Children and youth face challenges in many forms. By changing the way we talk about mental health, we can ease the burden on children and families and help them overcome extraordinary challenges.

- Children who experience trauma are 2.5 times more likely to have to repeat a year of school, to have chronic health issues such as asthma or obesity, and to be diagnosed with ADHD.
- One out of 5 Mississippi children suffers from a mental or emotional disorder.
- Nearly 6,000 children are in the custody of Mississippi’s Child Protection Services.
- Approximately 50 percent of youth with mental health challenges drop out of school.

The 2017 Children’s Mental Health Summit will feature nationally recognized speaker, Amelia Franck Meyer, who will help us build a community toolbox of solutions for our children and help bring that conversation to state leaders.

Mark your calendar for May 12, 2017, at the Hilton Jackson. Our children and families need us to begin finding innovative solutions for a healthier Mississippi.
AGENDA

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. - Registration
Continental Breakfast
Visit Vendors
8:30 a.m. - Welcome
9:00 a.m. - General Session
- Children’s Issues in Mississippi – Governor Phil Bryant
- Navigating the Mental Health Continuum: A Parent’s Perspective Lisa Fuller
- Human Impact of Trauma
Amelia Franck Meyer
12:00 p.m. - Lunch
Visit Vendors
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Integrating Physical and Mental Healthcare for Children: What could work in Mississippi? – Dr. Tami Brooks
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Work Session 1
- The Community Toolbox
Amelia Franck Meyer
3:00 - 4:15 p.m. - Work Session 2
- Workforce Well-Being
Amelia Franck Meyer
4:30 p.m. - Adjournment

GENERAL SESSION OVERVIEW

NAVIGATING THE MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM: A PARENT’S PERSPECTIVE
Lisa Fuller, Parent
Like many Mississippi families, Lisa Fuller has navigated the rigorous path of the mental health care system to get her children the help they desperately needed. Her story sheds light on the need for a congruent system of solutions for families.

THE HUMAN IMPACT OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA
Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, LISW, CAPSW
Amelia Frank Meyer will bring the perspective of what humans need to survive and thrive, including understanding many behaviors are natural and normal responses to what has happened to us. Understanding grief and loss, which results from experiencing childhood trauma, helps us understand the current behaviors of children and youth through a new lens of compassion. Because 67% of US adults have experienced at least one childhood trauma, understanding the life-long impacts of childhood trauma helps us to understand the behaviors of adults, too.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
- Social Workers
- Special Education Personnel
- School Counselors
- Behavioral Specialists
- Community and Faith-based Youth Workers
- Psychologists
- School Resource Officers
- Parents and Foster Parents
- Child Advocates
- Judges (Youth Court and Chancery Court)
- Law Enforcement
- Other Professionals Working with Young People

In observance of Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week, wear GREEN on May 12.
WORK SESSIONS OVERVIEW

THE COMMUNITY TOOLBOX
Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, LISW, CAPSW

We all have a role in creating a trauma-informed community that helps youth heal, rather than continue to unintentionally perpetuate harm through systemic re-victimization of children and youth. In this solutions-focused working session, we will work together to identify what practices were in our “old toolbox” that no longer serve us, and develop a “new toolbox” that allows all of us to come to the aid of helping children from a more trauma-informed perspective.

WORKFORCE WELL-BEING
Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, LISW, CAPSW

The most important tool in our toolbox for helping children and youth to heal is the protection and healing achieved through our own relational connection with youth. Therefore, our own well-being is critical to sustaining the connection necessary to walk youth through to the other side of their dark places. Because leaders set culture, the well-being of the leadership is also critical to building and sustaining a healthy and safe environment for employees to do this important work. In this session, we will identify the importance of workforce well-being and some practical tips for helping to achieve and sustain our own well-being.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs)

Canopy Children’s Solutions (formerly MS Children’s Home Services) is approved as a provider for continuing education by the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Work & Marriage and Family Therapist: Renewal Date: 3-6-18. Social Workers may receive up to 5.0 continuing education clock hours by attending the entire 2017 Children’s Mental Health Summit. (General 5.0 CE hours)

Canopy Children’s Solutions (formerly MS Children’s Home Services) has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6857. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Canopy Children’s Solutions is solely responsible for all aspects of the program. Licensed Professional Counselors may receive up to 5.0 continuing education clock hours by attending the entire 2017 Children’s Mental Health Summit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATIONS
$99/night at the Jackson-Hilton, 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, MS 39211

Guests may call toll free to 1-888-263-0524 and request reservations. Guests may also go online to www.hiltonjackson.com and place the group code (MCHS5) in the group code field when prompted (not the promo code or corporate accounts fields). The block will close April 10, 2017.

PAYMENT

There will be a $75/participant fee which covers the cost of materials, breaks, lunch and CEUs. Fees can be paid by check or credit card. Please make checks payable to Canopy Children’s Solutions. Please submit payment to: Mississippi Children’s Mental Health Summit, c/o Canopy, Post Office Box 1078, Jackson, MS 39215. Refunds will not be granted after April 28, 2017.

State agencies can pay through pay mode under Mississippi Children’s Home Society. Please submit your registration form with registered participants to 601.968.0021

Mississippi Children’s Home Society d/b/a Canopy Children’s Solutions has satisfactorily completed requirements and has been approved as an official provider of Continuing Education Units through Mississippi College for the academic year 2017-2018 for participants who are licensed through the Mississippi Department of Education. (.5 CEUs)

Canopy Children’s Solutions has made application to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH), Division of Professional Licensure and Certification, for continuing education for DMH Licensed Clinical Mental Health Therapist, DMH Licensed Clinical Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist, DMH Licensed Clinical Addictions Therapist, DMH Licensed Administrators, Certified Community Support Specialists, and Certified Peer Support Specialist.
GOVERNOR PHIL BRYANT

Phil Bryant was sworn in for his second term as Mississippi’s 64th governor on January 12, 2016. Before becoming the state’s chief executive, Bryant was lieutenant governor from 2008-2011. He also served as state auditor and represented his legislative district in the Mississippi House of Representatives for five years.

The Moorhead native earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Hinds Community College and completed his bachelor’s degree at the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a master’s degree in political science from Mississippi College, and before assuming his role as governor, Bryant served as an adjunct professor of government there. Gov. Bryant began his career as a deputy sheriff in Hinds County and later worked as an insurance investigator before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1991. In 1996, then Gov. Kirk Fordice appointed him state auditor, a position he was re-elected to in 1999 and 2003.

As governor, Phil Bryant has led Mississippi in implementing transformational public education reforms, promoting economic development and building a competitive business climate that attracts major employers like Yokohama Tire Corporation and Continental Tire. Under Gov. Bryant’s administration, over 27,500 jobs have been announced along with $5.19 billion in new corporate investments. He is also an avid outdoorsman and is a longtime member of the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action.

Gov. Bryant and his wife, First Lady of Mississippi Deborah Bryant, have two adult children, Katie Bryant Snell and Patrick Bryant, and are active members of St. Marks United Methodist Church in Brandon.

FIRST LADY DEBORAH BRYANT, HONORARY CHAIR

With a heart for service, First Lady of Mississippi Deborah Bryant has dedicated her professional and personal life to caring for those around her.

She has worked tirelessly through her H.O.M.E. (Healthcare, Outdoors, Mansion/Military, and Education) platform to improve the quality of life for Mississippian of all ages. In 2014, Deborah traveled the entire state as part of her “Read Across Mississippi” program. She read to students in all 82 counties to promote literacy and bring attention to reading disabilities. Last year she added volunteerism and veterans as her part of her platform. Now she is zeroing in on middle school aged children with her “Mississippi Matters that Matter” initiative.

She has been honored as a Women of Distinction Laureate by the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, the recipient of the “Women of Excellence Award” from the Mississippi Diabetes Foundation, and received the Chrysalis Award from the Canopy Children’s Solutions. In May of 2016, William Carey University awarded Mrs. Bryant an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in recognition of her tireless efforts in promoting literacy and her volunteer work following natural disasters throughout the state, especially the tornado that struck Louisville, MS, in 2014. Winston County also presented her with the Spirit of Hope Award following the recovery work she participated in for several months there.

Deborah and her husband of 39 years, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, have two grown children. Daughter, Katie, and her husband, Stephen, and children, Henry and Eliza, live in Madison, MS. Their son, Patrick, lives in Austin, TX.

TAMI BROOKS, MD

Dr. Tami Brooks of Jackson, Miss., serves as an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMMC) and is the medical director of the Children’s of Mississippi North Clinic at the Medical Center. She also currently serves as medical director for the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM).

Visit helpkidsthrive.org to register online.
In addition to being a practitioner, Brooks is a passionate advocate for the health of Mississippi children, serving as the legislative chair of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP) and working to produce improvements in health policies and outcomes.

In her role at DOM, Brooks functions as a liaison between the health-care provider community and the complex world of Medicaid. She works to enhance communication and address confusion providers may have related to Medicaid policies and procedures.

Brooks earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences education from Mississippi State University in 1989. She earned her medical degree from UMMC in 1993, and completed her residency training in pediatrics from UMMC in 1996. She has been part of the Medical Center faculty for 20 years.

**LISA FULLER, PARENT**

Lisa Fuller is a mother of two girls. Her oldest child is on the Autism Spectrum, while Lisa’s youngest daughter suffers from ADHD, anxiety and depression. Having exhausted all options in Mississippi, Lisa had to send both children to treatment programs in other states to receive the care they desperately needed. Her oldest daughter eventually found Autism service in Mississippi and is now attending a public high school.

Lisa is a Sr. Executive Hospital Representative Merck & Co., Inc. and lives with her family in Madison, MS.

**AMELIA FRANCK MEYER, MS, MSW, LISW, APSW**

Amelia Franck Meyer is the founder and CEO of Alia: innovations for people and systems impacted by childhood trauma. Alia provides deep-dive systemic interventions, training, consultation, demonstration projects, and leadership coaching to transform child welfare. Amelia has worked in over half of the states and many countries internationally to promote innovative ideas and to radically re-think child welfare. She is leading a national movement to create a child welfare system across the country where all people - youth and their caregivers - can thrive.

At Alia, Amelia also works to convene change makers and advance the tools and knowledge base in the field of child welfare. This is why, when no other tools existed, she led the initiative to bring together academic, research and professional partners at the University of Minnesota’s Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare to develop the Youth Connections Scale (YCS) and the Wellbeing Indicator Tool for Youth (WIT-Y), both nationally recognized, evidence-informed and widely applied tools.

Before Alia, Amelia was the CEO of Anu Family Services, a child welfare agency located in 90 counties in Wisconsin and Minnesota. During her 15-year tenure, Anu produced nationally recognized child permanence and placement stability outcomes for children in out-of-home care and was on the leading edge of promoting and measuring wellbeing for youth and the child welfare workforce. Amelia is currently serving in the role of Senior Strategic Advisor at Anu, and Anu remains a strategic partner of Alia.

Amelia's work has not gone unnoticed, and in 2015, Amelia was named as a recipient of the prestigious Bush Fellowship by the Bush Foundation and was named an Ashoka Fellow by Ashoka Innovators for the Public. Amelia received the 2015 CEHD Alumni Society Award of Excellence from the University of Minnesota, 2010 Alumna of the Year Award from the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, 2010 Alumna of the Year Award from the Department of Sociology at Illinois State University, and was also named the 2010 Emerging Leader by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota for achieving "early distinction" in her career.

Amelia has spent her 27-year career dedicated to serving children and families in the areas of out-of-home care, family-based services and disability services. In addition, Amelia holds a Master’s Degree in Sociology/Marriage and Family, a Master’s Degree in Social Work/Human Service Management, and graduate certificates in Disability Policy and Services and Permanence and Adoption Competency, and she is currently enrolled in a doctorate program in Organizational Change and Leadership at The University of Southern California (USC).

Amelia has presented nationally and internationally on topics in child welfare, education and criminal justice including grief, loss and trauma, child wellbeing, child permanence and placement stability, workforce wellbeing, leadership fortitude, secondary traumatic stress, resilience, and change management.

Amelia has served on national and statewide boards and strategic committees in both private and public agencies that address her passion of improving the lives of children and families so that all can thrive. Also an avid outdoorsman and is a longtime member of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action.
CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT REGISTRATION

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