomb, Ph.D. and Mr. Ethan Tomlinson, Appalachian State University

**Paper 3:** *Post-Incarceration Mortality: A Qualitative Examination of Parole Agent's Experiences with Client's Deaths*

**Presenter:** Nicola Pasquire, Appalachian State University

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2:00 – 2:55 pm

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

***Special Panel #3***

**Topic:** *Virtual Reentry Simulation Experience (VIRSE), Step into the Struggle. Understand the Journey. Change the Outcome.*

**Presenter:** Gabe Macias, Design Director, Slalom

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3:15 – 4:00 pm

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

***Special Panel #4***

**Topic:** *Reconnecting Lives, Strengthening Communities: Success through Reentry in NC*

**Presenter:** Lateisha Thrash, Director of Reentry Services with the Division of Rehabilitation and Reentry Services within the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction

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4:15 – 4:30 pm

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

***Elections***

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4:30 – 5:20 pm

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***Paper Panel #4***

**Topic:** *Crime Reduction: What Works in Policing, Courts, Corrections, and Juvenile Justice*

**Presenter:** Matthew Robinson, Ph.D., Appalachian State University

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5:20 – 5:30 pm

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

***Conference Closing***

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**Friday, February 6**

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10:00 am – 11:30 am

Winston/Barclay Meeting Room

**Final Board Meeting – All Board Members**

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***Thank you for attending and participating in  
this year's conference. We look forward to  
seeing you next year!***