



**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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