

30TH ANNUAL
ROSALYNN CARTER
Georgia Mental Health Forum 

Tuesday, May 19, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** **Welcome and Opening Reflections: Thirty Years of the Rosalynn Carter Georgia Mental Health Forum**
- Paige Alexander, CEO, The Carter Center*
- Josh Carter, Grandson of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Co-Founder and CEO, The VEO-IBD Foundation*
- Neetu Abad, PhD, Director, The Carter Center Rosalynn Carter Mental Health and Caregiver Program (RCMHCP)*
- Sarah Phillips, Associate Director, The Carter Center RCMHCP*
- 9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m.** **Storytelling and Narrative Change to Advance Mental Health**
- Gita Pullapilly, Award-Winning Filmmaker and Author*
- 10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.** **Georgia DBHDD Update: Priorities and the Road Ahead**
- Commissioner Kevin Tanner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities*
- 10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Morning Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.** **Prevention in Georgia: Immigrant Mental Health**
- Irene Barton, Executive Director, Cobb Collaborative*
- 10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Community Trauma and Resilience in Immigrant and Refugee Populations**
- Aashna Panjwani, Senior Program Associate, The Carter Center RCMHCP*
- Aparna Bhattacharyya, Executive Director, Raksha*
- Belisa Urbina, CEO, Ser Familia*

Munir Meghjani, Ismaili Council

Temple Moore, Refugee Women's Network

11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. Prevention in Georgia: Caregiving

Anna Bourque, CEO, Georgia Parent Support Network

11:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mental Health and Caregiving: Supporting Caregivers, Supporting Communities

Neetu Abad, PhD, Director, The Carter Center RCMHCP

Jason Resendez, President and CEO, National Alliance for Caregiving

Mitul Desai, CEO and Co-Founder, The Care Hack

Krystal Scott, Program Strategy Manager, Pivotal Ventures

Susie Kyle, Founder and President, Clubhouse Atlanta

Rachel Waford, PhD, Assistant Professor, Emory University and Lead Psychologist, Grady Hospital Clinical and Research Program for Psychosis

12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Arts and Health Performance

Marcel Foster, CEO and Co-Founder, Performance Hypothesis

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

1:10 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Prevention in Georgia: Youth Mental Health

Derrick and Dawn Townsend, Hopeful Change

1:15 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Youth Mental Health at the Intersection of Care and Justice

Kristin Denning, Program Associate, The Carter Center RCMHCP

Kim Schofield, Georgia House Representative, District 63

John Izzo, Assistant Director, Office of Behavioral Health Services, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

Darlene Lynch, Legal and Policy Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

2:10 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Prevention in Georgia: Mental Health Parity

Sarah Phillips, Associate Director, The Carter Center RCMHCP

2:15 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Keynote Address: Policy, Parity, and the Path Forward for Mental Health

Patrick J. Kennedy, Former U.S. Representative, NY Times Bestselling Author, Co-Founder of The Kennedy Forum

3:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Afternoon Break

3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Mental Health as a Public Health Priority

Deb Houry, MD, Nationally Recognized Physician, Researcher, and Public Health Leader

3:40 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Prevention in Georgia: Cross-Sector Collaboration

Eve Byrd, DNP, MPH, Senior Advisor, RCMHCP

3:45 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

Cross-Sector Collaboration to Advance Mental Health and Caregiving

Sarah Phillips, Associate Director, The Carter Center RCMHCP

Emily Anne Vall, Executive Director, Resilient Georgia

Becky Kurtz, Director, Atlanta Area Agency on Aging

Jana French, Community Partnerships Director, Crisis Text Line

Amera Bilal, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Caregiver Action Network

4:40 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Closing Remarks: Thirty Years of Leadership—and the Road Ahead for Mental Health and Caregiving

Neetu Abad, PhD, Director, The Carter Center RCMHCP