

WINTER CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE BROCHURE January 14-15, 2026

Pre-Conference January 13th

Winston-Salem, NC | Benton Convention Center

# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE!

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

# **Pre-Conference Day**

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pre-Con Exhibits

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Medicaid Symposium - Identifying Priorities When Everything is Shifting

Sponsored by AmeriHealth Caritas NC

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

System of Care Expo Kick Off: Breaking Silos & Building Bridges: How System of Care is Working in NC

System of Care Expo Track

5:30 p.m. Open Evening – Explore Winston Salem!

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary

Building A Vision & Strategy for Navigating Uncertain Times: The Health & Human Service Leader's Challenge Sponsored by Easterseals PORT Health

### 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Session Break/Visit Exhibitors

Sponsored by Alexander Youth Network, AmeriHealth Caritas NC, Amivie, Carolina Complete Health, CCR Consulting Citizens Insurance Agency, Collaborative Health Network, Community Alternatives of NC, GHA Autism Supports, Healthy Blue NC, Humana Healthy Horizons, IntellectAbility, Molina Healthcare, Inc., NC Division of MH/DD/SUS, WellCare of North Carolina

# 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

- Changing Systems through Youth and Family Leadership System of Care Expo Track
- The Goal Post Keeps Moving! Leveraging Funding Strategies, Operating Resources, and Partnerships to Stay in The Game
- How Do You Know It's Working: The Power of Measurement-Informed Care in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Measurement

- Addressing the Emergency Department Boarding Crisis for Children and Adolescents: A Collaborative Approach
- Whole Person Care and Population Health through an Indigenous Lens
- The Engagement Story: Collaboration in Action Across Total Care Management and Advanced Medical Homes
- Operationalizing Preparedness: Building a Safety Culture Through Crisis Skill Drills

### 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

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### 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Lived Experiences Collaborative: Stories to Solutions Meeting

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn Meetings

### 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sparking Innovation

- Strengthening NC's Workforce: Implementing the NC Public Service Leadership Program System of Care Expo Track
- Innovation Through Collaboration: Strengthening Programs, Quality, and Sustainability at Scale Advancing Success Topic
- Reframing Community Engagement: From Needs to Strengths in Person-Centered Support
- Heal the Healers: Reimagining Workforce Wellness in Healthcare
- Growing Well: An Innovative, Integrated Approach to Early Childhood Complex Care in the Community
- Transforming OTPs: Innovations in Opioid Treatment to Enhance Patient Care
- Caring Communities: Guidance for Supporting Survivors of Suicide Loss

### 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session Breaks/Visit Exhibitors

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# 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. General Session

# Medicaid Managed Care: Past Lessons, Future Directions

# 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Innovation Awards Reception

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### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

# 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

- Vital Connectors: The Role of System of Care High Fidelity Wraparound Liaisons in Our Communities System of Care Expo Track
- Beyond the Bill: A Tactical Playbook for One Big Beautiful Bill Act Readiness
- Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Behavioral Healthcare
- Integrating to Achieve Whole Child Care: Advancing Value and Outcomes
- Building a Scalable Behavioral Health Workforce Through Community College Innovation
- Theories of Change: Using Data to Drive Systems Improvement and Implementation
- Supporting Women with Complex Needs Throughout Pregnancy: A Managed Care Approach

### 11:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Session Break/Visit Exhibitors

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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE! (CONTINUED)

# 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sparking Innovation

- Healthy Blue Care Together: Working Across Systems to Enhance Care System of Care Expo Track
- Strengthening NC Behavioral Health Workforce Using Implementation Science Best Practice Strategies
- From Insight to Impact: I/DD and TBI Data in Action
- Voices Together Disaster Relief: Partnering with Vaya Health to serve Vulnerable Populations
- Remote Support through the Eyes of Someone Supported
- Empowering Stakeholders: Your Role in Driving System-Wide Policy Change Benefiting the Intellectual/ Developmental Disability Community
- Translating Systems Change: Bringing the Zero Suicide Framework to Henderson County

# 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. I unch

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# 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn Meetings

# 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

- NC Division of Child and Family Well-Being (DCFW) Child Behavioral Health Unit - A Programmatic Overview and Current Investments System of Care Expo Track
- More Than a Check-In: The Power of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) in NC Medicaid Oversight
- Leading Through Change: Equipping Leaders for the Next Medicaid Transformation
- Care Coordination in Action: Enabling Connected, Accountable Behavioral Health
- From Data to Impact: Tailored Care Management for Children with I/DD in North Carolina
- Project ECHO: Cross-Sector
   Partnerships to Improve Health
   Outcomes in Perinatal Substance Use
   Disorder and Mental Health Care
- Enhancing Integrated Behavioral Health Care Access Through Development of Collaboratively Built Training Curricula

### 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Session Break/Visit Exhibitors

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# 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closing Plenary

Finding the Opportunity in Change Sponsored by Element Health Consortium

# 5:00 p.m. Conference Adjourns

Breakfast is <u>not</u> being servied at the Benton Convention Center.

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- Enhance independence
- Improve quality outcomes
- · Lower health care costs

# **CONTACT:**

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# **STARTING STRONG TOGETHER JANUARY 14-15, 2026**

# WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

This year's i2i Center Winter
Conference will bring together state
and national experts, leaders, frontline
professionals and people with lived
experience to explore strategies to
get ahead of the evolving policy
landscape. Together, we will prepare
by **Starting Strong Together** in the
new year.

With new federal and state legislative and budgetary actions, we are now seeing a major shift in national priorities and funding that will impact Medicaid and publicly- funded services.

Over the past several years, North Carolina has emerged as a national leader in Medicaid innovation. The state has prioritized whole-person, integrated care through its Medicaid Standard and Tailored Plan programs, particularly for individuals with behavioral health and intellectual/ developmental disability (I/DD) needs. These efforts have led to significant advancements in healthcare partnerships and community-based collaborations to better support members. Maintaining the trajectory of progress is difficult when policy changes occur and being informed and staying two steps ahead is crucial.

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone in the NC Medicaid system that is managing, experiencing or providing care to the BH/IDD population who wants to better understand the new structures, partnerships and program collaborations needed to strengthen integrated whole person care. This includes: Managed Care Organization leadership, Provider Organization leaders; Healthcare Professionals and Administrators, State and Private Hospital leaders, Qualified Professionals, State Agency leaders, DHHS leaders, State and Local

DSS, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Counselors, LCSW, Social Workers, Individuals with Lived Experience, CFAC members, Advocates, Peer Support Specialists and staff, County Commissioners, members of the General Assembly, and others interested in our system.

### **MORE NETWORKING!**

This conference will offer the easy-to-use mobile APP and web platform from Whova. Whova provides attendees an enhanced networking experience with many opportunities to connect, share and access information through:

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January 13th Pre-Conference Day - Earn up to 6.5 Hours of Continuing Education Credits

January 14-15th Conference - Earn up to 10 Hours of Continuing Education Credits

Contact hours: Up to 10 hours for behavioral health professionals, social workers and other healthcare disciplines.

Substance Abuse: Up to 10 hours for substance abuse credit will be awarded to participants who attend 100% of the program. Southern Regional AHEC adheres to NCASPPB Education Provider Guidelines.

\*\*This program does not provide specific NBCC Credits. However, per LPC licensure guidelines, you may submit up to 10 contact hours of continuing education by attending programs by affiliates of the National Area Health Education Center Education (NAO). SR-AHEC is a member of the NAO.

Those seeking Peer Support Specialist Recertification: can earn Up to 10 Contact Hours toward their Professional Development training related to health, mental health, and substance use.





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Improve Health Outcomes



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# BENTON CONVENTION CENTER & CONFERENCE HOTELS

### **BENTON CONVENTION CENTER**

The i2i Center will again host the Winter Conference at the spacious **Benton Convention Center** in downtown Winston-Salem, NC.



### **CONFERENCE HOTELS**

Special conference rates are available at **The Marriott Winston-Salem** and the **Embassy Suites by Hilton**, **both are located just across the street from the Benton Convention Center and each have direct access to the Benton.** The Marriott has a skywalk to the lower level of the Benton and Embassy Suites has an underground tunnel to the Benton. There is also a skywalk that connects the Marriott and the Embassy Suites.



### **MARRIOTT WINSTON-SALEM**

The conference rate for the Marriott is \$145 (single occupancy) and \$150 (double occupancy). This rate is good 3 days before and 3 days after the event. Please use this Marriott Reservation Link to make your reservation. You can also call 1-800-320-0934 to make a reservation. Please be sure to let them know you are with the i2i Center conference. The room block is good until December 16, 2025, or until the room block sells out. We encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible.

Marriott Address: 425 North Cherry Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101



### **EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON**

The conference rate for the **Embassy Suites is \$149 per** night. Please use this **Embassy Suites Reservation Link to** make your reservation. You can also call the hotel to make a reservation at 1-800-445-8667. be sure to give tell them you are with the i2i Conference for the discounted rate. The room block is good until **December** 15, 2025 or until the room block sells out. We encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible. All Embassy Suites guests receive a complimentary hot breakfast buffet and no voucher is needed.m block sells out. We encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible.

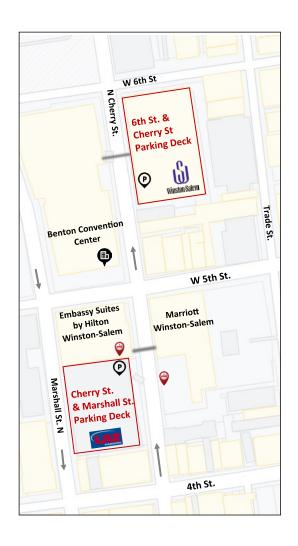
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# **HOTEL BREAKFAST & PARKING**



### **PARKING**

Whether staying overnight or coming in for the day, please use the parking deck at 6th and Cherry Street directly across the street from the Benton Center, see map. This deck has 3rd floor skywalk connected to the main floor of the Benton Convention Center. The skywalk is disability accessible. Parking rates are as follows: \$1 per hour or maximum of \$9 all day or for overnight.

The Marriott offers valet parking: \$23 for up to 4 hours, \$26 4-8 hours and \$30 for overnight parking.

There is a 2nd parking deck on Cherry Street and Marshall Street in front of the Embassy Suites approximately 1 block from the Benton Convention Center, the **LAZ parking deck.** Their **rates are DOUBLE** that of the 6th and Cherry Street deck with no skywalk access to the Benton Convention Center.

### **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

The nearest airport to Winston-Salem is Greensboro/High Point (GSO) Airport which is 17.3 miles away. Other nearby airports include Charlotte (CLT) (72.8 miles), Raleigh/Durham (RDU) (83.3 miles), Roanoke (ROA) (86.2 miles) and Tri-Cities Regional (TRI) (124.1 miles).

## **BREAKFAST**

A complimentary breakfast is available for guests staying at the Embassy Suites and Marriott hotels. *Breakfast will not be served at the Conference Center.* 

### Marriott - Breakfast Voucher

All <u>conference registrants</u> staying at the Marriott will receive i2i Center breakfast tickets at check-in good for a breakfast buffet at the hotel's **Butcher and Bull Restaurant** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The breakfast tickets include tax but do not cover gratuity.

## **Embassy Suites**

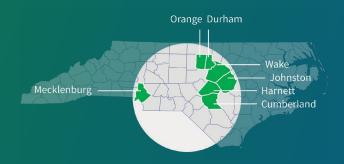
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The conference and hotels are in the heart of downtown Winston-Salem offering great dining and entertainment within walking distance including upscale dining, casual fair and microbrewery options. In addition, there are nearby coffee shops, bakeries, and shopping. Other adventures include Old Salem, theaters, wineries and historic homes. There is so much to explore! Check out what Winston Salem has to offer!



# **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH**

# INNOVATION AWARDS RECEPTION 4:30 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

The i2i Center for Integrative Health's Innovation Awards recognize innovation in services and programming that increase integrated, whole person approaches to care using inventive methods, tools and partnerships. All attendees are invited to attend the awards reception to recognize our winners, enjoy time with colleagues and nosh on delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Cash bar.

Innovation Awards Reception Sponsored by Alexander Youth Network, Amivie, Carolina Complete Health, CCR Consulting, Citizens Insurance Agency, Collaborative Health Network, Community Alternatives of NC, GHA Autism Supports, Healthy Blue NC, IntellectAbility, Johnson & Johnson, Medisked – a CaseWorthy Company, Molina Healthcare, Inc., Monarch, NextGen Healthcare, Orbit Billing, RHA Health Services, Risk Strategies, Skill Creation, Streamline Healthcare Solutions, United Healthcare, Universal MH/DD/SAS







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# **CONFERENCE RESOURCES**

### **EXCEPTIONAL NETWORKING**

The i2i Center brings together diverse groups representing all levels of the behavioral health and I/DD integrated, whole-person care system: executive level leaders, those with lived experience, advocates, state leaders, educators and others to learn, share and connect. Inherent within our conference, and a key part of i2i's mission, is valuing all perspectives. This conference has a very successful 30 year history. Attendance is a yearly tradition for almost 800 system stakeholders in North Carolina and beyond. We are known for our outstanding content, expert speakers and amazing networking opportunities.



# **EXHIBITION JANUARY 13-15 2026**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Expect a busy exhibit hall! With over 100 exhibitors participating at the conference, you'll have the opportunity to connect with a wide range of companies eager to support your organization with enhanced services, technologies and information. You will gain access to the latest innovations in technology, clinical services, direct care, AI support, assistive technology devices, consulting, data management, financial services, insurance, pharmacy, inpatient care, and more. Dedicated professionals will be available to engage with you in person on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **View current list of Exhibitors.** 

### VALUE ADDED PARTNERSHIPS



The national System of Care principles are a framework for child mental health service delivery in North Carolina and across the nation, and they align closely with the vision of integrated, whole person care. Using this synergy, NC DHHS and Division of Child and Family Well-Being (DCFW) is building out the foundation of System of Care in North Carolina. With this goal in mind, for the 2nd year in a row, the i2i Center and DCFW have partnered together to develop a 3-day System of Care **Expo** on topics specifically related to children, youth and families. You can focus your conference experience on these topics by attending sessions tagged as a System of Care Expo Track.

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# **NEW - ADVANCED** SUCCESS SESSION

i2i Center has created a new type of session offering, called Advancing Success. These sessions provide attendees with a product-driven review of the latest technology or service, highlighting real-world examples of its impact to help you drive success in your organization.

This year Inperium will be sponsoring an Advancing Success session on Innovation Through Collaboration:
Strengthening Programs, Quality, and Sustainability at Scale on Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.. Explore how mission-driven partnerships can drive scale, sustainability, and impact. Inperium will share key lessons from 35+ successful collaborations, offering a reinvestment-focused alternative to the traditional mergers and acquisitions models —empowering organizations to grow without compromising identity or care. Session Details



# LIVED IN EXPERIENCES COLLABORATIVE: STORIES TO SOLUTIONS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

Calling individuals with lived experience, self-advocates, family members, and care partners!

The i2i Center is proud to again partner with AKALAKA to offer the **Lived Experiences Collaborative:** Stories to Solutions. This is an important opportunity for individuals with lived experience to translate policy initiatives into what is critical to them. Grab your lunch and attend! This working lunch will offer participants the opportunity to talk about timely policy issues and develop recommendations on how to approach the issues from the perspective of lived experiences. Participation is limited to individuals with lived experience, self-advocates, family members and care partners of individuals with lived experience.



# LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS JANUARY 14-15 2026

IBM. Inperium, ZeOmega and others

national organizations have hosted Lunch & Learn events - you should too! Lunch and Learn's allow attendees to take a deeper dive into the resources available to empower their program's success. During lunch, you'll have the opportunity to attend a 30-minute session dedicated to services, technological innovation, or resources geared toward equipping you for this rapidly evolving service environment.

To host a Lunch & Learn session, contact jean@i2icenter.org.





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# Join Us & Discover How To Lead **Data & Performance Transformation** For Organizational Sustainability

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**FEATURED KEYNOTE Uniting For Impact: How** Centerstone & Brightli's Strategic Growth & Vision Are Shaping The Future Of Behavioral Health



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PAYMENTS should be made online by credit card, unless administratively impossible. For those approved to mail in a check, payments are due within 30 days and ALL payments MUST be paid by December 19th.

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# **REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE**

Contact Aviance Robertson at aviance@i2icenter.org

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PRE-CONF. SYSTEM OF CARE EXPO (1/13 AFTERNOON SESSION ONLY)	\$60	\$70
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# PRE-CON DAY - TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

# MEDICAID SYMPOSIUM

9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

New Year Reset to Plan for Change

# Medicaid Symposium: Identifying Priorities When Everything is Shifting

The beginning of a new year is a chance to reset. With the rapid pace of policy and funding changes, it's hard to identify the best strategies to stay current. This session provides all the policy information needed to hit the reset button. Conferees will get timely updates around federal and state changes to Medicaid and public health and human service funding. Conferees will also hear the strategies and next steps for NC DHHS and Medicaid Plans to comply with policy and funding changes. This is a one-stop session that will help you to identify priorities for you and your organization.

# **OBJECTIVES**

- Review the latest information on national and state policies that impact the public MH/IDD/SUS funding.
- Discuss the steps Medicaid Plans are taking to assist providers and ensure a continued, strong provider network for members.
- Describe how the State Division of MH/IDD/SUS Strategic Plan is playing a positive role in progressing the public system.
- Identify the strategies that NC DHHS will take to comply with federal and state policy and funding changes.

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# **SPEAKERS**



JAY LUDLAM
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KELLY CROSBIE
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# PRE-CON DAY - TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

# ADVANCING SUCCESS

3:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

System of Care Expo Kick Off

# **Breaking Silos & Building Bridges: How** System of Care is Working in NC

The 2nd Annual System of Care Exposition will kick-off with this pre-conference session to learn & share more about child behavioral health & system of care in North Carolina. Join us for a discussion around identifying and connecting child behavioral health systems! Participants are encouraged to share knowledge from their professional and lived experiences, as well as engage and learn from others. There will be interactive discussion, presentations from the NC System of Care team, and workforce resilience opportunities throughout the session.

The national System of Care principles are a framework for child mental health service delivery in North Carolina and across the nation. These values are foundational to serving children, youth and families. In addition, they align closely with the vision of integrated, whole person care. Using this synergy, NC DHHS and Division of Child and Family Well-Being is building out the foundation of System of Care in North Carolina. The i2i Center and Division of Child and Family Well-Being are partnering to offer this Exposition as an opportunity for participants to focus their conference experience on topics related to children, youth and families. Exposition sessions will continue throughout the conference and are tagged as a **System of** Care Expo Track.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Discuss the NC DHHS \$14.8M System of Care Expansion Grant.
- Identify and learn more about child behavioral health systems in North Carolina.
- Describe the System of Care approach in North Carolina.
- Review NC System of Care Child Collaborative data for strengths, gaps and opportunities in your community.

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# **SPEAKERS**

**HAYLEY BAYNE** UNC School of Social Works' Behavioral Health Springboard, **NC System of Care Team** Lead & Strategy and Impact Coordinator, Division of Child & Family Well-Being



**STACIE FORREST** Unit Manager for the Child Behavioral Health Team at NC DCFW, Division of Child and



**TEKA DEMPSON Lead Family Partner** Coordinator and Co-Lead on the Systems of Care and High-Fidelity Wraparound

Family Well-Being



**SHARONDA THOMAS-BULLUCK** Lead Collaborative Coordinator, Division of Child and Family



**TARA WATERS Outreach Coordinator, Division** of Child and Family Well-Being

This System of Care Expo was developed in partnership with the NC Division of Child and Family Well-Being, NC Department of Health and Human Services.





# **OPENING PLENARY KEYNOTE**

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

# Building A Vision & Strategy for Navigating Uncertain Times: The Health & Human Service Leader's Challenge

Our keynote speaker, **OPEN MINDS CEO Monica Oss**, will kick the conference off by providing national insight into the health and human services landscape. As health and human service stakeholders look ahead to the new year, Oss will highlight the areas of best practice, market development and provider organization sustainability that should be a focus for the year. Funding, reimbursement and service policies are shifting quickly. The conference opens with an opportunity to hear about the evolving best practice models for service delivery and how providers, payors, states and service-users can be nimble and pivot with the unexpected.

# **OBJECTIVES:**

- Discuss where states, payors, providers should put their efforts in the coming year and where they can find opportunities.
- Describe Medicaid policy changes and their implications for providers, payors and service-users.
- Identify key areas to adapt to changes in the health and human service landscape.

SPEAKER

MONICA OSS

Chief Executive Officer, OPEN MINDS



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# **CLOSING PLENARY KEYNOTE**

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

# Finding the Opportunity in Change

Few can provide a summation of policy and funding changes and how we can find the opportunities than our closing speaker, **Secretary Kody Kinsley.** His insights gained as NC DHHS Secretary during Covid and his role in expanding Medicaid and transforming the behavioral health system of care in North Carolina all attest to his keen ability to find opportunities in difficult circumstances.

Conferees will hear a call to action that will help individuals and organizations strategize for a successful year. Secretary Kinsley has been an active policy advisor at the national and state levels and has been providing insight and guidance as policy and funding changes occur.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Identify key challenges and opportunities in the policy and funding landscape for health and human service stakeholders.
- Review the insights gained by Kinsley on federal health and human service transformations occurring as part of his new roles with national education and policy institutions.
- Describe the federal and state changes that will impact North Carolina's public health and human services system.

# **SPEAKER**

### **KODY KINSLEY**

Senior Policy Advisor, Institute for Policy Solutions, Johns Hopkins University and Former Secretary of NC Health and Human Services



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# **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

- Changing Systems through Youth and Family Leadership System of Care Expo Track
- The Goal Post Keeps Moving! Leveraging Funding Strategies, Operating Resources, and Partnerships to Stay in The Game
- How Do You Know It's Working: The Power of Measurement-Informed Care in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Measurement
- Addressing the Emergency Department Boarding Crisis for Children & Adolescents: A Collaborative Approach
- Whole Person Care and Population Health through an Indigenous Lens
- The Engagement Story: Collaboration in Action Across Total Care Management and Advanced Medical Homes
- Operationalizing Preparedness: Building a Safety Culture Through Crisis Skill Drills

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# SPARKING INNOVATION

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

- Strengthening NC's Workforce: Implementing the NC Public Service Leadership Program System of Care Expo Track
- Reframing Community Engagement: From Needs to Strengths in Person-Centered Support
- · Heal the Healers: Reimagining Workforce Wellness in Healthcare
- Growing Well: An Innovative, Integrated Approach to Early Childhood Complex Care in the Community
- Transforming OTPs: Innovations in Opioid Treatment to Enhance Patient Care
- Caring Communities: Guidance for Supporting Survivors of Suicide Loss
- Innovation Through Collaboration: Strengthening Programs, Quality, and Sustainability at Scale <u>Advancing Success</u>
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# **GENERAL SESSION**

3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

# Medicaid Managed Care: Past Lessons, Future Directions

With so many policy and funding changes occurring at the same time, the NC Medicaid Plans have been challenged to maintain their networks and stability for their members. These panel discussions will cover the lessons learned by Standard and Tailored Plans and how they have informed next steps. Panelists will cover topics such as efforts to align utilization management policies and reduce provider burdens, ensuring behavioral health parity remains a priority, use of innovative services to support members, care integration between physical health and behavioral health, including the care management role, and transitions of care – especially the unique challenges posed by statutory requirements when members move between Standard and Tailored Plans.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Describe innovative services that are progressing the community-based service system, including peer support.
- Discuss how care integration and care management are being utilized to bring about better outcomes for members.
- Review transition of care mechanisms that assist members.

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TAYLOR GRIFFIN MODERATOR
Senior Policy Advisor, NC
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# **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

- Vital Connectors: The Role of System of Care High Fidelity Wraparound Liaisons in Our Communities System of Care Expo Track
- Beyond the Bill: A Tactical Playbook for One Big Beautiful Bill Act Readiness
- Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Behavioral Healthcare
- From Fragmentation to Integration: Advancing Value and Outcomes in Healthcare
- Building a Scalable Behavioral Health Workforce Through Community College Innovation
- Theories of Change: Using Data to Drive Systems Improvement and Implementation
- Supporting Women with Complex Needs Throughout Pregnancy: A Managed Care Approach

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# SPARKING INNOVATION

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

- Healthy Blue Care Together: Working Across Systems to Enhance Care System of Care Expo Track
- Strengthening NC Behavioral Health Workforce Using Implementation Science Best Practice Strategies
- From Insight to Impact: I/DD and TBI Data in Action
- Voices Together Disaster Relief: Partnering with Vaya Health to serve Vulnerable Populations
- Remote Support through the Eyes of Someone Supported
- Empowering Stakeholders: Your Role in Driving System-Wide Policy Change Benefiting the Intellectual/Developmental Disability Community
- Translating Systems Change: Bringing the Zero Suicide Framework to Henderson County

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# **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

- NC Division of Child and Family Well-Being (DCFW) Child Behavioral Health Unit A
   Programmatic Overview and Current Investments System of Care Expo Track
- More Than a Check-In: The Power of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) in NC Medicaid Oversight
- Leading Through Change: Equipping Leaders for the Next Medicaid Transformation
- Care Coordination in Action: Enabling Connected, Accountable Behavioral Health
- From Data to Impact: Tailored Care Management for Children with I/DD in North Carolina
- Project ECHO: Cross-Sector Partnerships to Improve Health Outcomes in Perinatal Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Care
- Enhancing Integrated Behavioral Health Care Access Through Development of Collaboratively Built Training Curricula

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