

New Jersey Society for Clinical Social Work  
Presents



“The Importance of Cultural Competency in Working with Law Enforcement and Other First Responders”

Presented by Stephanie Samuels, MA, MSW, LCSW

2 **Clinical OR Cultural CEUs** provided by the NJSCSW, a recognized provider of Continuing Education Units by the NJ State Board of Social Work Examiners (The workshop will be via ZOOM: online workshop)

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**Date:** Sunday, May 23, 2021

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

As our society becomes more polarized and social media is said to account for over 80% of all people’s news outlets, those that wear a uniform have been under attack. They need more mental health services than ever before. It has been said that "no help is better than the wrong help" and this could not be truer than with law enforcement. There are many issues that the media does not address that officers are sensitive to. Understanding their different psychosocial stressors are imperative for a connection that lends itself to a successful outcome.

I plan to use this time to create critical thinking and self-reflection on personal bias and false beliefs of the law enforcement community as well as addressing personal cases to further insight into this population.

**Educational Objectives:** Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the role trauma plays in law enforcement and name three ways it manifests on the streets or at home.
2. Address three biases you have about law enforcement and how to challenge them.
3. How to navigate suicidality and the firearm(s) and three ways to handle an officer who has been suicidal or currently is.

Stephanie Samuels is a psychotherapist who works exclusively with police officers in New Jersey and Oklahoma. She has lectured all over the country on PTSD and vicarious trauma, including undiagnosed PTSD and the fallout from departmental silence after officers are involved in critical incidents. She is currently the Founder and President of COPLINE, Inc., the first Confidential National Law Enforcement Officers' Hotline in the country manned by retired officers. She received her bachelor’s degree from UCLA, a Master’s degree in Psychology from Antioch University, Los Angeles, and a Master’s degree in Social Work from Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

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**Cost:** No charge for NJSCSW members to attend the workshop, \$60 fee for non-members

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