

### **Education Committee**

2024 was a great education year. We offered two documentary panels: *Victim/Suspect* (originally recorded in late 2023) and *This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep*, which were highly regarded and had 407 and 291 orders in 2024 respectively. The top Wednesday Webinars included topics on hymenal morphology, transgender examinations, trauma informed care, and injury assessment. The learning management system had over 3,200 webinar orders (up 30% from last year).

Bootcamps were developed and are being added to Gunshot Wounds and Human Trafficking to include Pediatric Abuse, Elder Abuse and Maltreatment, and Gangs – set to roll out in 2025.

Education Modules were designed with Symptom Media featuring interviewing modules, and Walking Wise human trafficking training.

We had successful conferences: AFN Michigan Regional Conference, AFN Las Vegas Regional Conference, Children's Grief & Trauma National Conference (presented by Adam's Place in cooperation with AFN), and our annual AFN National Conference offered virtually—all of which had amazing and diverse topics and international speakers.

The education committee listened to our membership and for the first time has scheduled Regionals for the next two years across the United States.

### **Bell Works Talks – Podcast**

13 podcasts have been uploaded in 2024

Topics have included a wide range of forensic nursing issues:

- Translating forensic nursing science to the larger healthcare community
- Addressing the Intersection of Human Trafficking in Healthcare
- Mindfulness-based Tools for Forensic Nurses
- The Realities of Human Trafficking and How It Can be Combated
- When a Child Goes Missing: Navigating the Void
- Veterinary Forensic Medicine and Pathology
- An Interview with Nurse Coroner Dr. Annette Cannon
- Strangulation During Sex
- Defining Addiction
- The Usual Suspects: Bite Mark Analysis
- Telemental Health Assessment and Implications for IPV in Rural Settings
- Youth Suicide
- Forensic Nursing in Switzerland

Since the beginning (10/17/2019) there have been 60 episodes. 9585 downloads.

In 2024 there were 4214 downloads of the 13 episodes

Average audience per episode: 200

The top countries

- United States
- Canada
- Australia
- United Kingdom
- Japan

In November 2024 a listener survey was implemented.

### **Special Interest Groups**

AFN SIGS were strengthened with Co-Chairs this year to strengthen leadership and foster growth for our membership. Existing SIGS include: Child Maltreatment, Death Investigation, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, International and School Nurse.

New Special Interest Groups were added in 2024 including Rural and Harm Reduction, and a Male SIG is slated to begin in 2025.

### **Journal Club**

The journal club had a successful year of reviewing 11 journal articles! Many of these reviews were published in JAFN and are available to all members. Anyone, regardless of educational background, are welcome to join the monthly meetings as we navigate research critiques as a team. Reach out to Christine Foote-Lucero ([cfootelucero@afnmail.org](mailto:cfootelucero@afnmail.org)) if you would like to be added to the mailing list or have an article suggestion.

### **Inaugural Daisy Nurse Leader Awards**

For the first time ever – the Academy of Forensic Nursing was chosen to offer the DAISY Nurse Leaders awards. The two categories include:

- **Clinical Forensic Nursing Pathfinder:** A specialized resource or guide who assists forensic nurses in navigating the intersection of healthcare and the legal system. This pathfinder provides essential information, tools, and references tailored to the unique needs of forensic nursing practice.
- **Forensic Nursing Scholar:** A highly knowledgeable and dedicated professional in the field of forensic nursing who engages in advanced study, research, and education to contribute to the body of knowledge and practice in this specialty.

DAISY Nurse Leader Awards will be offered annually by AFN at a Regional Conference.

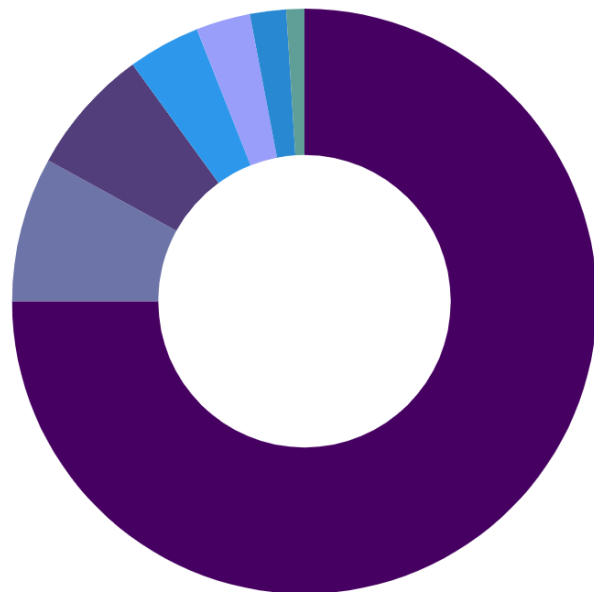
## **Strengthened Partnerships**

The DAISY Foundation and the Association of Nurse Attorney joined AFN's growing list of partners, and the Sigma SAFE/SANE Courseware was revised for purchase through Sigma Theta Tau.

The AFN supported our Forensic Nursing Partners internationally by attending the Swiss Forensic Nursing Association held in Chur Switzerland, and the Canadian Forensic Nursing Association at their National Conference. AFN also partnered with CFNA on a Podcast on Combatting Forced Organ Harvesting.

## **Membership**

The year ended with 948 paying members, 45 lifetime members, and 121 complimentary members, for a total of 1,114. This was an increase of 171 members over 2023. AFN offers discounted memberships for interdisciplinary partners, students, and retirees. But at 75% of our membership, the Healthcare Professional level represents the majority of the incredible people we serve.



- Healthcare Professional (75%)
- Student (8%)
- Dual Membership (7%)
- Lifetime Member (4%)
- Retired (3%)
- DAISY Honoree (2%)
- Associate Front Line Professional (1%)