



NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS SHRM

June 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, June 24th, 2026
Searcy Chamber of Commerce at 11:30am

Thomas D. Ritchie, LPC-S Life Within Counseling Group, LLC

Thomas is the founder of Life Within Counseling Group and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). He is on a mission to deliver a service to the community that will inspire hope, build courage, and restore healing to the life within all of us. It is his belief that every person who walks into his office deserves absolute love, mercy and grace.

The primary focus of his career has been working with children and families. Whether in the homes of families or the classrooms with children, he is passionate about seeing children and families succeed. Recently he has expanded his practice to see adults.

Thomas provides therapy with issues related to trauma and other disorders resulting from stress. He works with foster families and children as well as families in the adoption process. He is trained in various approaches to improve attachment and also clinically proven treatments for trauma, TF-CBT and EMDR-II.

In his free time, you can find Thomas enjoying the outdoors, dreaming big ideas and being with his family.



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June Agenda

- Lunch
(RSVP by 06/23 to Tonya Elliott)
- Speaker Presentation
- Media Day

Board Announcements

- Website Updates
- Bylaws Updates



MEDIA DAY INITIATIVE

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We are excited to announce that our chapter website is currently undergoing a redesign to create a more modern, engaging, and user-friendly experience for our members and community. As part of this effort, we will be hosting a Media Day at our upcoming meeting.

This will provide an opportunity to capture updated photos to better reflect who we are today. These new images will be incorporated into the redesigned website and potentially other marketing materials for our chapter.

We encourage all attendees to participate to refresh our online presence and create a website that accurately represents our chapter's professionalism, culture, and commitment to serving HR professionals throughout our community.





Upcoming for our Chapter:

June:

NCA SHRM CHAPTER MEETING | June 24th
Board Meeting | June 26th

July:

NCA SHRM CHAPTER MEETING | July 15th

Upcoming AR SHRM Events:

ARSHRM State Conference & Expo
October 14-16, 2026
Hot Springs, AR
Registration now open!
Get the Early Bird Special

Upcoming SHRM Webinars Available:

Summer HR Essentials: Navigating Hot Topics for Workforce Well-Being
June 24, 2026 1:00 PM ET

The Path from HR to the Boardroom
July 1, 2026 1:00 PM ET

2026 NCA SHRM BOARD MEMBERS

President – Amanda Bledsoe

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