

*First Judicial Circuit Chief Judge William J. Thurston, Access to Justice Improvement Grant,
Williamson County Presiding Judge Stephen R. Green, and Centerstone's Building Compassionate Communities presents*

A Trauma-Informed Courts and Community Symposium: Creating a Culture of Belonging

March 21 • 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Marion Cultural & Civic Center | 800 Tower Square Plaza

Please join us for a one-day, motivational symposium on March 21, 2024 as we encourage court personnel and professional communities to commit to understanding how belonging is a key element in success. Whether your work includes helping court patrons navigate the legal system; seizing everyday opportunities to be understanding and helpful; or motivating those around you to look within so they are able to help those without, this symposium will leave you empowered to make others feel they belong within your community environment.

Keynote Speaker: Gaelin Elmore

Advocate, speaker and former
Cincinnati Bengals player



This event is free, open to everyone, and plans to offer various continuing education credits. To register, visit centerstone.org/032124belonging.

For more information or to inquire about being a vendor at the symposium, call Brenda Sprague with the Illinois First Judicial Circuit at (618) 997-1234.



Agenda includes:

- Coffee and donuts provided by Centerstone's Building Compassionate Communities beginning at 8 a.m.
- "Trauma In the Courts: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" with Hon. Jeffrey A. Goffinet
- "Bringing Comfort to the Courtroom" with Hon. Carey C. Gill, Hon. Amanda Byassee Gott, Cynthia York, Steve & Cindy Miller, and Court Therapy Dog Mr. Baker
- "Strengthening Communities, Breaking Barriers" with IL JusticeCorps Fellow Julian Valdes
- "Transcending Adversity Through Resilience" with Ginger Meyer, Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, SIU School of Medicine
- Building Compassionate Communities with Dr. David Mills, Centerstone