

29th Annual Rosalynn Carter Georgia Mental Health Forum
May 20, 2025
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

9:30 The Carter Center Welcome

Eve H. Byrd, Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

Paige Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, The Carter Center

9:40 Recorded Welcome Message from the City of Atlanta

Mayor Andre Dickens, City of Atlanta

9:45 Recovery is Real

Speaker TBA

9:55 Public Mental Health and Public Safety in Schools

Linda Criblez, Deputy Director, Homeland Security

Dimple Desai, Senior Policy Analyst II, Voices for Georgia's Children

Will Schofield, Superintendent of Schools, Hall County

Kaitlin Ward, Senior Program Associate, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

10:55 Update from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Kevin Tanner, Commissioner

11:10 Recorded Remarks from Sen. Raphael Warnock

Rev. Raphael Warnock, U.S. Senator

11:15 Remarks from State Rep. Todd Jones

Rep. Todd Jones, Georgia House of Representatives

11: 25 Mental Health Parity Act Implementation in Georgia

Laura Colbert, Executive Director, Georgians for a Healthy Future

Dr. John Constantino, Chief, Behavioral and Mental Health, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Aashna Panjwani, Senior Program Associate, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

12:15 Policy, Awareness, and Investment for Alternative Response and Decarceration (PAIReD) Initiative

Candace Hanson, Executive Director, Canopy Mental Health & Consulting

Letisha Hemanes McCall, Director of Social Services, Atlanta Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative (PAD)

Kari Mackey, Associate Director, Rule of Law Program, The Carter Center

Eve H. Byrd, Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

1:05 Lunch (provided for registrants)

1:50 Culturally Competent Mental Health

Pierluigi Mancini, President and CEO, Multicultural Development Institute

2:05 Arts and Mental Health

2:25 The Role of Advocacy in Advancing Mental Health Care

Whitney Griggs, Director of Health Policy, Georgians for a Healthy Future

Polly McKinney, Advocacy Director, Voices for Georgia's Children

Vira Salzburn, Director of Impact, Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire

Kristin Denning, Senior Program Associate, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

3:15 Recorded Remarks from Rep. Buddy Carter

Rep. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter, U.S. House of Representatives

3:20 The State of Caregiving in Georgia

Eve H. Byrd, Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

Josh Carter, Mental Health and Caregiving Advocate, Grandson of Rosalynn Carter

Toni Miles, Visiting Pope Scholar, Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers

Sarah Phillips, Associate Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

4:10 Closing Remarks

Josh Carter, Mental Health and Caregiving Advocate, Grandson of Rosalynn Carter

