

Public Policy Conference

July 18-19, 2019
Washington, DC



PROGRAM

Dear Colleagues:

We are thrilled to be returning to Washington, DC for the 2019 NACBH Public Policy Conference. It is truly a pivotal time for children's behavioral health service providers, and we look forward to this opportunity to connect with passionate peers from across the country on the most significant policy issues we face. Not only will you hear updates and information directly from federal policy experts, you'll help the NACBH community build a stronger voice advocating for the field and have the opportunity to share your questions on the issues most relevant to you including:

- A multi-dimensional look at the landscape for children's behavioral health and where the opportunities are to expand your services for children and families;
- Updates on Medicaid policy, waivers, and priorities, at the federal and state level;
- Dynamic discussion of the Family First Prevention Services Act implementation and what to expect;
- Introduction to a successful model for serving crossover youth involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems;
- Review of key legislative discussions currently underway; and
- A primer on the behavioral health needs of military families and how to connect through formal and informal channels to meet them, including TRICARE.

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National Association for Children's Behavioral Health

Thursday, July 18

Thornton Room, 11th Floor

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Registration and Breakfast

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM **Welcoming Remarks and Meeting Overview**

David Napier
Youth Home, Inc.
NACBH President

Molly Marsh
Association Director, NACBH

Pat Johnston
Director of Public Policy, NACBH

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Children’s Behavioral Health: The Path Forward Through Multiple Systems and Partnerships**

Michelle Zabel
Director, The Institute for Innovation and Implementation
University of Maryland
School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland

Under Michelle Zabel’s leadership, the Institute has grown from two to 50 employees in six years, and a portfolio of contracts totaling \$10 million annually. Prominent among them are the National Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health, the National Wraparound Implementation Center and, most recently, the National Center on Evidence-Based Practices in Child Welfare.

The Institute’s mission: building research-based, innovative, sustainable, and transformative child- and family-serving systems, services and workforce capacity in partnership with government agencies, provider, community, and family- and youth-run organizations, and other leaders and stakeholders to integrate systems and improve outcomes for and with children, youth, and families.

Michelle will kick off our annual public policy conference with a timely look across multiple agencies and funding streams to identify the opportunities ahead for your programs and the children and families you serve.

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 12:00PM **Medicaid and Children’s Behavioral Health:
A Continuing Conversation with CMS**

Kirsten Beronio
Senior Advisor, Behavioral Health Care Policy
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Baltimore, Maryland

Joining us again with a federal update on our key Medicaid issues, Kirsten Beronio will bring the latest information on IMD and other policy guidance, developments in how waivers and state plan options can improve children’s services, and news about relevant interagency work on behavioral health initiatives.

The outline is short, but the issues are complex. A heads-up to NACBH about your priorities will assist our advance planning. We look forward to another robust conversation with our primary point person at CMS headquarters.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Networking Lunch
Congressional A, Lobby Level

See NACBH staff throughout the morning to vote for the roundtable topics you want to connect with other participants over during lunch.

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM Break

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM **Family First Prevention Services Act: Let’s
Talk!**

John Kelly
Editor-in-Chief
The Chronicle of Social Change
Detroit, Michigan

With a comprehensive understanding of federal child welfare policy and ongoing dialogue with state-level actors, John Kelly will come prepared for a dynamic exchange on what is known and what is left to be answered on FFPSA implementation. He’ll have up-to-the-minute information from the Chronicle’s *Who Cares* project, an annual survey of foster family and group care capacity with additional questions this year on states’ plans for Family First. We’ll provide updates on federal guidance, and you’ll bring your concerns and local intel.

Launched in 2013, the Chronicle of Social Change is the premier online news publication producing solution-based reporting on child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health and educational issues faced by vulnerable children.

This session is a great opportunity bring the attention of the Chronicle's national audience to the questions that should be asked – and need to be answered.

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Crossover Youth Practice Model: Serving Young People Dually Involved in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare

Shay Bilchik

Founder and Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform

Georgetown University

McCourt School of Public Policy

Washington, DC

Shay Bilchik's distinguished policy leadership in Washington – including five years as Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and six years at the helm of the Child Welfare League of America – led him to establish the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown. Now 12 years on, the Center's work includes an array of training and technical assistance, symposia and research papers, focused on the key components of a strong, multi-system juvenile justice reform agenda. A particular emphasis is on youth known to both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, also referred to as crossover youth.

Shay will introduce us to the Center's Crossover Youth Practice Model, designed to address the needs of youth in or at risk of entering both systems, and how some of 103 jurisdictions across the country are maximizing resources to prevent crossover from occurring. And we look forward to hearing his perspective on how improvements in the recent reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act may complement the goals of child welfare reforms under Family First.

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

NACBH Annual Business Meeting

All meeting attendees welcome, both members and non-members. Reports of the President, Treasurer, Association Director, and

committees on the activities of the past year and plans for the next. Representatives of all three accrediting bodies – CARF, COA, and TJC – will update us on their plans and initiatives. The Election of Officers completes the formal business of the meeting, followed by an interactive town hall discussion.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Presidents Reception**

Thornton Lounge, 11th Floor

All meeting attendees are invited to this reception honoring our outgoing and incoming Presidents and the leadership of NACBH's Board.

Friday, July 19

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM Registration and Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Medicaid and Children's Behavioral Health:
The View from the States**

Lindsey Browning
Program Director for Medicaid Operations
National Association of Medicaid Directors
Washington, DC

Our second Medicaid policy session will feature updates from the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMMD) on state-level plans and priorities for children's behavioral health services. Returning to brief us and hear your concerns is Lindsey Browning, who works with State Medicaid Directors and their senior staff to navigate the Medicaid program's most pressing policy issues.

In addition to behavioral health integration and Medicaid managed care, Family First is on that list, as states wait along with providers for federal clarity on how Medicaid and IV-E coverage will interact in the future scenario. This promises to be another lively give-and-take, and a timely forum to provide feedback on NAMMD's agenda and thinking.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM **Children’s Behavioral Health: The View from the Hill**

Professional Staff [invited]
Senate Committee on Finance
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
House Committee on Ways & Means

Tim Clement
Regional Director and Legislative Advisor
American Psychiatric Association
Washington, DC

Presentations and open discussion on the outlook for Medicaid, child welfare, and behavioral health parity legislation.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Lunch on Your Own
*Check Out is 12:00 PM

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM **Serving the Behavioral Health Needs of Children in Military Families**

Kelly Hruska
Government Relations Director
National Military Families Association
Alexandria, Virginia

The National Military Family Association plays a critical role in advocating for services and resources that ensure service members’ readiness to fulfill the military’s mission worldwide, focusing especially on the well-being of their spouses and children. NMFA is the acknowledged “go to” source for Administration officials, Members of Congress, and key decisionmakers when they want to understand the issues facing military families – who also serve. Kelly Hruska will fill us in on the unique culture, strengths and challenges of military life, the behavioral health needs of military-connected children, and how providers can help. We are delighted to welcome NMFA, our TRICARE for Kids Coalition colleague, to the conference, and will round out the session with observations from our TRICARE-participating members.

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM

ACE Kids Act: Implementation Forecast

Aimee Ossman
Vice President, Policy Analysis
Children's Hospital Association
Washington, DC

Our third, and final, Medicaid session will end on a positive note, with an early look at the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act, from the policy, operating, and care delivery perspectives. The just-passed ACE Kids Act created a new state Medicaid option to provide coordinated care for children with complex medical conditions through specially designed health homes. Comprehensive, family-centered plans will ensure access to all needed treatment, including behavioral health care. With states just beginning to contemplate how to use this new authority, now is a good time for you to understand the role your programs may play and be ready to advocate when your Medicaid agency puts planning pen to paper.

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Final Remarks

2:30 PM

Adjournment

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