



Crestwood presents at the International Congress on Law and Mental Health Conference!

In July, several Crestwood staff were invited to present at the International Congress on Law and Mental Health in Lyon, France. The conference is held every two years by the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH), bringing together the international community of researchers, academics, practitioners and professionals in the field, whose wide-ranging perspective provide for a comprehensive look at important law and mental health issues.

The conference sessions were held from Monday, July 4 – Friday, July 8. There were 3 sessions each day which included many different topics related to law and mental health including the four sessions Crestwood staff were invited to present:

1. How a State-wide Behavioral Health Provider Prepared for a Pandemic (Terry Paterson, Alec Atkin, Raul Almazar)
2. The French Connection: How One California Based Organization is Transforming its Locked Mental Health Treatment Facilities to Optimize Recovery Outcome (Chris Martin, Scott Palluck)
3. Trauma Informed Care (Laura Valdivia, Raul Almazar, Cindy Mataraso, Regina Kaiser)
4. Crestwood Treatment Interventions (Regina Kaiser, Cindy Mataraso)

Many other sessions included presentation topics such as therapeutic approaches to criminal defense, digital technologies, public policy, Indigenous law, forensic psychiatry, artificial intelligence and more.

Presenting at this international conference was an honor in representing Crestwood values and our recovery services and outcomes. It was also a privilege to attend different sessions and meet with other behavioral health providers throughout the world.

Reflections on the conference from one of Crestwood's presenters, Cindy Mataraso:

"Presenting the successes of our Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) program to an international audience confirmed how innovative Crestwood is. People from the Australia judicial system asked for details of how we on-board new counselors so they can train their unlicensed staff. People from Turkey were interested in how we include both judicially involved and non-judicially involved people in the same cohort, and people from Canada were interested in how we integrate DBT with other treatments."





