



PARTNERS IN PURPOSE SYMPOSIUM

TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE • 2026

Agenda

8:00 AM	DOORS OPEN
9:00 AM	WELCOME ADDRESS Dr. MaryAnne Candleley
9:15 AM	AGENCY SHOWCASE Children's Advocacy Network
9:20 AM	INTENTIONAL SELF-CARE/ HOLISTIC WELL-BEING: A PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIAL WORKERS Dr. Neeru Deep Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development
10:30 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM	AWARD PRESENTATIONS NSU Title IV-E Child Welfare Scholar of the Year: Brianna Mouton, BSW, RSW NSU Title IV-E Child Welfare Supervisor of the Year: RoLonda Stanley, MS, MSW
11:00 AM	THE TITLE IV-E SCHOLAR PERSPECTIVE Dr. Traci Miller-Earl Owner and Clinical Director of Changing Directions Counseling and Consulting
12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM	AWARD PRESENTATIONS Child Welfare Excellence Award: Kimberly Smith, M.Ed. Child Welfare Excellence Award: Shrea Mitchell, NRCMA
1:45 PM	DRUG ADDICTED NEWBORNS Dr. Susan Thorson-Barnett Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Addiction Counselor
2:55 PM	BREAK
3:10 PM	AWARD PRESENTATION Child Welfare Innovator of the Year: Andrew J. Fultz, PhD, MSW, LCSW
3:30 PM	THE NEW NSULA TITLE IV-E SIMULATION LAB WITH RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS Dr. Jennifer Shaw, Title IV-E Training and Research Coordinator Greere Koehler, Statewide Title IV-E Program Manager
4:00 PM	JUVENILE DRUG COURT Judge Desirée Dyess Judge of the 10th Judicial District in Louisiana
5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS

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