ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

Critical Issues Conference

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

Center for the Arts – 7:00am-3:15pm – Registration & Check-In

Palmer Hall Lobby – 7:00-8:00am – Breakfast Snacks

Palmer Hall Lobby & Center for the Arts Lobby – 7:00am-3:15pm – Exhibit Tables

Palmer Hall Auditorium – 8:00-8:15am – Welcome & Announcements / 11:45am-12:15pm – Lunch & Announcements

12:15-1:15pm – General Session, *Celebrating Progress: Alabama School Counselors at the Forefront of K-12 Educational Achievement* - Cox

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

LOCATION	8:30-10:00am	10:15-11:45am	1:30-3:00pm	3:15-4:45pm
Palmer Hall Auditorium	1. *Trauma-Informed Leadership in Education* - Shankles & Thompson/ALSDE	12. *Proactive Support, Positive Culture: Weaving PBIS Into Your Comprehensive School Counseling Program* - Ennis, Sallese, & Stevens/ALSDE	23. *Advocacy and Access: The School Counselor's Role in Supporting Students with Disabilities - Aldrich, Rosato, & Stevens/ALSDE*	34. *PowerSchool Student Analytics & Insights for School Counselors* - Tankersley/ALSDE
Anna Irvin Dining Hall		13. *When the Unthinkable Happens: From Immediate Response to Long Term Recovery* - Tyree	24. *Critical Conversations in School Counseling* - Upton, et. al.	
Carmichael Library EBSCO Room (ground floor)	2. *Stronger Together: Sharing Strategies in High School Counseling* - Rowe	14. *It's in a Book!: The Illuminating Power of Children's Books for ACEs* - Howard	25. *What zone are you in? (Zones of Regulation)* - Miller, Douglas, & Hodge	35. *Paws with a Purpose: Using a Facility Dog in Practice* - Sapp & Gross
Carmichael Library J.A. Brown Room (top floor)	3. *Empowering School Counselors as Supervisors: Practical Strategies for Student Success in Practicum and Internship* - Booker, Reynolds, & Singletary	15. *Navigating Ethical Documentation: Best Practices for School and Licensed Professional Counselors* - G. Johnson	26. *Obligations: The Who, What, When, and Where of Mandatory Reporting* - A. Smith	36. *Ethical Considerations of Artificial Intelligence in Suicide and Depression Screening Tools within K-12 Educational Settings* - McCall
Harmon Hall 218	4. *Talking About Body Safety/Erin's Law* - J. Davis	16. *Understanding Internal/External Triggers and Pro-Social Coping Responses* - Wilkinson	27. *Processing Emotion (including Anxiety, Anger, and the rest of those "Biggie/Baddies")* - P. Johnson	37. *The 411 on Suicide Prevention and Intervention in Schools* - Harrington
Harmon Hall 220	5. *Trauma-Informed School Counseling: Supporting Students and Fostering Resilience* - Couch & Carlisle	17. *Trauma Through a Behavior Analytic Lens* - C. Johnson	28. *Camp Hope America - Alabama: Where Youth Learn Strategies of Hope and Resiliency All Year* - Erickson	38. *qEEG Brainmapping* - Phillips
Humanities Hall Auditorium (ground floor)	6. *Rethinking ADHD: Plotting a New Course for More Effective Approaches* - Mitchell		29. *Social Media: What's New & How Do We Address the Issue as a School?* - Ching	
Humanities Hall 103	7. *Level up your School Counseling Program* - Robinson	18. *Wearing Two Hats: Integrating Play Therapy into School Counseling* - A. Davis	30. *Smart Support: Using AI to Boost School Counseling Efficiency and Impact* - A. Davis & R. Davis	
Humanities Hall 106	8. *Keeping the JOY in School Counseling* - Butler & Miller	19. *Advocacy in Action for Students and the School Counseling Program* - Watts	31. *Using the ASCA National Model as an Advocacy Tool* - C. Davis	39. *Self Care for Mental Health Professionals in Schools* - Bossie
Humanities Hall 205	9. *Executive Functioning Skills and Motivational Interviewing: Resources to Help Students Improve Academic Success* - Lancaster	20. *Pathways of Promise: Transforming Outcomes for Black Male Students* - Muhammad	32. *Healing in the Age of Anxiety: Coping with the Impact of Parental Separation or Divorce* - Moral	40. *How to Work with Complicated People* - Hudgins
Wills Hall G2 (ground floor)	10. *The Importance of Peer Support after the death of a student* - Kock	21. *Supporting Student Grief: Activities to Facilitate Healthy Mourning* - Bunt & Green	33. *The S-word: Why Language Matters in Grief* - Kock	41. *Composed in the Midst of Chaos* - Parker
Wills Hall 200	11. *Therapy for the Therapist: Your Turn to Heal* - Edwards	22. *Yoga for Self-Care and Burnout Prevention* - Cunningham		

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LOCATION	9:00-10:30am	10:45am-12:15pm	2:00-3:30pm
Palmer Hall Auditorium	42. *Adolescent Substance Use Treatment Services: Resources, Referrals and Access to Care* - Merriweather	55. *Vaping and Youth Drug Trends* - Allen	67. *Dose of Reality: The Truth About Teen Trends* - Matthews
Carmichael Library EBSCO Room (ground floor)	43. *Fear Less: Empowering Parents to Support Anxious Kids* - McKinney & Poe	56. *Increasing Positive Engagement with Parents and the Community* - Dement & Kidd	
Carmichael Library J.A. Brown Room (top floor)	44. *Social Media's Impact on Today's Youth* - Mitchell	57. *Mitigating Social Media Impacts in Middle School: Strategies for Support and Solutions* - Bush	68. *The Art of Staying Cool: De-Escalation for the Front Lines of Education* - Rodgers & Stewart
Davis Hall LeBaron Recital Hall	45. *Implementing Evidence-Based Behavioral and SEL Practices Within MTSS: Collaboration Between School Counselors and Special Educators* - Lee	58. *MTSS: Aligning Programs for Student Success* - Birdsong	
Davis Hall 215	46. *An Introduction to Eating Disorders* - Nielsen	59. *Suicide and Religion: A Review of the Past, Discussion of the Present, and Implications for the Future* - O. Smith	
Humanities Hall Auditorium	47. *Youth Suicide Trends and Prevention* - Wisely	60. *ADHD Updates* - Wisely	69. *Enneagrams in the Workplace* - McKinney & Poe
Humanities 302	48. *Mental Health Counseling in a School Counseling World* - Jones	61. *More Than a Mood: Understanding Black Teen Mental Health* - Packer	
Wills Hall G2	49. *Know the Signs: Understanding Pornography's Effects on the Brain, Relationships, and Society* - Stephens	62. *Supporting LGBTQ+ Children & Adolescents in Counseling* - Redmond	
Wills Hall 100	50. *Developing Rapport with Toxic Teenagers- How Do You Reach the Unreachable?* - Grant	63. *Correlation between Unhealthy Dating Relationships, Mental Health & Academic Achievement* - Montgomery-Clark & Montgomery-Price	
Wills Hall 120	51. *Bouncing Back: Finding Resilience in Clinical Practice* - Newell	64. *Routines, Tips, and Life Hacks: A (Quick) Guide to Educator Wellness* - Phelps	~~*70. Cultivating Calm* - Goolsby~~ canceled
Wills Hall 121	52. *Trauma Informed Play and Art Use in the Schools* - Dawson-Hardy	65. *Paradoxical Approaches in Play Therapy: "Failing to Succeed"* - Manning	
Wills Hall 200	53. *Beyond Behavior: Trauma, Regulation, and the Window of Tolerance* - Reed	66. *Trust Shattered: The Enduring Effects of Complex Trauma on the Healing Journey* - Pruett	71. *Trauma Informed Care: Increasing Awareness that Impact Students, Families and the Community* - Hinton, Mack/ALSDE, & Holliman-Olive
Wills Hall 215	54. *Music's Power to Teach, Inspire, and Calm Within the Elementary Classroom Setting* - Atkins		

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