



**CMHACY**

*California Mental Health Advocates  
for Children and Youth*

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# FROM ISSUES TO SOLUTIONS

Putting the Pieces Together

The 37th Annual CMHACY Conference

**MAY 17 – 19, 2017**

Pre-Conference on Tuesday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m.  
through Wednesday, May 17th at 12:00 p.m.

Conference on Wednesday, May 17th from 1:45 p.m.  
until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017.

AT ASILOMAR CONFERENCE GROUNDS IN  
PACIFIC GROVE ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

People all over the state are developing ways to serve California's children, youth, and families. The pieces are out there, but they need to be gathered together. That's CMHACY. Our conference gathers people and programs from around California and across the fields that care about children and families - Mental Health, Education, Child Welfare, Alcohol and other Drug Services, Juvenile Justice, families, youth, county agencies, service providers, teachers - you. Come to Asilomar in May. See which pieces can help you move from Issues to Solutions.

*Marty Giffin*

- Marty Giffin, President, CMHACY Board of Directors

## FOUR PRE-CONFERENCES

Two Pre-Conferences, one for Youth and one for Families and caregivers, will open up on Tuesday, May 16. There will be activities focused on Youth, on Families, and on both in a combined "Youth and Family" Pre-Conference. Full details will be posted on our website, CMHACY.org, and will be sent out via email.

The other two Pre-Conferences will start early in the morning, Wednesday, May 17.

One focuses on Education, with a session on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and a session on the CCR Roll-out.

The other focuses on the issues that are facing Counties and Community-based Agencies

These are not exclusive, the focus defines the content, not the participants. Anyone may attend any Pre-Conference.

For more information, go to CMHACY.org



# CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 17

## 2:00 pm Carissa Phelps

*Learning Trust and Interdependence After Human Trafficking; Celebrating the Dance of Surviving and Healing for Children and Adolescents*

Carissa founded Runaway Girl, Inc to organize survivors of human trafficking around resources, networks, business, and local efforts to protect and care for survivors and victims within their own communities. She is the author of Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time. Carissa will open the conference by highlighting key changes in legislation, and current and future challenges and opportunities. Carissa's life provides an example of how to succeed after trauma through practicing and modeling compassion, grace and trust, that everyone will want to know more about, from mental health providers, survivors, social workers, probation officers and families. This is for everyone.

## 3:15 pm Youth Panel

## 7:00 pm Keynote Speaker - Frankie Guzman

A juvenile justice attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, Frankie is working to eliminate the practice of prosecuting and incarcerating children in California's adult criminal justice system and he advocates for alternative sentencing and local treatment for youth charged with serious offenses statewide.

He grew up in an immigrant community and grappled with the stressors of parental divorce, homelessness, loss of friends to violence, being sentenced to fifteen years in CYA (California Youth Authority) and on parole. He eventually attended law school and has become an expert in juvenile law; he currently dedicates himself to advocating for youth in order to keep them out of jails and prisons. His recent successes include his several laws pertaining to juvenile justice and assisting in the crafting of the recent ballot initiative, Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016, promoted by Governor Brown.

Thursday, May 18

## 9:00 am Paul Baker

*The PersonBrain Model: Using a NeuroRelational Approach to Provide Hope for Challenging Children and Youth*

Paul is the CEO of Accentra Behavioral and Educational Services in Tennessee, the Clinical Director for Allambi Care in Australia, and he is a foster and adoptive parent. As a developmental neuropsychologist Paul developed The PersonBrain Model, a comprehensive, strength-based neurorelational support model and co-authored The Hopeful Brain: NeuroRelational Repair for Disconnected Children and Youth, The Minded Brain: An Educational Curriculum to Enhance Social, Emotional and Cultural Experience and Better Behavior...Positively!

Paul will describe practical knowledge of how experiences, both positive and negative, shape the brain and, as a result, how the brain drives behaviors. He will introduce The PersonBrain Model, a NeuroRelational approach that promotes hope and opportunity, providing positive, brain-based supports grounded in proven theories and practices. Paul will discuss how our brains continuously develop within our relationships and environments. From the moment we are born, our brains are learning to respond to experiences, and how to promote transformation of negative experiences into positive outcomes through the power of strong, supportive relationships and NeuroDynamic Interventions.



## THREE SESSIONS OF 13 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

10:30 am – 5:00 pm

### **Implementing NeuroRelational Approach Across Settings: Simplified Supports for Challenging Children and Youth**

*Paul Baker, CEO of Accentra Behavioral and Educational Services in Tennessee, the Clinical Director for Allambi Care in Australia, and a foster and adoptive parent*

### **Beyond CSEC 101: An Integrated Approach**

*Carissa Phelps, Executive Director, Runaway Girl*

*Georgina Yoshioka, Capella University*

*Anne-Michelle Ellis, Coordinator, San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation*

### **Protecting Consumer Health Care Rights and Ensuring a Stable Delivery System: Overview of the California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC)**

*Mary Watanabe, Deputy Director, Health Policy and Stakeholder Relations, California Dept of Managed Health Care*

### **The Importance of Engagement**

*Carmen Diaz, Tina Mata, and Dora Guererro, Parent Advocates, Countywide Administration Wraparound, LA County Dept of Mental Health*

*Yesenia Guerrero, daughter of Dora, recipient of services from Wraparound*

### **Rhymecology: How Hip-Hop Can Heal**

*Jeff Walker, Rhymecologist, Stars Behavioral Health Group*

### **Empowering Practitioners to Advocate for Crisis Prevention and Intervention Protocol**

*Stacey Bamford, Program Manager, and Jennifer Athanacio, School Psychologist, Fremont Unified School District*

### **School-Based Mental Health for Children in Early Education, K-2nd Grade – A Workshop for Parents and Family Members and Mental Health Providers in Early Education**

*Kai LeMasson, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)*

*Vickie Mendoza, Director Parent Leadership Institute and Michaele Beebe, Deputy Director Parent Leadership Institute and Director of Public Policy and Research, United Advocates for Children and Families (UACF)*

### **Restorative Justice in Monterey County: Encouraging Accountability, Reparation, and Empathy**

*Jennie Burciaga, Executive Director, Restorative Justice Partners, Inc*

*Natalie Alfaro Frazier, Restorative Justice in the Schools Program Coordinator*

*Veronica Miramontes, Victim Offender Reconciliation Program Coordinator*



## **Priority Access for Services & Supports (PASS)**

*Judy Webber, Deputy Director, Department of Children & Family Services, Ventura County Human Services Agency*

*David Swanson Hollinger, Senior Program Manager, Department of Children and Family Services, Ventura County Human Services Agency,*

*Steve Hornberger, Director, Social Policy Institute, School of Social Work, San Diego State University*

*Elaine Crandall, Director, Ventura County Behavioral Health*

*Briana Duffy, Western Regional VP, Beacon Health Options*

## **Essentials of Youth Advocacy**

*Beth Wolf, Director of Programs, and Erik Villalobos, Education Coordinator, NAMI California*

*Sally Tran, and Daniela Guarnizo, youth advocates, NAMI California*

## **Positive, Predictable, but Not Always Routine: Early Childhood PBIS**

*Corinne Foley, Program Manager, Kami Murphy, PBIS Coordinator, and Jessica Soto, PBIS Specialist,*

*Desert Mountain SELPA*

## **PREP, Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis**

*Adriana Furuzawa, PREP Division Director*

*Anna Ballas, PREP Program Manager in Monterey County,*

*Bruce Adams III, PREP/BEAM Program Manager for San Mateo County*

*Amanda Downing, Supported Employment and Education Services Director of the PREP Division*

*Michael Krechevsky, Family Support Specialist at PREP San Mateo*

## **Outcomes For All: The Development and Use of Interactive Reports**

*Leticia Galyean, Executive Director, Development, Evaluation, and Strategic Initiatives, and Jesh Harbaugh, Asst. Director of Business Intelligence, Seneca Family of Agencies*

## **Risk Assessment: Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention**

*Hope Anderson and Krystal Duncan, Behavioral and Mental Health Therapists, Hemet Unified School District (HUSD)*

## **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth (CSECY): Providing care to victims across systems: A team approach**

*Erica Reynoso and Makesha Jones-Chambers, CSECY Project Leads, LA County Dept of Mental Health (LACDMH),*

*Myla Lampkin, Juvenile Justice Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, LACDMH*

*Joan Pera, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer / Child Trafficking Unit, LA County Probation Department*

*Tonya Octave, CSEC Supervisor / Multi-Agency Response Team, LA County Dept of Children and Family Services*

*Jenny Cheung Marino, Firm Director / NACC Child Welfare Law Specialist, Children's Law Center (CLC)*

*Beatriz Navarro, Community Liaison Public Health Nurse, LA County Dept of Public Health*



## **Stronger Together**

*Ivy Jackson, Regional Manager, Riverside Co, Dept of Public Social Services, Children's Services Division*

*Paul Thompson, Deputy Director, Riverside University Health System, Behavioral Health, Children's Services*

*Kristen Thompson, Senior Public Health Nurse, Riverside Co Dept of Public Health*

## **Building School-Based Communities of Support for Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth (UIY)**

*Jasmine Gonzalez, UIY Behavioral Health Consultant and Senior Clinical Case Manager, Center for Healthy Schools and Communities, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency*

*A clinician from La Familia Counseling and member of the UIY Care Team (to be determined)*

## **Creating Cultures of Healing in Schools: An Integrated Approach to Addressing Trauma**

*Tuere Anderson, Clinical Director, CHSC, Alameda County Health Care Services*

*Lisa Warhuus, Associate Director, CHSC, Alameda County Health Care Services*

## **Increasing Student and Family Success through Integrated Multi-Tiered Systems of Support**

*Steph Jensen, Manager Sales & Marketing, Boys Town National Training*

*Tasha Arneson, Former Director, Program Manager, Riverside County SELPA*

## **Addressing Educational Needs of Foster Youth under Continuum of Care Reform**

*Danielle Mole, Senior Policy Advocate, California Alliance of Child and Family Services*

*Martha Matthews, Directing Attorney, Children's Rights Project, Public Counsel*

*A Provider Representative from LA RBS demonstration site TBD*

## **Empowering Youth to Succeed in School and Maintain their Mental Health**

*Robyn Gantsweg, Peer Self-Advocacy Unit manager, Disability Rights California*

## **Mindful Engagement: Should We Increase Youth Presence and Power On California's Mental Health Boards?**

*Aisa Villarosa, Associate Attorney, Young Minds Advocacy*

*Annabelle Gardner, Director of Communications & Development, Young Minds Advocacy*

*Joy Anderson, Policy Coordinator, California Youth Connection*

*Youth Advocate, Mental Health Board Representative, TBD*



## **Moving Beyond Coordination and Collaboration: Integrated Services in San Bernardino County**

*Timothy Hougen, Program Manager II, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health*

*Nicky Hackett, Deputy Director, San Bernardino County Children and Family Services*

*Holly Benton, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, San Bernardino County Probation*

## **Capacity Building through School Behavioral Health Consultation (SBHC)**

*Becky Tyler, Mental Health Clinician II, Program Coordinator, Stanislaus Co Behavioral Health & Recovery Services - School Based Services (SCBHRS-SBS)*

*Jose Tijerina, Mental Health Clinician II, SCBHRS-SBS*

*Manuel Rivera Mental Health Clinician I, SCBHRS-SBS*

*Janet Ruiz, Mental Health Clinician I, SCBHRS-SBS*

## **Empowering Systems and Addressing Health Disparities through Community Engagement.**

*Geny Zapata, Dir of Behavioral Sciences, White Memorial Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program (WMM)*

*Theresa Castillo, Women and Infant Health Coordinator, WMM*

*Gabriel Solorio, Lead Educator, Applied Technology Center (High School: Health Pathways)*

*Nilofar Sanaiha, physician*

## **Setting the Agenda: Recommendations for California's Children Mental Health Policy Agenda in 2017 and Beyond**

*Patrick Gardner, President & Founder, Young Minds Advocacy*

## **TAY Collaboration for Change!**

*Susan Manzi, Executive Director, Youth In Mind (YIM)*

*Cary McQueen, Executive Director, Art with Impact*

*YIM youth leaders*

*Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Committee Transition Age Youth Collaboration (OACTAYC) leaders*

*At least two youth leaders and one staff*

## **Youth Listening for Wellness!**

*Susan Manzi, Executive Director, YIM*

*Cary McQueen, Executive Director, Art with Impact*

*YIM youth leaders, OACTAYC leaders, At least two youth leaders and one staff*

## **Youth Art for Impact!**

*Susan Manzi, Executive Director, YIM*

*Cary McQueen, Executive Director, Art with Impact*

*YIM youth leaders, OACTAYC leaders, At least two youth leaders and one staff*

## **Teaching Public Speaking and Storytelling; A Key Part of Cultivating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth Advocates and Instructors in LA County**

*Brian Goldman, Training Manager, Stars Behavioral Health group (SBHG)*

*Lorne Wood, Peer Training Specialist, SBHG's Stars Training Academy*

*Youth-in-Mind Member*

## **Effectively using Partnerships to Implement California's Continuum of Care Reform**

*Natalie Bolin and David Rodriquez, Managers, Tulare County Child Welfare Services*

*Betsy Ellis, Unit Manager, Tulare County Health and Human Services*

*Rosemary Juarez, Foster Care Self Sufficiency Supervisor, TulareWORKs,*

*Mike Gibson, Executive Director, Christina Osorio, Program Manager, Tammy Cunningham, Parent Partner, and Emily Garcia, Foster Parent Mentor, all from Parenting Network Family Resource Center*

## **New Opportunities to Serve Children, Youth and Families Through Proposition 64**

*Steve Hornberger, Director, Social Policy Institute, School of Social Work, San Diego State University*

*Dave Neilsen, Senior Mental Health Policy Advocate, California Alliance of Child and Family Services*

Friday, May 19

**8:30 am – 11:30 am The Annual Legislative and Policy Update Panel and Call to Action**

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