

OCTOBER 18, 2021 – CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 - 8:45 WELCOME

8:45 -10:45 KEYNOTE: DEVELOPING TOOLS FOR TRANSFORMATION: AN INTRODUCTION TO RACIAL CONSCIOUSNESS. *GENEVIEVE LOWRY, MS.ED, CEIM, CCLS & TROY PINKNEY, MA, CCLS. BANK STREET COLLEGE, NY, NY.* HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER, AND HOW INSTITUTIONS TREAT US, AFFECTS HOW LONG AND HOW WELL WE LIVE. IN A SUPPORTIVE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT, THIS SESSION EXAMINES INTERSECTIONALITY USING “RACE” AS THE LENS TO UNDERSTAND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF COLOR. PARTICIPANTS WILL EXAMINE THEIR OWN BIASES, PRIVILEGE, AND POTENTIAL SYSTEMIC “ISMS”, AS A TOOL FOR TRANSFORMATION AND ACTION. BY DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF PATIENTS AND FAMILIES COMBINED WITH A STRENGTHS-BASED APPROACH, CCLS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS, ASSESSMENTS, AND INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE TRULY GROUNDED IN PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTERED CARE. **DOMAIN: ETHICS**

11:00 -12:30 THE CARE AND DE-ESCALATION OF THE SENSORY PATIENT. JILLIAN HALEY, BA, CCLS & DEVON FAHRENWALD, BS, CCLS. LAKELAND REGIONAL HEALTH, LAKELAND, FL. CHILD LIFE SERVICES CAN PIONEER EXCEPTIONAL CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH SENSORY NEEDS. THIS PRESENTATION WILL ENSURE THAT ATTENDEES WALK AWAY WITH A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF SENSORY CONDITIONS, ALONG WITH SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES TO SUCCESSFULLY DE-ESCALATE A SENSORY PATIENT IN CRISIS. THIS SESSION WILL IDENTIFY THE ROLE THAT PERCEPTION PLAYS IN OUR WORK WITH SENSORY PATIENTS, WHILE DISCUSSING HOW OVERCOMING THOSE BARRIERS AMONGST INTERDISCIPLINARY STAFF ALLOWS FOR EXCEPTIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE. WE WILL TEACH SENSORY-SPECIFIC DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES AND HOW THESE METHODS CAN BE APPLIED TO SAFELY DE-ESCALATE A CHILD IN THE MIDST OF A SENSORY EVENT, USING OUR TRUE LIFE STORIES AND EXPERIENCES. **DOMAIN: INTERVENTION**

12:30 -1:00 LUNCH

1:00 - 2:30 SANCTUARY IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM: HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN’S PLAYSPACE. *ALEC VAN DYKE, MA, CCLS & LYNNE GAINES, MS, CLS. HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN’S PLAYSPACE, BOSTON, MA.* HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN’S PLAYSPACE PROVIDES CHILD CENTERED PLAY EXPERIENCES IN PLAYSPACES WITHIN HOMELESS SHELTERS ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS. THE GREATER BOSTON TEAM IS LED BY A CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST WHO TRAINS VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PLAY TO CHILDREN AGE BIRTH TO TWELVE. UTILIZING A FRAMEWORK OF TRAUMA INFORMED DESIGN AND CURATED PLAY MATERIALS, PLAYSPACE ACTIVITY LEADERS (PALS) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR NORMATIVE PLAY EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES. THIS PRESENTATION WILL PRESENT A PERSPECTIVE OF CHILDREN LIVING IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM AND HOW A CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST CAN MEET THEIR NEEDS THROUGH DIRECT CARE AND VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT. **DOMAIN: INTERVENTION**

2:45 - 4:45 CLOSING PLENARY: ENHANCING INTERACTION THROUGH THE USE OF HUMOR *TIFFANY RILEY, BFA, MLS & DICK MONDAY, BA, FOUNDERS OF THE LAUGHTER LEAGUE, IRVING, TX.* THIS PRESENTATION INTRODUCES INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUCCESSFUL INTERACTIONS, SUCH AS READING THE ROOM, SAYING YES, AND READING THE NONVERBAL CUES FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. TRANSLATE THESE PERFORMANCE-BASED SKILLS INTO TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED IN THE DAILY WORK OF CHILD LIFE SPECIALISTS. LEARN HOW TO HELP PATIENTS BREATHE EASIER BY CONNECTING WITH THEM THROUGH HUMOR. **DOMAIN: ASSESSMENT**