



CYSA 49th ANNUAL CONFERENCE **Friday, October 22, 2021 – AGENDA**

9:00 - 9:25 a.m. WELCOME & UPDATES:

Justin Carbonella, CYSA Board President, Tricia George, CYSA Executive Director

9:25 - 9:45 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS:

Cephus Nolen, Annual Meeting, Election of Officers & Directors

Youth Leadership Award: *Y2Y Coalition, Rocky Hill Youth Services*

Youth Program of the Year Award: *“Creative Experiences” Glastonbury Youth & Family Services*

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Marc Brackett, Ph.D.

Permission to Feel: Strategies for Healthy Emotion During Uncertain Times

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Stretch Break

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

- A: Youth Vaping: Understanding the Risks - Victoria Adams, M.Ed., *Southern CT State University*
- B: Opioid Crisis & Emerging Drug Trends You Need to Know. - Robert Lawlor, *CT Drug Intelligence Officer*
- C: Social Skills: A Pro-Neurodiversity Paradigm – Julie Roberts, MS, CCC-SLP, *Neurodiversity Collective*
- D: Community Resiliency Model - Allison Abramson, *Tri Town YSB* & Bonnie Daley, *Middletown YSB*
- E: The Courageous Conversation - *SERC, State Education Resource Center*

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

- A: The Courageous Conversation – *SERC, State Education Resource Center*
- B: Making your School No Place for Hate - Michelle Pincince, *Anti-Defamation League*
- C: Connecting in a Distant Reality - Heather Wlochowski, *Manchester YSB*
- D: The New Marijuana, CT’s Law and You - John Daviau, *MACP CPS* & Melissa McGarry, *TPAUD*
- E: Getting the word out! - Tressa Giordano & Deborah Walls, *AHM Youth Services*

1:45 - 2:00 p.m. Stretch Break

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

- A: Queer Youth Programming - Ala Ochumare, *New Haven Pride Center*
- B: Successful YSB programs During Covid - (YSB Panel - AHM, Clinton, Glastonbury, Rocky Hill, Windsor)
- C: Resiliency programs to empower youth - Haley Brown, *Jordan Porco Foundation*
- D: Stepping Out of the Way for Youth Leadership - Youth Panel with Rashanda McCollum & Beanie N’Sumbu, *Students For Educational Justice*
- E: ~~CANCELLED~~ ~~Incarcerated Communities – Alysia Gay, The Katal Center for Equity, Health and Justice~~

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Wrap up and Reflection

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Director’s Roundtable