

2020 Massachusetts Family Impact Seminar

Finding Our Way: Discovering New Pathways Toward an Improved Behavioral Health System of Care for Adolescents and Emerging Adults

March 18, 2020 | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Room 428, State House, Boston, MA

AGENDA

- 9:30AM – 9:45AM Registration and complementary continental breakfast
- 9:45AM – 10:00AM Welcome and introductions, *Nadia L. Ward, Ph.D.*
Opening remarks by *Senate President Emerita Harriette Chandler*
- 10:00AM – 10:20AM **“Help should be in the places you want to go anyway!”
Improving Youth Access to Mental Health Support through a
Youth–Adult Partnership**, *Laurie Ross, Ph.D., Professor of
Community Development and Planning, Department of
International Development, Community and Environment, Clark
University*
- 10:20AM – 10:40AM **The New Life Stage of Emerging Adulthood, Ages 18-29:
Implications for Mental Health**, *Jeffrey Arnett, Ph.D., Senior
Research Scholar, Department of Psychology, Clark University*
- 10:40AM – 11:00AM **Race, Trauma, and Resilience: Addressing Trauma to Support
Better Mental Health**, *Audrey Smolkin, MPP, Director, Child and
Family Policy; Instructor, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of
Massachusetts Medical School*
- 11:00AM – 11:20AM **Supporting Students through Early Identification and
Preventative Therapeutic Care: Methuen Public School’s
Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems (CSMHS) and
the Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium
(MASMHC)**, *John Crocker, M.Ed., Director of School Mental
Health & Behavioral Services, Methuen Public Schools*

- 11:20AM – 11:40PM **Social and Emotional Learning: A Key Approach to Promote Behavioral Health for Adolescents and Young Adults**, *James B. Vetter, Ed.M., Executive Director, Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for Massachusetts (SELAMA)*
- 11:40PM – 12:10PM **Promoting Healthy Futures: Why Evidence-based Practices are the Future of Policy, Systems, and Service Delivery**, *Matthew J. Pecoraro, MSW, Associate Director of The Evidence-based Policy Institute, Judge Baker Children's Center and Rhea M. Chase, Ph.D., Director of Early Childhood Programs, Judge Baker Children's Center*
- 12:10PM – 1:00PM Closing remarks by *Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, MD, Commissioner of Health and Human Services, City of Worcester*, followed by complementary luncheon and networking with speakers.