April 18-19

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Ohio Children's Alliance

Leading change for child and family service providers

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50TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Draft Agenda

Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square
75 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio

Conference Draft Agenda

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 | 50th Anniversary Celebration!

8:00-9:00am	**Check-in and Light Continental Breakfast**
9:00am	**Welcome Presentation**
9:15-10:30am	Featured **Keynote Speaker** **Martin Luther King, III** *Civil Rights Advocate and Global Humanitarian*
10:30am	**Morning Break**
10:45am-12:00pm	**Breakout Session One** (1.25 CEUs)
12:00-1pm	**Light Luncheon**
1:00-2:15pm	**Breakout Session Two** (1.25 CEUs)
2:15pm	**Afternoon Break**
2:30-3:45pm	**Breakout Session Three** (1.25 CEUs) ***Alliance Annual Business Meeting—Members Only***
4:00-5:00pm	**50th Anniversary Celebration Reception**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 | Advocacy Day!

8:00-9:00am	**Check-in and Light Continental Breakfast**
9:00am	**Welcome Presentation and Awards**
9:15-10:15am	**Keynote Presentation** **Jon Husted,** *66th Lt. Governor, State of Ohio*
10:15am	**Morning Break**
10:30-11:30am	**Breakout Session One** (1 CEU)
11:30am-12:30pm	**Light Luncheon with Legislator Panel Discussion:** • *Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio* • *Senator Mark Romanchuk* • *Representative Susan Manchester*
12:30-1:45pm	**Breakout Session Two** (1.25 CEUs) **& Advocacy Session One**
1:45pm	**Afternoon Break**
2:00-3:15pm	**Breakout Session Three** (1.25 CEUs) **& Advocacy Session Two**
3:15pm	**Adjourn**

Tue April 18 | Breakout Session One

10:45am-12:00pm (1.25 hours)

Advancing to Your Next Level of Leadership

Presenter: Carol Johnson, Ms.Ed., Certified Coach, Presenter, Trainer, Youth Facilitator, Elevate Coaching and Consulting Services, LLC

Advancing to the Next Level of Leadership is designed to help participants clarify the importance of growing as a leader within an agency, seeing oneself as a shared leader with the responsibility to engage in continuous professional growth as they lead from their current position. They will have a more excellent knowledge of the leadership journey as it is not a solo journey but one in which you take others along with you. They will be able to embrace learned principles and measure their leadership growth based on their level of influence with the people they lead through the five levels of leadership, which include position, permission, production, people development, and pinnacle, as well as be able to utilize tools to develop a growth plan for their next level of leadership. ● ■ ❷❸

Introduction to Behavioral Health Integration

Presenter: Kimberly Blair, MA, LPCC-Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Psychological Services; Co-Presenter: Cody A. Hostutler, PhD, Pediatric Psychologist, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Integration

Behavioral Health needs are highly prevalent and increasing. When an emotional, behavioral, and developmental concern arises, most families first seek the advice of their primary care clinician. Unfortunately, primary care clinicians report little training in behavioral health skills and limited time to address behavioral health concerns. Behavioral health integration within primary care is a promising innovation to help address these gaps in care. Studies have found that behavioral health integration can significantly increase access to care, reduce disparities in care, improve patient experience of care, increase provider satisfaction, and reduce healthcare costs. Integrated models are becoming more and more common in the medical and behavioral health fields as we learn about how the mind and body are connected. This workshop is designed to provide a brief introduction to integrated care including rationale for and impact of BHI, implementation models, effective components, adapting clinical interventions for the primary care setting, common ethical challenges, clinician self-care, and much more. ● ❶

Moving Youth from the Streets to Safety

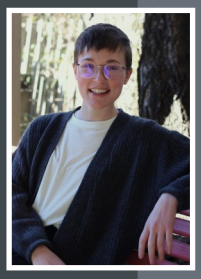
Presenter: Linda Nordahl, LSW, M.Ed., CCM, Zepf Center; Co-Presenters: Sonya Thesing, Executive Director, Huckleberry House; Michael Kocinski II, BA, CPRS, Mighty Crow, Grant Writer, Program Develop

Safety Net in Toledo and Huckleberry House in Columbus are two of Ohio's Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Shelters offering 24 hour emergency shelter for youth 12-17 years old living on the streets or who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk for homelessness. The purpose of the RHY shelters is to provide temporary emergency shelter, educational life skills groups, counseling services, refer to other social services as needed and successfully discharge to safe and stable housing. In addition to providing a trauma-informed safe place for youth to stay, the shelters offer a hot meal and access to other basic necessities such as clothing and hygiene items. The intent of this mission is to increase young people's safety, social and emotional well-being, and self-sufficiency, provide pregnancy prevention and sexual education group services, and help them build permanent connections with families, communities, schools and other positive social networks Both shelters coordinate care and collaborate with other child-serving systems (i.e. child welfare, juvenile justice, etc.) to ensure that youth are connected to their families or other caring adults, rather than further escalating into homelessness. Both shelters are funded through a variety of grants in addition to private donations. This workshop will elevate your awareness and knowledge of RHY shelter services offered in Ohio, how we are funded, how we operate, the populations served and collaboration necessary for holistic care coordination for this vulnerable population. ● ❖ ⌘❶

Tue April 18 | Breakout Session Two

1:00—2:15pm (1.25 hours)

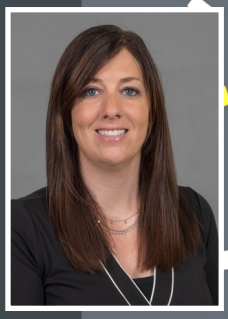
Cultivating Safe Places for LGBTQ Youth



Presenter: Lane Shirrell, Community Education and Research Manager, Kaleidoscope Youth Center

Using data from GLSEN, participants will identify types of oppression (large and small) experienced by LGBTQ+ students in middle school and high school, creating connections where possible to the opening activity. Participants will center the idea that allyship is something that you do, not someone that you are, identify what makes allyship visible to youth, and start discussing various things professionals can do to make sure their spaces are affirming. ● ⌘ ❷❸

Strategies for Recruiting Resource Families in Ohio - It Takes Heart Campaign™



Presenter: Bridget Graber, Program Manager; Co-Presenter: Gabrielle Judy, Program Coordinator, Ohio Children's Alliance

Ohio Children's Alliance, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is working to create and deploy a statewide marketing campaign to increase the number of qualified resource (foster and kinship) and adoptive families in the state. The campaign builds on the current It Takes Heart Ohio campaign launched in 2019, to increase awareness and address the statewide shortage of available resource families. Ohio Children's Alliance's Resource Home Recruitment staff is committed to working with all public and private agencies statewide to make the campaign a success. During this workshop, attendees can expect a brief overview of the foster care landscape (based on data provided by ODJFS) that has been analyzed to better understand the need for resource and adoptive families statewide. We combine this data with historical data and market research of foster and adoptive families over the last 5+ years, to define best practices for recruitment in Ohio. We will present these best practices, share ways for your agency to get involved, and answer any questions you may have about the overall Resource Home Recruitment Program, and the It Takes Heart Ohio campaign. ● ■ ❷❸

Treating Youth with Severe Behavioral Issues in the Home and Community with MST

Presenter: Maureen Kishna, MST Network Partner Director of Ohio, LISW-S, Case Western Reserve University; MSASS, Begun Center for Violence Prevention-Center for Innovative Practices; Co-Presenters: Jennifer Kovi, LISW, MST Clinical Coordinator, Cuyahoga County DCFS; Alyssa "Aly" Kin, LSW, MST Clinician, The Buckeye Ranch

This workshop will engage participants from the child welfare and behavioral health communities in learning more about an effective approach to treating youth with severe behavioral issues in the home and community. A clinician will present a case to demonstrate how this evidence based model addresses complex issues. A supervisor who supports the MST program at her child welfare agency will discuss how this program enhances their mission. The MST Network Partner Director will discuss state and federal initiatives that are making this evidence based model more utilized across Ohio. ● ❶

OhioRISE Care Coordination and Your Role

Presenter: Kelly Smith, OhioRISE External Affairs Administrator; Co-Presenters: Dawn Puster, Deputy Director, The Ohio Department of Medicaid; and Philip D. Atkins, PhD, LICDC-CS, OCPC, Chief Care Coordination Officer/VP, Harbor - CME Region B

Learn about OhioRISE's care coordination process and what role you play. OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) is a specialized Medicaid managed care program that focuses on children and youth who have complex behavioral health and multisystem needs. The OhioRISE program covers behavioral healthcare services and supports, one of which is care coordination. Young people with multisystem needs often require educational, developmental disability, child protection, juvenile justice, and/or mental health and addiction supports. OhioRISE care coordination helps to bring all of these systems together with the youth and family at the center to support their needs. A WHOLE team approach sustains all goals and processes from service providers and other system partners alongside kids and families, working in concert and not fragmented. In this session you will learn about care coordination and ways you can support youth with complex behavioral health and multisystem needs in OhioRISE and how you can refer youth who may benefit from the program. ● ■ ❷❸

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❖ Advancement in Trauma Informed Care

⌘ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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Tue April 18 | Breakout Session Three

2:30—3:45pm (1.25 hours)

Educational Stability for Students in Foster Care

Presenter: Lucy Gobble, Intersystem Program Administrator, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; Co-Presenter: Betsy Hauck, Court Involved Youth Coordinator, Ohio Department of Education

One of the best ways to support educational stability for students in foster care is to take a trauma-informed approach when working with these youth. Once a youth is identified as being in the foster care system, cross-system collaboration is important to supporting the youth. Minimizing the trauma of additional change, the Every Student Succeeds Act works to ensure youth have the same high level achievement of their peers. This workshop will focus on the basics of ESSA along with best practice supports for identified youth in foster care. ● ♦ ❶

Introduction to Incorporating Motivational Interviewing as a Vital Component of Engagement

Presenter: Michael Fox, M.A., LPCC-S, CCDC III, Research Associate/Trainer, Center for Innovative Practices, Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a guided style of communication child, youth and family-supporting professionals can utilize to increase opportunities for engagement. The skills in MI can also assist youth, parents or caregivers, and collateral partners in identifying reasons to and pathways toward change. These are not small tasks, and correlationally, Motivational Interviewing is no small skillset. This introduction (or refresher) will touch on broad aspects of MI, including: defining MI as a communication style that may be used on its own, or in combination with other interventions; the spirit of MI and how this foundation meshes well with child/youth services; skillsets; and engagement. ● ❷❸

Technology Collaboration to Improve Foster Care Outcomes

Presenter: Olivia Dorantes, Customer Success Manager / Former Case Worker, Binti / Former Children's Aid Society; CoPresenter: Cassidy Patterson, Child Welfare Data & Support Manager, The Buckeye Ranch

Join Buckeye Ranch and Binti in an interactive dialogue on the power of data and how technology can be used to promote effective child welfare practice and policy. Each organization will highlight their respective innovation strategies, sharing with participants key ways in which they can harness data to drive positive change at their own organizations. This session, which is designed to facilitate knowledge-sharing and dialogue, will illustrate that the effective use of technology and data can help agencies improve outcomes and make a meaningful impact on children and families. This session will explore ways in which technology that goes a step beyond compliance can reduce paper work, data entry, and redundant tasks to allow social workers to focus more on the needs of the youth and families in their care. It will also touch on how digital tools can provide real time data and insights for executive teams, and in turn allow them to make more informed decisions about what they are doing and why. ● ❷❸

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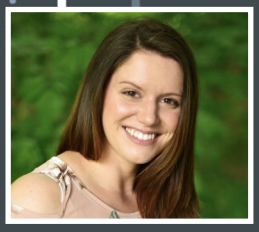


Navigating the Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid - PNM and OMES

Presenter: Chelsea Kohler, Director of EHR Operations and Billing, Behavioral Health Billing Solutions, LLC; Co-Presenter: Mason Yoder, Manager, Implementations & Performance Improvement, Credentialing Team Supervisor

PNM Management for Behavioral Health This portion will review a hands-on perspective of the PNM as agent and admin. We will discuss best practices on credentialing and billing actions within this new system and break down, simply, who can do what and where within the PNM. We will also discuss specialty management including how specialty dictates billing (credentialing order of operations). Navigating OMES and the new MCE's (for non-EDI experts) This portion will review the new OMES module, breaking down the steps a claim will take on this journey, what this means for you and where to go if you have questions or issues. How do I self-serve in this new environment? Where do I find resources on the new systems? When I have exhausted my resources, who should I contact? ● ♦ ❶

Supporting Kinship and Resource Caregivers in Ohio

Presenter Tara Shook, LSW; Co-Presenter: Chelsey Billman, M.S., Ed., Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Office of Families and Children - Children Services Training and Development

There are many kinship support services available in the state of Ohio. Many have been added the last few years and those working closely with resource providers are not always aware of the eligibility criteria for each program or how to apply or maintain approval for each program. This session will help explain the alphabet soup that is kinship support programs and how to help resource providers navigate those options and support permanency for the children in their care. ● ♦ ■ ❷❸

System Collaboration: The Key to New Initiatives

Presenter: Matt Kresic, CEO, Cadence Care Network; Co-Presenter: Tim Schaffner, Executive Director, Trumbull County Children Services

Ohio has launched more major initiatives that impact children, families, and systems over the last few years than at any time in recent memory. Those initiatives have provided many communities with countless challenges. This workshop will focus on how one county turned those challenges into opportunities. The presenters will provide participants with an overview of how the systems (Family Children First Council, Juvenile Court, Child Welfare, Mental Health, and Developmental Disabilities) in Trumbull County Ohio worked collaboratively to lead the implementation of OhioKAN, FFPSA, Family Success Network, and OhioRISE. ● ■ ❷❸

Using Public Policy to Support Your Organization

Presenter: Daphne Kackloudis, JD/Attorney; Co-Presenter: Ashley Watson, JD/Attorney; Brennan, Manna & Diamond LLC

The speakers will share their experiences and lessons learned from their work with social service, health care, and other nonprofit organizations; trade associations; and the Ohio legislature and administrative agencies regarding the importance of participating in public policy development and implementation. In this presentation, attendees will learn how they can create a public policy agenda, execute a public policy strategy, and generate a culture of advocacy within their organization. Importantly, attendees will also learn how they can collaborate with the Ohio Children's Alliance to support its public policy, legislative, and advocacy efforts that benefit Ohio's children and community mental health agencies, as well as how the Ohio Children's Alliance can support provider advocacy strategies. ● ♦ ❶

Weds April 19 | Breakout Session Two

12:30—1:45pm (1.25 hours)

Keeping Families: What Caregivers Don't Tell You

Presenter-Panel Moderator: Dot Erickson-Anderson, Ohio Family Care Association

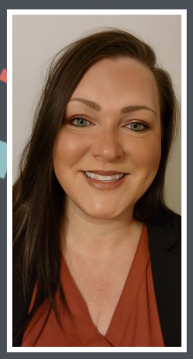
Family members of the Ohio Family Care Association Leadership Team (adoptive, foster, kinship) will share their insights into the practice and policy changes over the past 50 years. Many of our practices have led to a lack of families ready and willing to serve as members of the Child Welfare Family Teams needed today to return youth/children safely and quickly to their primary families. OFCA will present suggestions/pathways to change this declining workforce of families. Participants will share in the experience and gain insights into how to work more effectively with all families involved with Ohio's child welfare system. ● ♦ ⌘ ❷❸

Managed Care Organizations: Health Equity Conversation

Presenter and Panel Moderator: Kelly O'Reilly, Esq., President and CEO, Ohio Association of Health Plans

Panelists: Christina Kalnicki, Director of Population Health, Aetna OhioRISE; Pat Lyons, Health Equity Program Director, AmeriHealth Caritas; Angela Abenaim, Anthem, Health Equity Director; Corazon Eaton, Buckeye, Director of Health Equity; Kate Tullio, Ohio Director, Health Equity, CareSource; Ericka King-Betts, Director of Health Equity, Humana Healthy Horizons; Adrienne Mundorf, Health Equity Director, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

Health equity leaders from all seven of Ohio's Managed Care Plans will discuss the important role of health equity under Next Generation of Managed Care. ● ■ ❷❸



Strengthening Relationships Between Primary and Resource Families

Presenter: Chelsey Billman, M.S., Ed.; Co-Presenter: Tara Shook, LSW, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Office of Families and Children - Children Services Training and Development

This training will provide an exciting overview of Ohio's approach to strengthening relationships between primary and resource families. The training will provide guidance on how to build stronger ties between the two families and introduce new tools developed to assist agencies and their partners in those efforts. This training will provide information on how using this approach can help provide better outcomes for families and help agencies with their workforce needs. The information presented in this training was driven by one of the 37 recommendations of the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council. This specific recommendation is titled "Strengthen Relationships Between Birth Families and Foster Parents." This approach stems from a national initiative showing how collaborative relationships promote family engagement, sibling connections, and family preservation for children and teens placed in out-of-home care. ● ❷❸

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2:00—3:15pm (1.25 hours)

Culturally Responsive Treatment and Diagnosing

Presenter: Kamilah Twymon, LPCC-S, MBA - VP Community Based and Education Services, The Buckeye Ranch

The training will provide data related to disproportionate diagnoses that occur among marginalized populations. We will review systemic and individual factors that contribute to misdiagnosis. The presenter will also review and discuss the impact that misdiagnosing has on the quality of life and prognosis for youth and families. The presentation will wrap up with a review of culturally responsive strategies for assessment and treatment. ● ⌘ ❷❸

The Crossover - Transition Planning for Multi-System Engaged Youth

Presenter: Danielle Green-Welch, Founder, Founder & Executive Director, M.Ed, Ed.S., DreamKeepers Programs

This workshop examines how to develop a transition plan for multi-system youth, specifically youth in child welfare, juvenile justice and mental health systems. There are three primary learning objectives: 1) understand some universal barriers to cross-system collaborations and strategies to overcome them, 2) identify stakeholders in each system to support youth's transition and 3) understand the necessary components for an individualized youth transition plan. Participants will engage in discussion to identify the common barriers to working with the juvenile justice, child welfare and/or mental health systems to support youth across systems; and the importance of utilizing community-based resources to meet youth's needs and distribute service delivery. ● ■ ❷❸

Trauma and Resilience - The Circle of Courage

Presenter: Kathy Hart, MA, CTRT Director of Training and Program Consultant, Starr Commonwealth

This session will review an understanding trauma as an experience, not just a diagnosis, and an explanation of Circle of Courage model of resilience. We will define the four universal needs of all humans in addition to how we get those needs met. Participants will engage in discussion about effective interventions that restore and/or nurture those universal needs which leads to increased resilience. ● ❖ ⌘ ❷❸

The Impact of Effective Stage Setting when Using the CANS Assessment for Youth, Families and System Partners

Presenter: Heather Distin, LPCC-S, Project Director, Children's Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, CWRU

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the impact of communimetric tools, such as CANS on individuals throughout all phases of care and how these tools support the development of a youth and family centric system of care. Participants will explore the benefits of intentionally setting the stage when preparing youth, families and system partners to participate in the CANS assessment. Participants will learn effective strategies in the pre-assessment, assessment, re-assessment and post-assessment phases. This workshop will include 2 small group exercises that are action oriented so that each participant leaves with an individual plan for intentional youth and family centric stage setting. ● ■ ❷❸

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