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BIG CHANGES AT MCA FALL CONFERENCE

This year for the first time ever, MCA will offer Wednesday morning content sessions. Mississippi Licensed Professional Counselors (MLPCA) will hold a morning session for those who supervise counselors. ACT will be there as a partner with sessions all day Wednesday. MSCA is busy making plans for their Learning Institute and David Kaplan, PhD, Chief Professional Officer at American Counseling Association, will be there to conduct an afternoon ethics Learning Institute.

Registration will also be a new experience. Everyone is encouraged to register early and take advantage of the early bird prices. Onsite registration will now begin on Tuesday evening, from 4:00-6:00 pm. in the back of the exhibit hall and will reopen at 8:00 am on Wednesday. Registration and conference information will again be in the back of the exhibit hall to bring more of our attendees to our valued exhibitors.

More CEUs and Contact Hour CEs will be available than ever before. Wednesday will have 6.5 educational hours available for attendees. On Thursday another 7 hours is available and finally 3 hours are available on Friday. All of this at one low price.

MCA is also working with a new company to track attendance and provide certificates of attendance. These will have all the information needed for certification and will be sent directly to the attendee. Yea! No more codes. Look for more information on this process in the near future.

Carolyn Anderson, MCA Executive Director

THE COMPASS

MCA PARTNERING WITH ACT

This year MCA is partnering with ACT and on November 2, 2016 is presenting a full day of content sessions for both school counselors and school administrators. MCA members who register for the MCA conference will not have to pay to attend any of these sessions. ACT's schedule is listed below. A complete program schedule for other content session will be provided at a later date.

Time	Session Name
8:45 am - 10:15 am	ACT Online Prep
8:45 am - 10:15 am	Begin with the End in Mind: Using the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards to Anchor your K-12 Curriculum - Part 1
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	ACT Best Practices for Counselors and Administrators
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Begin with the End in Mind: Using the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards to Anchor your K-12 Curriculum - Part 2
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	ACT Engage
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Introduction to the ACT Profile Report - Part 1
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	ACT Work Ready Communities
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Introduction to the ACT Profile Report - Part 2

In addition to the above ACT attendees may attend the following:
 5:00-5:30 MCA Opening Session
 5:30-7:00 Keynote J Richman
 7:00- President's Reception

CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS WANTED

The Compass is searching for individuals who are interested in writing articles for the newsletter. If you are interested in contributing your expertise through an article, please contact Susan Nicolais at susan@nonprofit-growth.com. Thanks for your help!

FALL CONFERENCE GENERAL SESSION SPEAKER ANNOUNCED



Dr. Jeremy G Richman, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker at the MCA 2016 Fall Conference Opening Session. Dr. Richman's presentation will be on the Science of Violence and Compassion. He will discuss what is known in regard to risk factors for engaging in violent behavior and protective factors for building connection and compassion.

Dr. Richman has extensive research experience that spans the range from neuroscience and neuropsychopharmacology, to cardiovascular biology, diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, immunology and inflammation. He has worked in the research and drug discovery arena for over two decades and is passionate about helping people live happier and healthier lives.

Dr. Richman is dedicated to reaching out and educating youth and believes our future relies on their imaginations. He believes it is critical to empower youth to advocate for themselves and their peers when it comes to brain health and brain illnesses.

Dr. Richman and his wife, Jennifer Hensel, started Avielle Foundation in honor of their 6-year-old daughter who was killed in the Newtown, Conn. shootings of 2012. The Foundation is committed to preventing violence and building compassion through brain health research, community education and engagement.

**REGISTER NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS
ANY OF THE NEW ACTIVITIES OR THE
OLD FAVORITES.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

June 14-16, 2016, Prepare Crisis Training, Richland, MS

June 21-23, 2016 Prepare Crisis Training, Oxford, MS

June 28-30, 2016 Prepare Crisis Training, Petal, MS

July

July 6-8, 2016 MCA ILT, Biloxi, MS

November

November 2-4, 2016 MCA Annual Fall Conference, Biloxi, MS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOCUS NCBC, Gulfport is seeking candidates for the Resilience Trainer position. In general, s/he would need a master's degree or PhD in Psychology or a related field. A license to practice independently is not required for the Resilience Trainer position. Please search for the posting in the "Find Job Number" field using requisition number H84080 at https://jobs2.mednet.ucla.edu/css_external/CSSPage_SearchAndBrowseJobs.ASP?T=20160526134057&.. Keesler AFB also has an opening for a Resilience Trainer. The requisition number is H83738.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JAYME SULLIVAN

It has been an honor to serve as the president of the Mississippi Counseling Association this year. It has been a year with many changes that impact the counseling world. I would like to thank the many counselors across our state that have served as strong advocates for our profession and have been successful in opening the doors to many opportunities. We would like to thank those involved in a major victory for the children of Mississippi in working with Medicaid, Capitol Resources and our state leaders to give counselors that are Licensed Professional Counselors in Mississippi the opportunity to apply to be a provider of services for Medicaid.



There are ten regions in the Mississippi Counseling Association. I would like to see each of you to become active in your region. It is through the individual regions that we are able to accomplish what is necessary to provide counseling services to those in our communities. Encourage others that you know to become part of our organization. I would like for you to take time to review the guidelines for the groups you are associated in receiving CEU and CE credit. MCA is currently able to provide sessions that fall under the guidelines of many organizations. (LPC board, State Department of Education, NBCC) Please be aware the facilitators will follow the guidelines for those seeking credit.

Preparation for the Fall Conference is in progress and there are big changes in store for attendees. We are offering 2 three – hour Ethics sessions by Dr. David Kaplan from ACA. One session will be held on Wednesday, November 2, and the other session on Thursday morning. The biggest change to this year's conference is the addition of Wednesday morning sessions. The MLPCA division will sponsor a three hour supervision session on Wednesday morning. Your registration fee will cover the sessions beginning on Wednesday at 8:45am through the final sessions on Friday.

We are pleased to announce a partnership with ACT to provide sessions at our conference. These sessions will begin at 8:45am on Wednesday morning.

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PREPARE CRISIS TRAINING

CHANDREA WALKER

The Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Secondary Education, is offering the National Association for School Psychologist PREPARE Crisis Training. This training offers a national certification of completion and continuing education units will be provided. There will be no CEUs or certifications awarded to participants who cannot be in the session for the full day each day for three days to complete both Core I and Core II training.

Due to the nature of this intensive training, seating is limited to 40 participants per session. Participants in this training should be either currently employed in a Mississippi school (public or private accredited schools), retired school counselors, school counselors in Leadership training, school counselors who also provide training for pre-services school counselors, and professional school counselors who can commit to become PREPARE trainers for the regional associations affiliated with the Mississippi Counseling Association. Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis at https://services.nmec.net/EMI_Workshops.cfm?WS=2645. There may be a waiting list taken.

Contact the RESA if there are questions about registration and logistics. If there are questions regarding the content of the workshops please contact Doug Copeland at dcopeland@rcsd.ms or Donna Simmons at dwbarefoot@gmail.com. For general information related to the Mississippi Department of Education please contact wclemons@mdek12.org.

This event is being funded with state and/or federal funds and is being provided for employees of school districts, employees of the Mississippi Department of Education and Department contractors.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

June 14 – 16, 2016

Richland Community Center
410 East Harper St.
Richland, MS 39218

June 21 – 23, 2016

Oxford High School
101 Charger Loop
Oxford, MS 38655

June 28 – 30, 2016

201 West Central Avenue

Petal School District Center for Families and Children
Petal, MS 39465

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MISSISSIPPI: A COUNSELORS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

AMY EDLEMAN, LPC

On Saturday, 2/27/16, MCA's Human Rights Committee presented its' annual Black History Month workshop at the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center in Jackson. The speakers at the workshop included: LaShawn Thompson, Ph.D., Alcorn State University; Joanne Burns-Allen, Arts and Humanities Counselor, Hattiesburg High School; Jeanne Polk, LPC; and Amy Adelman, LPC. Special guest speaker was Pat McNamara, Special Assistant Attorney General, and Human Trafficking Act Coordinator. The 2016 MS Legislature House Bill 553 will increase the fines and penalties for Human Trafficking in MS.

Following is a summary of what participants at the workshop heard.

Human Trafficking is the second fastest growing crime in the universe – a \$150 billion dollar industry – second only to drug trafficking. Kidnapping, transferring of individuals for sexual exploitation or labor, and loss of freedom are what define Human Trafficking. Forced use of illicit drugs, withholding of food, false promises, coercion, threats, rape and beatings are the norm.

Highways that are involved in transporting victims in the Southeast are I10 – to and from California and Jacksonville, I20 through Atlanta, I55 from Memphis to Jackson, Hwy 49 to and from Hattiesburg and the MS Gulf Coast. Six women were recently arrested in Lamar County for prostitution. The Affirmation for Freedom – an organization devoted to freeing Human Trafficking victims - worked with the county sheriff to have the women released as they were all victims of Human Trafficking. In 2013 a 15 year old Hattiesburg girl was drugged and taken from Hattiesburg to Meridian but fortunately was later rescued. In 2013 two teenage boys were taken by a so-called 'family friend' to the Super Bowl in New Orleans but instead ended up in a hotel room, victims of rape. Signs and symptoms of victims, including children and adults, include physical abuse, burns, fearfulness, avoiding eye contact and no form of ID. Homes where victims are kept often appear at the end of a street or a neighborhood, with high fences and boarded windows, and with garbage scattered around.

Watch for the Human Trafficking session at the MCA annual state convention in November. We hope to see you there!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED

JAYME SULLIVAN

Encourage all to attend. Your registration fee includes the added Wednesday sessions. Educators, Workforce Leaders, and Business Partners may complete a one-day registration to attend the ACT sessions, opening session and President's Reception on Wednesday. Invite those in your communities to attend. Registration is now open for the regular registration with the special one-day ACT sessions registration to follow. Changes to this year's registration include a place to mark if you plan to attend the Awards Luncheon. Tickets to this luncheon will only be in the packets of those that plan to attend. We have to provide the final count for this event several weeks prior to the conference. Registration is also required for the First Timer's Breakfast on Thursday morning. Remember to register before the early bird registration deadline closes. The conference will be held at the Gulf Coast Convention Center in Biloxi. Our host hotel is the Beau Rivage. Make sure you secure your hotel registration early. There will be a block of rooms in MCA name.

The Power in Professional Counseling Relationships is determined by each of us. I am asking you to become engaged in some area of our organization and in promoting counseling in our state. Together we can focus on promoting counseling in the nation. If you would like to work with your current leadership team, please contact us to help find the area in which you would like to serve. I will look forward to a new year as your President for Mississippi Counseling Association.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR BOTH
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

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