

AGENDA

Friday, May 16, 2025

- 8:00 – 8:30 AMRegistration | Breakfast
- 8:30 - 8:45 AMWelcome | Introductions
Opening Remarks Alicia Barnes, DO, MPH
- 8:45 – 9:00 AM10th Anniversary and Evolution of the
Center for Youth Advocacy and
Well-Being Altha J. Stewart, MD
- 9:00 – 9:15 AMDiscussion on the State of Children’s
Mental Health Services in Tennessee
Commissioner Marie Williams, LCSW
Tennessee Mental Health and Substance
Abuse Services
- 9:15 – 10:15 AMEmpowering Incarcerated Marginalized
Youth Through Mental Health
Conversations and Q & A (EMPOWER)
Russell Ledet, MD, PhD, MBA
- 10:15 – 10:30 AMMorning Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 AMKEYNOTE ADDRESS
Bringing the Village to the Children:
Convening the Helpers Tami Benton, MD
- 11:30 – 12:30 PMLunch and Poster Session
- 12:30 – 1:30 PMThe Village They Need: The Help They
Should Receive
Kay Johnson, BHSc, ACC
- 1:30 – 3:00 PMConvening the Helpers: The System of
Care Approach, A Call to Action:
Youth and the Village Driving Change
Altha J. Stewart, MD
- 3:00 - 3:30 PMClosing Remarks | Recognition | Awards
Alicia Barnes, DO, MPH

ACTIVITY MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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REGISTRATION

Space is limited.
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<https://cenow.uthsc.edu/content/2025-pacts>
There is no cost to attend this summit.

ACTIVITY LOCATION

Crosstown Concourse Theater
1350 Concourse Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104

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2025 Psychiatric-Advocacy
Collaborative Teams Summit (PACTS)

Bringing the Village to the Children:
Convening the Helpers

Center for Youth Advocacy and Well-Being

Co-Hosted by the
Tennessee Society of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry



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OVERVIEW

The 2025 Psychiatric-Advocacy Collaborative Teams Summit (PACTS): Bringing the Village to the Children - Convening the Helpers aims to unite medical professionals, families, social workers, educators, and child-serving entities to enhance mental health and well-being. The summit will feature a keynote on the theme of collective efforts, a youth voice panel, a system of care approach and an address on empowering incarcerated marginalized youth through mental health conversations. Lunch will include a poster session providing participants the opportunity to gain insights into the latest research conducted in the field of children’s mental health.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Recognize the importance of collaborating with various stakeholders to enhance the identification, intervention, and support for at-risk children’s mental health
- Develop strong interpersonal skills to effectively engage with children, understand their needs, and provide compassionate and appropriate support
- Explore techniques to actively involve families in the care process, ensuring that parents and caregivers are equipped with the knowledge and resources to support their children’s mental health and well-being

DESIRED OUTCOME

The 2025 Psychiatric Advocacy Collaborative Teams Summit (PACTS) will convene experts and youth to explore innovative ways to bring comprehensive support to children through a System of Care approach.

A key highlight of the summit is amplifying youth voices, ensuring that young people are actively involved in shaping the services and support they receive.

By bringing the village to the children, PACTS 2025 strives to build a supportive community that addresses the unique needs of each child, overcoming barriers and disparities in access to services.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Child Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Physicians, Community Healthcare Providers, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Fellows, Residents, Medical Students, Social Workers and anyone who works with children and families.

POSTER SESSION

Showcase your research and insights on mental health by submitting your poster presentation, as we strive to bridge the gap and overcome disparities in child and adolescent mental health. Submission deadline is May 9, to gbean@uthsc.edu. For questions you may call 901.448.5155.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Tami Benton, MD

President, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Tami D. Benton, MD is a distinguished leader in child psychiatry, holding the prestigious Frederick H. Allen Chair in Child Psychiatry at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). As the Psychiatrist-in-Chief and Chair of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at CHOP, she also serves as a Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Benton directs the Child and Adolescent Mood Program and the Youth Suicide Prevention Center at CHOP, focusing on depression and suicide prevention among children and adolescents, with a particular emphasis on minority youth.

Her leadership extends to her role as President of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) and Past President of the American Association of Directors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AADCAP). Dr. Benton has been recognized with numerous awards for her contributions to psychiatry and advocacy, including the 2023 Service Award from the Council on Concerns of Women Physicians of the National Medical Association, the Blanche Ittelson Award for Child Psychiatry Research from the American Psychiatric Association, and the Shelly Leaphart-Williams Community Outreach Award from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Additionally, she has received the Humanitarian Award from the Society of Biological Psychiatry, the McGavin Award for Advocacy from the American Psychiatric Association, the Virginia Q. Anthony Women’s Leadership Award, and the Jeanne Spurlock Award for Leadership in Diversity and Culture from AACAP.

Dr. Benton’s career is dedicated to developing leadership within a diverse child psychiatry workforce and eliminating healthcare disparities through partnerships between communities and academic centers. Her work is instrumental in advancing mental health care for children and adolescents, particularly among minority youth.

UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FACULTY AND GUEST SPEAKERS



Alicia Barnes, DO, MPH, FAACAP, FAPA

Associate Director, Center for Youth Advocacy and Well-Being; Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry
President, TN Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



Russell J. Ledet, MD, PhD, MBA

Dr. Ledet earned his medical degree from Tulane University and a PhD in Molecular Oncology from NYU. He is the co-founder of The 15 White Coats, an organization supporting underrepresented minority students in medicine. Dr. Ledet is the first Black male in the Indiana University Triple Board Program.



Altha J. Stewart, MD

Senior Associate Dean for Community Health Engagement at UT Health Science Center
Director, Center for Youth Advocacy and Well-Being, and
Director of Public and Community Psychiatry at UT Health Science Center



Commissioner Marie Williams, LCSW

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