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# Field Education Institute

Thursday, October 22, 2026

TIME	TOPIC & PRESENTER
8:30 AM	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> CSWE and COFE Leadership
9:00 AM	<b>Opening Plenary Session</b>  <b>Developing Ethical AI Policy for Social Work Field Practicum Education</b> Marina Badillo-Diaz, LCSW, DSW Adjunct Professor, New York University and Social Work Consultant, MABD Consulting
10:15 AM	<b>When Does the Line Break? Tensions Between Gatekeeping and Disability Justice in Field Education</b> Alicia D. Melnick, DSW, LCSW Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh  Melvin C. Cherry, Jr., Ed.D, MSW Practicum Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh
11:15 AM	<b>Introduction to the Field Director Role</b> Traci Lilley, BSW, MSW, LCSW-BACS Associate Director, School of Social Work and Director Field Education, Louisiana State University



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TIME	BREAKOUT SESSION 1
11:20 AM	<p><b>Track 1: New Field Director Session 1 - Interpreting and Developing</b></p> <p>Lindsey Rinehart, MSW, BSW Field Education Director and Clinical Instructor West Virginia University</p> <p>Lindsey Trout, LCSW, MEd Director, MSW Field Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</p>
11:20 AM	<p><b>Track 2: Talk Story - Honoring Relational Knowledge, Resilience, and Student Well-Being in Social Work Field Education</b></p> <p>Aimee Chung, MSW, LSW Faculty/Field Education Coordinator/PI, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa</p> <p>Natasha Ariyoshi, MSW, LCSW, CSAC Faculty/Field Education Liaison, Social Work, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa</p>



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11:20 AM	<p><b>Track 3: Strengthening Practicum Education - A Regional Consortium’s Approach for Training Practicum Instructors</b></p> <p>Liane Lussier Smith, LCSW Practicum Education Director, University of Connecticut</p> <p>Jean Sienkewicz, MSW Senior Lecturer/Practicum Education Coordinator, University of Vermont</p> <p>Nicole Paul, MSW, LCSW Associate Director of Practicum Education, Southern CT State University</p>
12:20 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
TIME	BREAKOUT SESSION 2
1:20 PM	<p><b>Track 1: New Field Director Session 2 - Administering and Supervising</b></p> <p>Kari Meyer, LMSW Director of Practicum Education, MSW and BSSW Program, College of Staten Island</p> <p>Lena Allen, MSW, LCSW Practicum Education Director, California State University, Monterey Bay</p>



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BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (CONT.)	
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1:20 PM	<p><b>Track 2: From Compliance to Connection - Innovative Strategies for Supervisor Retention in Field Education</b>            Rebekah Spiers, LCSW-BACS            Field Education Coordinator, Louisiana State University</p> <p>Leslie H. Green, LCSW-BACS            Field Education Coordinator, Louisiana State University</p> <p>Sarah Bankston, LCSW            Field Education Coordinator, Louisiana State University</p>
1:20 PM	<p><b>Track 3: Rooted in Resilience - A Pedagogical and Supervisory Framework for Social Justice-Oriented Practicum Education</b>            Priscila Llamosa, LCSW, DSW            Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky</p>
2:20 PM	<b>Break</b>
BREAKOUT SESSION 3	
TIME	
2:30 PM	<p><b>Track 1: New Field Director Session 3 - Implementing and Managing</b>            Traci Lilley, BSW, MSW, LCSW-BACS            Associate Director, School of Social Work and Director, Field Education, Louisiana State University</p> <p>Anne Vande Berg, DSW, MSW, LISW            Professor and BSW Program Field Director, Social Work Program, Winona State University</p>



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2:30 PM	<p><b>Track 2: Preparing Culturally Competent Resilient Practicum Students in the Post Covid and Distance Education Era</b>            Tamlyn Ashford, LCSW Ed.D            Director of Practice Education, Clark Atlanta University</p> <p>Vickey Hale, Ph.D., MSW            Lecturer/ MSW Practicum Coordinator, Clark Atlanta University</p>
2:30 PM	<p><b>Track 3: Grounding Language as Practice - An Anti-Racist Reframing of Social Work Practicum Education</b>            Yvonne Mendoza, LMSW            Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Houston</p> <p>Cindy Carter, LCSW            Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Houston</p> <p>Jamie Parker, LMSW            Clinical Associate Professor/Director of Practicum, University of Houston</p>
TIME	TOPIC & PRESENTER
3:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:45 PM	<b>Roundtable Connect Session</b> COFE
4:45 PM	<b>Evaluations and Closing</b> All

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