2023 School-Based Behavioral Health and Wellness Conference

Monday, October 9, 2023

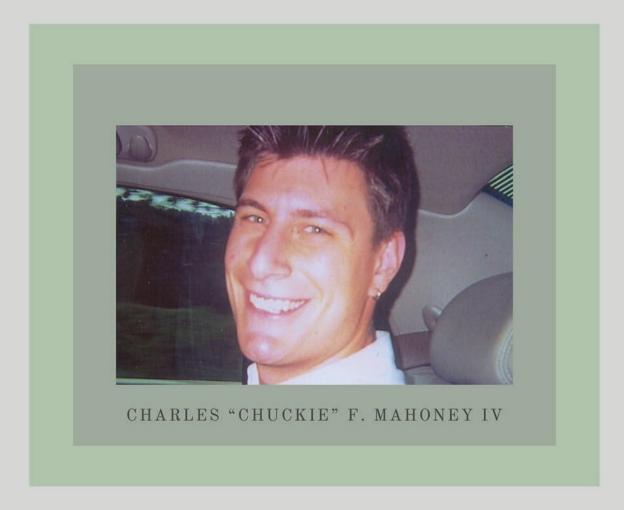
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Conference overview

A post pandemic mental health crisis, overburdened school professionals, and ineffective school-based mental health supports create the perfect storm that increases the likelihood of students slipping through the cracks and inflicting harm upon themselves and/or others. It is more important than ever that school professionals don't miss the signs because there might not be a tomorrow for some. The second annual behavioral health and wellness conference aims to spark change and transform lives by highlighting the importance of addressing a multitude of factors that directly impact the likelihood of preventing student suffering and death, while providing practical and daily solutions to address the current mental health crisis in schools.

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Psychologists (APA)

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School Educators (Act 48)

AHN Allegheny General has approved this activity for contact hours for non-physicians, Act 48 Hours.

Program agenda

8 – 8:20 a.m.	Breakfast and visit exhibits (auditorium entrance)		
8:20 – 8:30 a.m.	Introduction (auditorium)* William Davies, EdD; Michelle Higgins, LCSW; Emily Nymick, LPC		
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Keynote speech (auditorium)* Mr. Charles Mahoney and Mrs. Debi Mahoney		
9:15 – 9:40 a.m.	Break, visit exhibits, and Chill Mobile		
9:40 – 10:25 a.m.	How art making builds resilience with suicidal clients (library) Lakin McSorley, MA, ATR-BC, LPC; Melinda Massella, LPC		
	Lean on me: Finding support during challenging times (auditorium)* Janet Arida, PhD, RN, LCSW, CT; Krista Ball, MS, ATR-BC, CT		
	The mind-body connection in education systems and yoga (art room) Isabelle Cutler, LSW		
10:25 – 10:35 a.m.	Break and visit exhibits		
10:35 – 11:20 a.m.	Suicide risk in students with autism: Supporting relational safety so students can thrive (auditorium)* Bethany Ziss, MD, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician		
11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Lunch, visit exhibits, and Chill Mobile		
12:10 – 1:10 p.m.	Round table discussion (auditorium)* Moderator: Michael Amick, EdD Carolyn Welshonce, MSW; Rachel Andler, EdD; Maureen Shaw, MSEd; Julie Taylor, MSEd		
1:10 – 1:20 p.m.	Break and visit exhibits (cafeteria)		
1:20 – 2:05 p.m.	How art making builds resilience with suicidal clients (library) Lakin McSorley, MA, ATR-BC, LPC; Melinda Massella, LPC		
	Lean on me: Finding support during challenging times (art room) Janet Arida, PhD, RN, LCSW, CT; Krista Ball, MS, ATR-BC, CT		
	The mind-body connection in education systems and yoga (auditorium)* Isabelle Cutler, LSW		
2:05 – 2:15 p.m.	Break and visit exhibits		
2:15 – 3 p.m.	Parent involvement in school-based therapy (auditorium)* Amanda Traficante, PhD		

*Virtual option available.

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Conference chairs

William Davies, EdD Michelle Higgins, LCSW Emily Nymick, MS, NCC, LPC

Keynote speakers

Mr. Charles Mahoney
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Guest speakers

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Bethany Ziss, MD

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The following faculty members have nothing to disclose:

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