



## WEDNESDAY WELLNESS & LEADERSHIP WEBINAR

### INSTRUCTOR BIOS

#### **Adam Anderson**

Adam Anderson, president of Healing Acres, Inc., has been in frontline career fields for 18 years and has developed a passion for bringing wellness options to those who serve the community. Adam is critical incident stress management and peer support certified and continues to be active in those arenas.

Over the years Adam has served as a leader in the Air Force, served the community in law enforcement both as patrol and supervisor, and worked in the schools and in human services gaining valuable experience and certification in mental health crisis response.

#### **J. Pete Blair – Executive Director of ALERRT**

Dr. Blair is the Executive Director of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center and a Professor of Criminal Justice at Texas State University. He earned his Ph.D. in criminal justice from Michigan State University. He is recognized as a leading expert in the field of active attacks. He has published numerous books, articles, and commentaries on active attacks, police tactics, and training.

#### **Adrienne Blais – Assistant Attorney General**

Adrienne Blais is an Assistant Attorney General for the WI Department of Justice.

#### **Lynn Cook – Criminal Justice Program and Policy Analyst**

Lynn Cook, MSW, CAPSW received her MSW at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 2008. Lynn recently began working at the Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services as the Children's Justice Act Program and Policy Analyst where she is responsible for implementing statewide initiatives that improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse. Prior to this position, Lynn worked as a Forensic Interviewer at the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. She began her work in that capacity in July of 2015 and has conducted well over 2,000 forensic interviews of children and teens who have experienced or witnessed violence and child maltreatment. She continues to conduct forensic interviews at Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Madison.

In addition to her role as a contributor to the Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines curriculum and faculty member for statewide training, Lynn conducts many other statewide and national trainings in areas specific to child abuse dynamics. She is often called to testify as an expert witness in criminal trials in Milwaukee County and across the state.

Prior to her work with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Lynn worked for over seven years as a Sensitive Crimes Victim Advocate in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. There she worked on hundreds of child sexual abuse from charging through sentencing. She has also worked in the areas of child welfare and primary prevention education, and has instructed a course at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee on Criminal Violence. Lynn is a member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and has a Certificate in Trauma Counseling.

### **Paul Dau – Financial Specialist**

Paul Dau is a financial specialist for Edward Jones. Paul earned his CRPC™ professional designation and holds the FINRA 7 and 66 registrations as well as Life, Accident and Health Insurance Agent License, so he can fully serve my clients. Paul obtained my insurance licensing before working with Edward Jones while I worked with my father-in-law. After learning much about the life insurance business, he made the decision to move my career to Edward Jones where he can serve clients for their wealth strategy in an advisory capacity. He now spends much of his time providing free educational classes for area businesses and organizations, believing that financial education is one of the greatest things that he can do to benefit his community.

### **Andrew Nowlan – Deputy Bureau Director, WI DOJ**

Andrew joined the Crime Information Bureau in 2015 and currently serves as a Deputy Director for the Bureau. In this role Andrew is involved with overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Bureau with special responsibility over the Firearms Section and its programs including the Handgun Hotline and Carry Concealed Weapon program. Andrew is the Wisconsin Point of Contact for the National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) Section of the FBI and regularly conducts training around the State of Wisconsin on the Wisconsin and federal firearms eligibility laws. Andrew previously served as the Supervisor of the Firearms Section within the Crime Information Bureau. Prior to working in the Firearms Section, Andrew was the supervisor of the Justice Programs Section for the Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau after working for 19 years in the Wisconsin Legislature. Andrew has completed the Leadership in Police Organizations program from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the FBI NICS Section's Train the Trainer program for federal firearms eligibility laws training. Andrew has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### **Jed Roffers – Special Agent, DCI**

Jed Roffers was born and raised in Wisconsin and is a graduate of the University Wisconsin – Oshkosh, with a Bachelor of Science Degree, major in criminal justice. He began his career in law enforcement as a Trooper with the Wisconsin State Patrol in 2008. He is currently employed as a Special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). During his 10-year career with DCI, he has been a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and in 2022 he accepted an assignment to DCI's Cyber and Financial Crimes Unit.

**James Scott – Assistant Professor, Connecticut State Trooper, Ret.**

James Scott began his law enforcement career as a New York City (NYC) Correction Officer. After working in NYC for two years, James moved to Connecticut, where he continued to serve as a Connecticut State Trooper.

During James' tenure with the State Police, he has worked as Patrol Trooper, Academy Instructor, Patrol Sergeant, and ultimately the Commanding Officer for the Recruiting & Background Investigations Units.

James simultaneously served in the Army National Guard, specializing in Military Police Operations. James is a Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and after 20 years of service, James retired with the rank of Master Sergeant.

James has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, a Master's Degree in Administration, and is currently a Doctoral candidate at Saint Leo University. After 21 years of service with the Connecticut State Police, James retired and assumed a full-time faculty position at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT.

**Derek Veitenheimer – Bureau Director, WI DOJ**

Derek Veitenheimer is the Director of the Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis.