Middle Georgia School-Based Behavioral Health Forum

Supporting Children’s Mental and Emotional Well-being

Thursday, February 6, 2020
Dublin High School
1127 Hillcrest Parkway
Dublin, GA 31021
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION

10:00 a.m. OPENING REMARKS
Lei Ellingson, MPP, MSSE, Senior Associate Director, The Carter Center
Mental Health Program

10:05 a.m. Youth Voice: J.B. Jenkins

10:10 a.m. PANEL I: Why School-Based Behavioral Health?
Superintendents’ Perspective on School-Based Behavioral Health
Moderator: Marquita Timmons, LMSW, Social Worker, Laurens County Schools
Panelists:
Assistant Superintendent John Jordan, EdD, Candler County School District
Superintendent Steve Smith, EdD, Bleckley County Schools
Superintendent Fred Williams, EdD, Dublin City Schools
Interim Superintendent Ronda Hightower, EdD, Laurens County Schools
Q&A

11:20 a.m. PANEL II: Building School-Based Behavioral Health: Eliminating Barriers and Ensuring Sustainability
Moderator: Camille Pendley, Policy Analyst, Voices for Georgia’s Children
Presenters:
Marnie Braswell, Child, Adolescent and Emerging Adult Coordinator, CSB of Middle Georgia
David Crooke, LPC, CEO, Care Partners of Georgia
Kelly Canady, LMSW, Social Worker, Dublin City Schools
Connie Smith, MS, APEX Program Manager, CSB of Middle Georgia

Q&A

12:30 p.m.  LUNCH

1:15 pm.  Presentation: *Nothing about us without us!*
System of Care Expansion and Parent and Student Engagement
Conversation:
Matthew Clay, MS, AIME Project Director, Georgia Department of
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Anita Speed, Certified Peer Specialist – Parent
Anthony Catlin, Certified Peer Specialist – Youth

Q&A

2:00 p.m.  Presentation: Language, Behavior, and Climate
Garry McGiboney, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School
Safety and Climate, Georgia Department of Education
Arianne Weldon, MPH, Innovation Strategist and Director, Get Georgia
Reading Campaign, Georgia Family Connection Partnership

2:45 p.m.  Parent Voice: Marlana Colzie

2:55 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Michael Waller, JD, MTS, MA, Interim Executive Director, Georgia
Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

3:00 p.m.  Adjourn

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