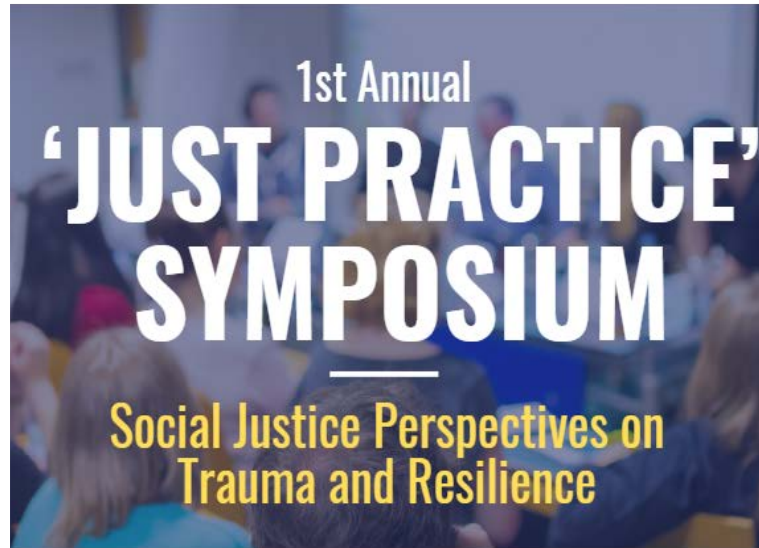


Community Collaboration Challenge:

'Just Practice' Symposium

PAS Solutions Forum
November 2024





Host:
National Louis
University

Community College
Partners
Oakton
College of Lake
County
Harper

20+ Community
Partners/Presenters
Wings Program, Inc
Avance
Rep. Mussman



Intended Outcomes:

- Build networks among students, practitioners, and community organizations through dynamic, learning opportunities facilitated by experts in the fields of social work, human services, psychology, and criminal justice.
- Connect students with internship, employment, and undergrad/graduate opportunities through an active Resource Fair (participants received a swag bag for visiting at least 9 tables)
- Increase visibility and partnership among Community College and 4-Year Institutions, and non-profit organizations



'Just Practice' Symposium in Action



Outcomes

- 175+ Participants (40 virtual)
 - 67 students across 9 institutions
 - 69 practitioners across 35+ organizations
 - 25 presenters/panelists
- 98% of participants were satisfied or very satisfied with the event, with equally strong ratings for quality of presenters, usefulness of content, etc.
- Partnerships: new Industry Advisory Council members, new employer partners, increase alumni engagement
- Longer-term outcomes (enrollment in undergraduate or graduates programs, employment, and internships) will be available the end of AY25 (fall of AY26)



Learnings & Considerations

Collaboration:

- Differing level of engagement: follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- Co-ownership across partners
- Internal support and collaboration - it takes a village
- Leveraging partnerships

Logistics:

- Planning takes time
- Timing matters
- Tech Issues



Questions?

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