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## Speakers

**Dawn Mathis** joined the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1989 as an Investigator, which entailed the regulation of a John Grnd investigation of registrants with access to controlled substances. In 1995, she became the Demand Reduction Coordinator for the Houston Field Division. The position was established to help reduce the demand for drugs by planning and implementing a wide variety of programs related to drug law enforcement, drug prevention, and youth development. Through her efforts, a network of organizations across Texas collaborates and coordinates to educate, train, and expose the public to the benefits of drug prevention.

**Roseanna Ruiz** is the President/CEO of Positive Changes, LLC, and the Founder/CEO of Aspire to Win, Inc. In addition, she started the Re-entry Program at the City of Houston Mayor's Office in 2001. Roseanna has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Houston and is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. She has received numerous honors and awards, including the Governor's Criminal Justice Volunteer of the Year Award in 2006. Roseanna is a prison prison/re-entry specialist, consultant, motivational speaker, substance abuse and addictions counselor, anger resolution therapist, an advocate, and a very active volunteer in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prisons and parole division.

**Cynthia Jasso Arredondo** is a nationally-recognized presenter on current drug trends and school safety issues. She has worked in the field of substance abuse for more than ten years and has provided numerous trainings and presentations throughout Texas, California, and North Carolina. She has served multiple school districts, juvenile detention centers, Immigration and Naturalization Service, law enforcement agencies, and housing authority units. She has been certified by the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland, as a trainer of trainers in "Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools". Among her certifications are the Texas Tobacco Cessation Instructor and completion of the TCLEOSE Basic Instructor Certification Course. Additionally, she has conducted numerous workshops, focusing on current drug trends, bully prevention, promoting gender respect, emergency operations planning, and school safety and security audits. Cynthia received her Bachelor of Social Work from Texas State University-San Marcos.

**John Graham** has served as a Special Agent in the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Border Patrol, and as a deputy sheriff in Texas. He was a member of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and a Marine Interdiction Agent working Air Support Drug Interdiction. John worked numerous undercover narcotics investigations and has three affirmed U.S. Supreme Court cases based on his duties as a drug agent with U.S. Customs Service.