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(Available for 1.5 NBCC Clock Hours; 1.5 LAMFT Continuing Education
NASW 1.5 General Hours)

Title: The Connection between Substance Abuse and Neighborhood Homicide: Why New Orleans' Homicide Rates Surpass the Nation's and Implications for Change

Description: This session will present new research based upon a study of a New Orleans neighborhood whose homicide rate surpasses that of the city's, describing factors that contribute to high homicide conditions at the neighborhood level and how the informal drug economy contributes to it. Ideas for structural change will be presented based upon grassroots, neighborhood perspectives and solutions proposed by those closest to the phenomenon.

Objectives: Upon completion of the session attendees will be able to:

- 1) Identify three constructs that undergird neighborhood-level homicide
- 2) Understand the concept of collective efficacy and its relationship to conditions of high and low homicide at the neighborhood level
- 3) Develop a more thorough understanding of the connection between the informal, drug economy and homicide