

25TH

**ROSALYNN CARTER
GEORGIA MENTAL
HEALTH FORUM**



THE TWENTY-FIFTH ROSALYNN CARTER
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VIRTUAL EVENT

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
1:00 – 3:30 P.M.

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

WELCOME

Jason Carter, J.D., Chair, Board of Trustees, The Carter Center

1:05 – 1:15 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Diane Waugh, RESPECT Institute

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Panel: A Unified Vision for Transforming Mental Health and Substance Use Care
(<https://wellbeingtrust.org/news/unifiedvision/>)

CEOs of 14 of the nation's leading mental health advocacy organizations and professional associations recently came together to create a unified vision to transform systems and chart a new course for mental health care that's more integrated, accessible, and equitable. Discuss how we can join together to bring about comprehensive change to promote well-being and improve care for everyone.

Videos:

Tyler Norris, M.Div., Chief Executive, Well Being Trust

Arthur Evans, Jr., Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, American Psychological Association

Georgia Respondents:

Moderator: Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Abdul Henderson, Executive Director, Mental Health America of Georgia

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

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. **BREAK**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Conversation: Mental Health for All**

Now more than ever, access to behavioral health care is a top priority for all of us. As we collectively recognize there is no health without mental health – hear directly from Georgians about their experiences and learn how to take action.

Opening: Kari Cobham, M.A., Senior Associate Director Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism & Media, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Participants:

Kristine Werner, M.S., Board Member, National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Jen Hiding-Kendrick, Co-founder, Marketing and Communications Director, Giving Kitchen

Charles Wood, Former Intern, Spring 2021, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Miriam Pearsall, 2021 Graduate, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Former Intern, Summer 2020, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Call to Action

Helen Robinson, M.P.A., Associate Director-Public Policy, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

CLOSING

Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

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FRIDAY MAY 21, 2021

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

11:00 a.m. - Noon **OPENING MINDFULNESS EXERCISE**

Sadie Bazur-Leidy, M.P.H., Senior Program Associate, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Conversation: Georgia Innovations in Supportive Housing

The innovative approaches to supportive housing that are underway in Georgia

will be discussed. Georgia Supportive Housing Association/Housing First Coalition and the DBHDD Supportive Housing Advisory Committee/SHARE will respond to comments and questions that are raised during the session.

Moderator: Bakari Savage, 2020-21 Rosalynn Carter Fellow for Mental Health Journalism

Participants:

Sam Tsemberis, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Pathways to Housing

Maxwell Ruppensburg, M.P.A., P.M.P., Director, Office of Supportive Housing, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Chris Johnson, M.F.A., Director of Communications, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network

Noon – 12:30 p.m. **Community Connections**

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. **BREAK**

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. **Conversation: Back to School ~ Best Practices in Prevention and Early Intervention**

Georgia is investing in a comprehensive school-based behavioral health (SBBH) model. In response to the pandemic, the increased need for prevention and early intervention services is as important as ever to the sustainability and further development of SBBH across Georgia. A community response is needed as Georgia's children and families are returning to school.

Moderator: Michael Waller, J.D., Executive Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

Participants:

Layla Fitzgerald M.S., Programmatic Officer, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Sue Smith, Ph.D., Executive Director, Georgia Parent Support Network

Cheryl Galloway-Benefield, Ed.S., Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, Office of Whole Child and Supports, Georgia Department of Education

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. **BREAK**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Conversation: Guardianship in Georgia: Support and Protection of Rights**

Advances in processes and the use of evidence-based assessment tools that ensure adequate support while preserving the individual rights of Georgians will be discussed.

Moderator: Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Participants:

Honorable Susan Tate, J.D., (ret.) Judge, Probate Court of Clarke County
Dwan Grooms, Protection and Placement Specialist, Division of Aging Services, Georgia
Department of Human Services
Julie Kegley, J.D., Senior Staff Attorney/Program Director, Georgia Advocacy Office

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Kashef Ijaz, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President, Health Programs, The Carter Center

3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

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