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 – Alycia 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