



20th Children's Interagency Conference

Monday, April 30 through Thursday, May 3, 2018

Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
State College, PA

sponsored by
Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services
PA System of Care Partners
PA Child Welfare Resource Center

About the Conference

The 20th Children's Interagency Conference will bring together Pennsylvania's Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) and System of Care (SOC) partners providing behavioral health. The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for providers, county administrators, youth, family members, practitioners, and educators to learn about changing trends, promising and best practices, resources and various system of care activities across Pennsylvania. The conference will also add a national perspective on a variety of issues including government, family peer, early childhood, youth leadership, and school-based mental health. We hope you can join us!

Conference logo by Matthew Budd, Delaware Valley High School, Pike County, PA

General Information

Welcome to the 20th Children's Interagency Conference! We are pleased to bring back the Children's Interagency Conference. This conference was a long-standing event in Pennsylvania that brought together a variety of stakeholders focused on children's mental health, and promoted the work of our Child and Adolescent Service System Programs (CASSP) across the state. Now it has grown to include our System of Care values and principles. It will provide an excellent opportunity for providers, county administrators, youth, family members, practitioners, and our child-serving system partners to learn and share information such as changing trends, promising and best practices, system of care activities, and a variety of resources. The conference will also offer a national perspective on issues including but not limited to government, family peer, early childhood, youth leadership, suicide prevention, and school-based mental health. We hope you can join us in welcoming back this premier event! — *Shannon Fagan, Director, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services*

The conference will feature content for youth and young adults; families and advocates; clinicians and supervisors; agency and county planners; cross system partners, including education and those serving youth with autism; and early childhood practitioners.

Continuing Education Credits: CEUs are being sought for psychologists, licensed professional counselors, marriage and family counselors, licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers, Act 48, certified peer specialists, and PQAS hours for early childhood professionals.

Monday, April 30, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Scheduled Meetings
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Addresses

Welcome: Department of Human Services

Speaker: Millie Sweeney, M.S.

"Families Supporting Families: More Than Just a Movement"

Millie Sweeney, M.S. is deputy director for the Family-Run Executive Director Leadership Association. With more than 20 years of experience navigating systems with and on behalf of families, she now specializes in grant and program development, staff supervision and training, parent peer support and family engagement, curriculum development, and systems of care.

Speaker: Lacy Dicharry, M.S., M.B.A.

"Elevating Young Adults to Young Professionals: The Next Evolution of Youth Development"

Lacy (Kendrick Burk) Dicharry, M.S., M.B.A. is the CEO of the Kevin and Margaret Hines Foundation. In 2014, she received the VOICE Award for her efforts to promote youth engagement. She has overcome many personal challenges, including abuse and trauma, and various mental health diagnoses. She also serves on the board for the International Foster Care Organization.

Entertainment by Capital School of the Arts

- 3:15-4:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Youth and Family Gathering with Dr. Judith Dogin
- 6:15 p.m. Youth M.O.V.E. PA Dinner and Activity
- 7:00 p.m. "The Rainman Effect Documentary," a film about autism followed by questions and answers with the filmmakers

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

- 7:30-8:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Concurrent Workshops
- 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Concurrent workshops
- 12:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Addresses

Theme: School-Based Mental Health Services

Speaker: Amy Kennedy

"The Kennedy Forum: Pathways to Improving the Delivery of Mental Health Services in Education"

Amy Kennedy is the education director for the Kennedy Forum, providing consultation services that emphasize evidence-based research and programming in education and mental health. She also serves on the board of Mental Health America. She and her husband, former congressman Patrick Kennedy live in southern New Jersey.

Speaker: Judith Dogin, M.D.

"Innovations in School-Based Mental Health in Pennsylvania"

Judith Dogin, M.D. is a child and adolescent psychiatrist who served as chief medical officer and deputy chief executive officer for Community Care Behavioral Health Organization. She had provided direct care, educated professionals in training, and administered comprehensive community behavioral health services and programs.

- 2:45-4:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops
- 4:45-5:45 p.m. Coffee and Conversation with Gary Blau
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Activity and Food
- 7:00 p.m. Family Networking and Activity

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m. General Session

Keynote Address: Gary Blau, Ph.D.

"Better Together: Partnering to Expand and Sustain Systems of Care"

Gary Blau is chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and the editor of eight books. He is the recipient of the SAMHSA Administrator's Award for "unparalleled and innovative leadership in children's mental health," along with numerous other awards.

Presentation of Conference Awards

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Concurrent Workshops

11:30-12:45 p.m. Lunch
OMHSAS Lunch with CASSP and Systems of Care Coordinators

1:00-4:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

4:30-6:00 p.m. Poster Session and Reception
Musical performance by the Nittany Valley Symphony Youth Flute Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Activity and Food

7:00 p.m. Family Networking and Activity

Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30-9:15 a.m. General Session

Keynote Address: Junlei Li, Ph.D.

"Doing One Thing Right, Right Now, to Serve Children and Youth in Adversity"

Junlei Li is co-director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media and Rita M. McGinley Professor of Psychology and Human Development at Saint Vincent College. He has learned from children's helpers across many diverse and low-resource developmental settings, including orphanages, child care, classrooms, and community programs. He has presented at numerous national, statewide, and international conferences for early childhood, K-12 education, and child/youth/family development.

9:30-11:00 a.m. Concurrent Workshops

11:00-11:30 a.m. Gift Basket Giveaway

11:30 a.m. Conference Ends: See You in 2020!

Our Thanks!

A special thank you to all the agencies and organizations that are supporting the conference by exhibiting or providing sponsorships and scholarships. We couldn't do it without you!

A Sampling of Workshop Topics

More than 120 proposals for 90-minute and three-hour workshops have been accepted. Below is a partial list of topics:

- Best Practices in Bullying Prevention
- Creating Supports for Transition-Age Youth Through a Provider, County, and Managed Care Partnership
- Intervening in Adolescent Substance Abuse: An Evidence-Based Model
- Introduction to Attachment-Based Family Therapy for Adolescents Who Are Suicidal and Depressed
- LGBTQI, Mental Health, and Creating a Safe Zone
- My LIFE MATTERS: Youth as Agents of Change
- The Linkage Between Value-Based Purchasing and Clinical Care Approaches
- Nurse-Family Partnerships and Moving Beyond Depression: An In-Home Collaborative Approach
- Open Table: A Model for Transformative Change on the Community Level
- Personalizing Care for Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Preventing and Reducing Expulsion and Suspension in Early Childhood Settings: A Policy to Improve School Climate
- Repairing the Breach: The Impact of Family Therapy in Residential Treatment
- Supporting Early Childhood Mental Health Through Integrated Primary Care Services
- Youth Homelessness and Human Trafficking: Risk, Identification, and Intervention
- Youth MOVE Philadelphia: Ten Years of Crisis Intervention Training with the Philadelphia Police Academy
- Youth Suicide Risk Assessment and Brief Interventions

The poster session on Wednesday evening will feature more than 30 posters and highlight best practices and emerging research, and feature submissions from community groups and Collaborative Eastern Region, Drexel University, Pennsylvania Infant Mental Health Association, West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh, and Widener University.

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Registration and Lodging Information

Conference Registration Costs:

- Early registration for the entire conference: \$300; after March 30: \$325.
- Single day, Monday and Thursday: \$75; late registration is \$100.
- Single day: Tuesday and Wednesday: \$150; late registration is \$175.

Parent and youth/young adult scholarships are available to help with registration and lodging costs. Parents, youth, and young adults are encouraged to contact their counties for scholarship assistance. For more information about scholarships, please email ra-PWInteragencyConf@pa.gov.

Conference Schedule and Registration:

Information about the full conference schedule and registration is available at pasocpartnership.org/20th-interagency-conference. There are three links for registration: 1) all conference attendees; 2) exhibitors and sponsors; and 3) workshop and poster session presenters. Regular conference-goers, including family members and youth, should use the first link.

Lodging:

Lodging at the Penn Stater can be booked online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9djjpku>, or call 800-233-7505. The group code is CASP18B. The room rate is \$119. The address is The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, 215 Innovation Blvd. State College, PA 16803. A block of additional rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn and at Toftrees Golf Resort. The Hilton Garden Inn is located at 1221 E. College Ave, State College, PA 16801. Online booking is available at www.statecollege.hgi.com (click on more options to add the group code) or call 814-272-1221. The group code is SOC. The Toftrees Golf Resort is located at One Country Club Lane, State College, PA, 16803. Online booking is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ydcjv3af> or call 866-238-4218. The group code is SOC. The conference blocks of rooms will be released on March 29.

Conference Mobile App: The conference will use a mobile app for alerts, announcements, workshops, handouts, and other details before and during the conference. Conference registrants will receive an email with information about downloading the app.

Questions? Email ra-PWInteragencyConf@pa.gov.