

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Walter J. McDaniels

SRO (School Resource Officer) Richland County Sheriff's Dept.

Walter J. McDaniels, II has proudly served the citizens of Richland County in Columbia, SC for the past twenty-two years as a servant leader. He currently holds the position of First Sergeant within the School Resource Officers Division, serving in the capacity of Departmental Liaison for the Office of Civil Rights within the United States Department of Justice.



Angela Kimball

National Director, Advocacy and Public Policy

Angela Kimball brings expertise in grassroots advocacy campaigns and mental health policy to NAMI, as well as a drive to fight inequities and champion better care for people with mental health conditions and their families. Today, she leads NAMI's advocacy and public policy team. Previously, she worked on quality integration of Medicaid health, mental health, substance use and dental services as an Innovator Agent with the Oregon Health Authority and, for several years, served as NAMI's Director of State Advocacy.



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Allison Farrell, MPH, LISW-CP, ACM

Program Director of SCDMH

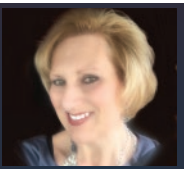
Allison Farrell, MPH, LISW-CP is the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) Program Director over school mental health services.



Kelly Troyer

Ending the Silence Facilitator

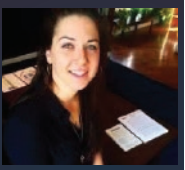
Leads the charge in ETS in Charleston. She is an advocate extraordinaire for mental health services and previously ED of NAMI Greenville.



Alex Karydi, Ph.D.

Director of SC Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative

Dr. Alex Karydi, LMFT, CSAC, CAC, is a certified drug and alcohol counselor that has been trained in the impact of minority stress. She has a Masters in Clinical Psychology, Ph.D. in Clinical Sexology, and a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy.



Stacie Elwood

Past President of SC HOSA

Stacie is an advocate for mental health training in South Carolina Schools. She teaches at Ashley Ridge High School in Charleston, SC.



SESSION SPEAKERS

Karen Crider

Karen is the Able Program Manager working for the South Carolina office of State Treasurer.

LaShella Kirkland

Holds a degree in Art History with a minor in Native American Studies and a concentration on African American, Native American and Black Indian history. She is a published author and brings a lived experience to her presentation.

Benjamin Griffeth, MD

Dr. Griffeth is a Board Certified General Psychiatrist in the Upstate and Western Virginia. He is the Vice Chairman of Psychiatry with primary responsibility for academics. He serves as the Clerkship Director and is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry for USC.

Rebecca Shafer

Author, filmmaker, philanthropist, and mental health advocate. Her memoir *The Light in His Soul: Lessons from My Brother's Schizophrenia* recounts the events in the film, supplemented by her personal reflections on recovering from trauma and developing spiritual insight.

Tom Mayne

Tom works for the South Carolina vocational rehabilitation department as the Work Intensive Planning Assistance (WIPA) Program Director.

Heidi Bolden

Heidi has a Ph.D. in Psychology with a Specialization in Educational Psychology from Marshall University. Additionally, she received a Certification in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy working with Children, Adults and Groups as well as Hypnotherapy.

Jeff Thomas

Jeff is the Chief Clinical Officer for the office of South Carolina and an expert in organ donation. He has worked closely with NAMI and moving the brain tissue project forward.

James Patrick

James is a personal trainer and shares his personal experience on health, nutrition, and mental illness.

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