



**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 SOC Meeting, 1p.m., on Webex**

Continuing our 2026 guiding theme of “Create Don’t Wait”, our focus is on incredibly powerful community provider programs that support individuals and families during some of the most difficult times of their lives.

We will be welcoming change agents that remove barriers to success, make communities safer, and healthier. These are hidden gems in our community that many may not be familiar with but should. They offer a wealth of services that have filled gaps and transformed lives from just existing to thriving! Two such examples of this are:

- **Michelle R. Norris, President and Co-Founder of Corey’s Network.** Corey’s Network offers a plethora of supports and services to people who have lost loved ones to homicide and for other reasons.
- **Christina Ludwig, Coordinator, Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers Program.** This program is involved with youth in schools and breaks through barriers to promote community safety.
- **Diana Perry, Region 5 Area Director for Missouri First Steps.** Diana will be speaking about Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and the MOAIMH-EC, or the Missouri Association for Infant Mental Health Early Childhood.

After our featured presentations, there will be time for updates and announcements. I will have a few about upcoming events and sponsorships to further support our communities and providers!

