



Southwest Georgia School-Based Behavioral Health Forum
Supporting Children's Mental and Emotional Well-Being

- 11:15 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND LUNCH**
- 12:00 p.m. **OPENING REMARKS**
Terrence Wilson, JD, MPA, Staff Attorney, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
- 12:05 p.m. **YOUTH REMARKS**
Cherrelle Nieves
- 12:10 p.m. **WELCOME**
Ken Dyer, MBA, Superintendent, Dougherty County School District
- 12:30 p.m. **PANEL I: OVERVIEW OF SCHOOL BASED-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
Defining school-based behavioral health and the status in Georgia
- Moderator – Madison McClung, Reporter, WALB Albany
Panelists:
Erica Fener Sitkoff, PhD, Executive Director, Voices for Georgia's Children
Garry W. McGiboney, PhD, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of School Safety and Climate, Georgia Department of Education
Dimple Desai, MSW, Research Associate, Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health, Georgia State University
Lisa Bailey, MSW, Social Services Coordinator, Lee County Schools
- 1:10 p.m. **PANEL II: MODELS AND IMPLEMENTATION**
Implementation of school-based behavioral health in SW Georgia
- Moderator – Talley Wells, JD, MEd, Executive Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
Panelists:
Nicole Patten, MSW, LCSW, Youth and Young Adult Services Coordinator, Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Clifton Bush, MHA, Chief Operating Officer, Albany Area Primary Health Care Inc.
Wilena McClain, Albany Wraparound Service Support Center
- 1:50 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 2:20 p.m. **PANEL III: OVERCOMING WORKFORCE BARRIERS**
Addressing the shortage of workforce as a barrier to expanding access to SBBH
- Moderator – Brittney Newton MPH, Policy Analyst, Voices for Georgia's Children

Panelists:

Todd Jones, Programs Specialist for the Office of Children, Young Adults and Families, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Barbara Nowak PhD, LCSW, Chair, Department of Social Work, Albany State University

Annie Lewis EdD, CRC, Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling and Educational Leadership, Albany State University

Samantha Boatwright LCSW, Georgia Apex Coordinator, Georgia Pines CSB

3:00 p.m.

PANEL IV: OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Addressing parents' and caregivers' engagement as a barrier to improving access to SBBH

Moderator – Terrence Wilson JD, MPA, Staff Attorney, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

Panelists:

Bronwyn Ragan-Martin, EdD Superintendent, Early County School System

Kim Jones, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness - Georgia

Vickie Hill BS, ICADC, ECADC, MATS, CPS-P, The Struggle WithIN, Inc., Chapter of NFFCMH; TEAP Specialist for Turner Job Corps

Simone Turner, Regional Program Manager, Communities in Schools Georgia

3:40 p.m.

RECAP and NEXT STEPS

Eve Byrd DNP, MPH, Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

4:00 p.m.

Youth Remarks

Javanese Williams

4:05 p.m.

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