



Massachusetts Psychiatric  
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# MASSPRC

# 2024

# CONFERENCE

Wednesday

OCTOBER 30,

2024

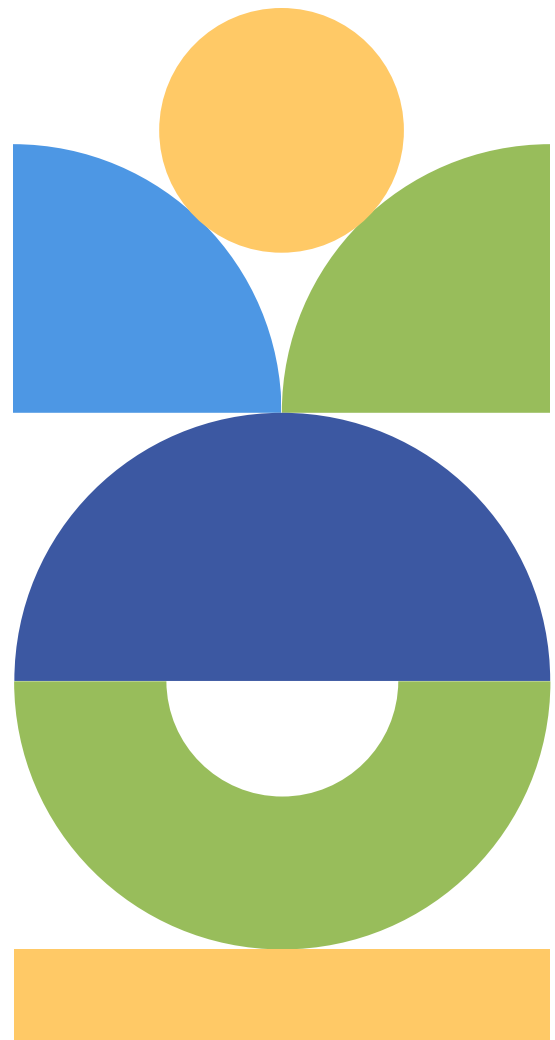
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Best Western Royal Plaza,  
181 Boston Post Road West,  
Marlborough, MA 01572



ASL Interpreters Available Upon Request -  
Deadline Oct 14th





# Overview

Conference Location: *Complimentary on-site parking*	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752 <a href="http://www.rplazahotels.com">http://www.rplazahotels.com</a>
Conference Date/Time:	Wednesday, Oct 30, 2024: Keynote and Workshops 8am-4:30pm
Conference Fees:	<b>Registration Cost:</b> <b>Full time student:</b> \$125 <b>MassPRC member:</b> \$200 <b>Non member:</b> \$250
Conference Registration Information:	*Visit <a href="http://www.massprc.org">www.massprc.org</a> to register online. Visit the website, <a href="http://www.massprc.org">www.massprc.org</a> for scholarship info.
Continuing Education: Please check <a href="http://www.massprc.org">www.massprc.org</a> for updates or contact us at <a href="mailto:info@massprc.org">info@massprc.org</a>	5.5 CEU's for Social Work, LMHC, OT, Nursing *pending*
On-Site Lodging: Available 10/29/2024, 10/30/2024	Reservations: call 508-460-0700 by Oct 10th and mention MassPRC <a href="http://www.rplazahotels.com">http://www.rplazahotels.com</a>
Scholarships	Contact Mary Gregorio at <a href="mailto:mgregorio@baycove.org">mgregorio@baycove.org</a> by October 5th



# ORDER OF EVENTS

**8:00–8:45 Registration and Complimentary Breakfast**

8:45–9:30 Welcoming Remarks

**9:30–10:30 Keynote: Joanna Bridger, MSW: “What is trauma-informed suicide prevention, why do we need it, and what makes it so hard to find?”**

10:30–10:45 Break

**10:45–12:15 Session One Workshops**

**12:15–1:15 Complimentary Lunch and MassPRC**

**Overview and Business Meeting**

**1:15–2:45 Session Two Workshops**

2:45–3:00 Break with refreshments

**3:00–4:30 Session Three Workshops**

4:30 Conference ends

Questions about scholarships?  
Contact Mary Gregorio at [mgregorio@baycove.org](mailto:mgregorio@baycove.org)  
See [massprc.org](http://massprc.org) for Conference updates



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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Joanna Bridger, MSW**  
**“What is trauma-  
informed suicide  
prevention, why do we  
need it, and what makes  
it so hard to find?”**

Joanna Bridger is a prominent social worker who founded Safety, Hope, & Healing in 2021. With over 20 years of experience, she has assisted youth, families, and communities affected by trauma both domestically and internationally. She served as Clinical Director for Riverside Trauma Center for nearly a decade, providing various forms of support to families and organizations in Massachusetts. Previously, she worked with individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use issues. Joanna holds an MSW from the University of Michigan and a Certificate in Traumatic Stress Studies.



# WORKSHOPS

\*Workshops subject to change\*

	Workshop Title	Presenter	Agency
1	Working with Self-Injury Through a Harm Reduction Lens	Sera Davidow	Wildflower Alliance
2	Understanding and Interrupting Psychiatric Oppression	Sera Davidow	Wildflower Alliance
3	Supported Decision Making	Shari Harding	UMass Medical School
4	Legislative Advocacy Training for Individuals With Lived Experience	MHLAC (Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee) and Thomas Brown	Thomas Brown and MHLAC (Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee)
5	Trauma and Hearing Voices and Seeing Vision	Thomas Brown	Thomas Brown
6	Defining Trauma	Thomas Brown	Thomas Brown
7	Supervision	Kelley Gamble	Open Sky Community Services
8	Recovery Stories	Yale Hicks	Waverly Place
9	Motivational Interviewing	Suzy Langevin and Jean Brickman	Open Sky Community Services
10	Promoting Skill Use in Psychiatric Rehabilitation	Liz Kelly	Open Sky Community Services
11	Recovery Education and Learning (REAL) Program: A training and Internship Program For People With Lived Experience	Christopher Laureano	Bay Cove Human Services
12	Taking Care-Integrating Strategies For Compassion Resilience Into Your Day	Kerrin Westerlind	Open Sky Community Services
13	Low Threshold Housing For People That Use Substances: a Broader View of Harm Reduction	Olivia Bernstein	MHA (Mental Health Association) Inc
14	Multigenerational Workforce Approach	Sarah Keiser	MHA (Mental Health Association) Inc
15	Overview of Psychiatric Rehabilitation	Anne Sullivan-Soydan	Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
16	Ethics	Gretchen Maher	The Edinburg Center