

Speaker Bios – Crisis 101 Panel Discussion

BRIANNA ALBRACHT

LPC-A

Brianna, Licensed Professional Counselor-Associate (LPC-A), is the Program Administrator for the Intercept Team at Texas Panhandle Centers, a co-responder unit partnered with the Amarillo Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team. She received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Psychology, and also holds a master's degree in Counseling from West Texas A&M University. Additionally, Brianna is a master trainer in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for Living Works, which allows her to teach others how to talk with individuals experiencing suicide ideation. Brianna has spent the majority of her career in crisis work focusing on suicide.



SERGEANT RUDY A. MONTANO

Sgt. Rudy Montano is a lifetime resident of Amarillo, Texas, and is married to Faith Montano 23 years with one son, Dawson. Sgt. Montano has had the privilege to serve with the Randall County Sheriff's Office since 2004. He has worked in all areas of the office including corrections, patrol, and in criminal investigations. His current assignment is as an investigator assigned to Juvenile Crimes, Mental Cases, and Attempted Suicides. Sgt. Montano is also the Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator since 2017, and Team Lead Hostage Negotiator since 2021. Sgt. Montano is a strong believer in servant leadership and being involved in community services.



SARA NORTHRUP

LCSW

Sara is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in Amarillo with over 25 years' experience, primarily in community behavioral health.

She has experience in various roles—as a case manager, administrator, educator, and executive director with various agencies and institutions. This includes Texas Panhandle Centers for Behavioral & Developmental Health, Panhandle AIDS Support Organization (PASO), Amarillo Independent School District, United Way of Amarillo and Canyon, and West Texas A&M University.

Sara is the Program Administrator for Adult Behavioral Health services at Texas Panhandle Centers. She is responsible for the management and supervision of the Assertive Community Treatment team, TCOOMMI (probation and parole) program, homeless services, and adult case management and skills training, both in Amarillo and in the outlying regional areas, covering the upper 21 counties in the Texas panhandle.