

8th Annual Critical Issues for Alabama Schools Conference

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RATIONALE: Schools are dealing with increasingly complex matters pertaining to students' mental health and social/emotional well-being. Through the delivery of a comprehensive school counseling program, with equitable access for all students, school counselors can be influential in promoting student resilience and positive mental health outcomes. Given school counselors' instrumental role in mental health crisis prevention and intervention, it is essential they possess the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and respond to the many issues students are facing in these uncharted, modern times. It is also essential they understand the legal implications and ethical considerations within the specific context of school counseling. **School counselors, counseling coordinators, school and system administrators, school based therapists, school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, teachers, counselor educators, counseling students, and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend**, as collaboration with all stakeholders is an essential building block of a comprehensive school counseling program.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Carolyn Stone, Ed.D. | Professor, University of North Florida | Sessions 1, 9, 18

Carolyn Stone is a Professor of Counselor Education who researches in the areas of school counselor development and legal and ethical issues. She was the 2006 President of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and is in her twentieth year as ASCA's Ethics Chair. She has chaired the last four revisions of the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors. Dr. Stone was awarded ASCA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and the Florida School Counselor Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. Dr. Stone has written 94 legal and ethical columns for ASCA's School Counselor and the only legal and ethical book exclusively for school counselors. Dr. Stone guest lectures in counseling classes around the nation on legal and ethical issues. Prior to becoming a counselor educator in 1995, Dr. Stone spent 22 years with the Duval County Public Schools in Jacksonville, Florida.



Deirdra Hawkes, M.A. | Director of Programs and Advocacy, ASCA | Sessions 27, 36, 45

Deirdra Hawkes is the Director of Programs and Advocacy for the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Prior to joining the ASCA staff in 2021, she served high school students for over 20 years as a school counselor and Dean of Counseling and Student Services in North Carolina. Deirdra also supported districts and states across the country by teaching them how to develop comprehensive school counseling programs using the ASCA National Model framework. Her list of professional presentations include ASCA National Model, RAMP, DEI in School Counseling, ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors, School Counselor Administrator Relationships and those for new school counselors.

FEATURED SESSION

Navigating the Impact of Recent Legislation in Alabama Schools (Session 26) | Jessica K. Sanders, J.D. | Governmental Affairs Director/Legislative Counsel, ALSDE
Sean J. Stevens, M.Ed. | Program Coordinator of Instructional Services, ALSDE

SCHEDULE – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration	ALSCA Professional Development Committee	Palmer
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Welcome	Daniel Birdsong, Ed.D., ACS, LPC, NCC, NCSC, RPT ALSCA President	Palmer Auditorium
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Sessions 1-8 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Sessions 9-16 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule
11:45 – 1:15 PM	Lunch/General Session (1.0 credit hour)	Melissa J. Shields, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent of Education, Office of Student Learning, ALSDE	Palmer Auditorium
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Sessions 17-25 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule
3:15 – 4:45 PM	Session 26 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule

SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration	ALSCA Professional Development Committee	Palmer
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Sessions 27-35 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Sessions 36-44 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule
11:45 – 1:15 PM	Lunch/General Session (1.0 credit hour)	Sean Stevens, M.Ed. Program Coordinator of Instructional Services, ALSDE	Palmer Auditorium
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Sessions 45-50 (1.5 credit hours)	Various (See schedule)	See schedule

This workshop has been approved for **12.5 NBCC hours (12.5 hours of professional development.)**

See NBCC Hours Application Form on Conference website or ALSCA website for more information.

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SESSION INFORMATION



BREAKOUT SESSIONS – Thursday, February 23, 2023			
8:30 – 10:00 AM	10:15 – 11:45 AM	1:30 – 3:00 PM	3:15 – 4:45 PM
		17. <i>AL-MTSS for School Counselors</i> – Shankles	26. <i>Navigating the Impact of Recent Legislation in Alabama Schools</i> – Sanders & Stevens
1. <i>School Counselors Legal Literacy and Ethical Practice</i> – Stone	9. <i>Advocating Legally and Ethically for Marginalized Youth</i> – Stone	18. <i>Risk Assessments: Best Practice in Protecting Students and School Counselors</i> – Stone	
2. <i>DEI In School Counseling</i> – Coleman & Hollins	10. <i>Proactive Advocacy: Understanding Your Role in the Political Process in Alabama</i> – Eckleman (moved from 39)	19. <i>Raised by Wolves: The Impact of Disengaged Parenting on Children</i> – Grant	
3. <i>Too Much Girl Drama: A Practical Guide to Encourage Tween Girls to be Drama Free</i> – Poindexter	11. <i>Too Much Girl Drama: A Practical Guide to Encourage Tween Girls to be Drama Free</i> – Poindexter	20. <i>Managing Emotional Mayhem: What works in the Elementary School Setting</i> – Johnson	
4. <i>Depression and Its Effect on School-aged Students</i> – Harrington	12. <i>Vaping and Youth Drug Trends</i> – Allen	21. <i>Let's Get Techy</i> – Darroch	
5. <i>Supporting Students Affected by Trauma</i> – Reed	13. <i>College & Career Planning</i> – Handley	22. <i>Addressing Trauma among K-12 Students: Strategies for School Counselors</i> – Crook	
6. <i>Attachment Issues with Children</i> – Warbington	14. <i>Fido in the Classroom: Animal-Assisted Interventions in the School Counseling Context</i> – Couch	23. <i>Building Partnerships and Engagement with Latinx Parents and Caregivers</i> – Tuttle & Windham	
7. <i>Regional Autism Network and Hispanic Training and Resource Advocacy Network</i> – Gutierrez & Hill	15. <i>Allowing Anxiety to be an Ally rather than a Hindrance</i> – Johnson	24. <i>Working with Children in a Post-COVID World</i> – Wilson	
8. <i>Professional Advocacy for School Counseling</i> – Birdsong	16. <i>The Impact of Suicide and Suicidal Ideations in Students and Its Impact on Emotional Wellbeing and Academic Success in Schools</i> – Moore	25. <i>TikTok and Texts: Student Drug Trends</i> – Matthews	

BREAKOUT SESSIONS – Friday, February 24, 2023		
8:30 – 10:00 AM	10:15 – 11:45 AM	1:30 – 3:00 PM
27. <i>ASCA Ethical Standards Updates</i> – Hawkes	36. <i>RAMP: More Than an Award</i> – Hawkes	45. <i>School Counseling Through DEI Lens: Supporting ALL Students</i> – Hawkes
28. <i>What You Plant Today, You Will Harvest Tomorrow: Leadership, Success, and Efficiency in School Counseling</i> – Crumbley & Rankhorn	37. <i>Creativity: It's Not Just for Kids, It's for Counselors!</i> – Crumbley & Rankhorn	46. <i>The Legal High: The Dangers of Gas Station Drugs</i> – Gray & Hogan
29. <i>what's really hAPPening on social media?</i> – Casey	38. <i>Anxiety and Youth</i> – Wisely	47. <i>The Role of School Counselors in Management of School Crises: Theory and Practice</i> – Berry
30. <i>Executive Functioning Skills: Resources to Help Students Improve Academic Performance</i> – Lancaster		48. <i>Working With Video Gamers</i> – DaSambigi-Moore
31. <i>Non-Suicidal Self-Injury</i> – Reese		
32. <i>Surviving or Thriving? Self-Care for Counselors!</i> – Steele	41. <i>Stuck in the Middle: Redefining Middle School Counseling Practices</i> – Manley	49. <i>Working Smarter not Harder in Elementary and Secondary Counseling</i> – Cooper, Manley & Rowe
33. <i>Recognizing, Rethinking and Responding to Child Trafficking</i> – Hill	42. <i>Managing a Comprehensive School Counseling Program in a High School</i> – Virgil	50. <i>Strength through Understanding: Calming the Trauma within School before it Begins</i> – Hood
34. <i>The 6 Needs of a Grieving Child: How to companion a student through their grief journey</i> – Kock	43. <i>Meet me halfway: Tools and techniques on educating students with Childhood Trauma</i> – Tyson	
35. <i>Composed in the Midst of Chaos</i> – Parker	44. <i>Social Media? What about it?!</i> – Ching	