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10th

BREAKING BARRIERS
INTEGRATED CARE SYMPOSIUM

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Welcome!

I am honored to welcome you to our 10th Breaking Barriers Integrated Care Symposium as we celebrate Our Power in Unity: One Unstoppable Movement! That's ten years of ideas, innovation, breakthroughs, and people who refused to accept that the way things *have* been done is the way things *must* be done.

This milestone is about more than how far we've come. It's about what comes next. As California's landscape continues to evolve, so must the systems and solutions that shape the futures of our children and youth. The opportunity before us is enormous.

Over the next several days, we will challenge conventional thinking, elevate fresh perspectives, explore new approaches, and ask the questions that will move this work forward: What more is possible? What must change? And how do we make the next ten years count?

Our first ten years helped lay the foundation. The next ten years will be defined by what we build on top of it. Whether you are just beginning to envision your path forward, actively implementing your integration strategies, or expanding to the next level, this year's Symposium will provide the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and build something bigger than any one of us can alone. Each of you brings something essential to this moment: experience, expertise, creativity, and courage. Bring your boldest ideas. Challenge assumptions. Share what works and what doesn't. Be willing to imagine what has not yet been done.

Ten years of breaking barriers. One unstoppable movement. An extraordinary future within our reach. There's a Better Way. Let's make it happen!

Elizabeth Estes
Founder and Executive Director, Breaking Barriers California

Quick Reference Links

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HOTEL MAP

Day 1

Sunday, November 8th

12:00-1:00 p.m. | CHECK-IN and Light Lunch

1:00-1:30 | WELCOME and OVERVIEW

- **Elizabeth Estes,** Founder and Executive Director, Breaking Barriers California
- **Susan Brutschy,** President, Applied Survey Research
- **Nazanin Zargarpour,** President, CTI; President & CEO, LTI; Executive Director, Learning Collaborative Institute

1:30-2:00 | FEATURED SPEAKER

Youth HOPE Month: From Awareness to Action

- **California Coalition for Youth (CalYouth)**

2:00-2:15 | TRANSITION/BREAK

2:15-2:45 | BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Youth-focused Breakout Session: From Connections To Continuity

(Grand Nave Ballroom - Lower Level)

- **Mariah Dixon,** Youth Advocate, San Francisco
- **Jessica Fuentes,** Youth Advocate, Alameda
- **Autonaya Jones,** Youth Advocate, San Francisco
- **Dayanara Meza,** Youth Advocate, San Francisco
- **Angelique Nelson,** Youth Advocate, San Mateo
- **Amber Way,** Youth Advocate, Alameda

Moderators:

- **Nekhoe Hogan,** Advocacy Manager, The Los Angeles Trust
- **Mariah Corder,** Community Advocacy Coordinator, California Youth Connection

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Adult-focused Breakout Session: From Youth Voice to Shared Power: Building Systems Where Young People Shape the Policies That Shape Their Lives

(Gardenia - Lower Level)

- **Saran Tugsjargal,** Student & Youth Consultant, Rice University
- **Celeste Walley,** Permanency and Youth Engagement Advisor, California Alliance of Child and Family Services (Catalyst Center)

2:45 - 3:00 | TRANSITION/SNACK BREAK

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Session Descriptions

Day 1
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Sunday, November 8th

3:00-4:30 | WE THE YOUNG PEOPLE...

Youth Storytelling

- **Office of Youth & Community Restoration (OYCR) Youth Advisory Board**

Lessons from OYCR

- **Judge Katherine Lucero,** Yolo County Superior Court; Former Director, Office of Youth & Community Restoration (OYCR)

Children's Bill of Rights - Development Activity

- **Applied Survey Research**
- **Breaking Barriers California**
- **Capacity To Impact, Learning To Impact, Learning Collaborative Institute**
- **The Social Changery**

4:30 | WRAP-UP

MadhuVarshini RajeshShanmugam, Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families

5:00 | BREAKING THE BARRIERS NETWORKING TIME & HAPPY HOUR

sponsored by Mathematica (Morgan's - 2nd Floor)

Session Descriptions

Day 2

7:00-7:30 a.m.| RISE AND SHINE SOUND BATH *(Optional)*

(Kamilos/Hendricks - 3rd Floor)

- **Kacey Rodenbush,** Rainbow Connections Project Lead, Monterey County Behavioral Health

7:30-8:00 | CHECK-IN and Breakfast

8:00-8:05 | WELCOME

- **Lee Skinner,** Dean, University of the Pacific, College of the Pacific

8:05-8:15 | SHARED LEADERSHIP - YOUTH OVERVIEW

Who Gets a Seat at the Table?

- **Sunita Ganeshmoorthy,** Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families
- **Saanvi Peddi,** Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families
- **Arushi Pillai,** Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families

8:15-9:00 | SHARED LEADERSHIP - OVERVIEW AND INTENTION-SETTING

Systems Barriers & Policy Solutions - Untangling Fragmented Services

- **Margaret Dunkle,** Former Director, LA County Early Identification & Intervention Collaborative; Retired Lead Research Scientist, The George Washington University

Leadership in Action - Panel Discussion

- **Mary Champion,** School Psychologist, Sonoma County Office of Education
- **Amanda Dickey,** Executive Director, Complete Consulting California
- **Dr. Nikki Parr,** Superintendent of Schools, Solano County
- **Saanvi Peddi,** Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families
- **James Soward,** Program Manager, San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools
- **Nazanin Zargarpour,** President, CTI; President & CEO, LTI; Executive Director, Learning Collaborative Institute

9:00-9:15 | TRANSITION/BREAK

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Monday, November 9th

Session Descriptions

Day 2 continued

Monday, November 9th

9:15-10:15 | SHARED LEADERSHIP - LEARNING SESSIONS/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING & PRACTICE

- **From Shared Vision to Shared Data: Fresno County's Children's System of Care Journey** - Fresno County, Complete Consulting CA *(Gardenia - Lower Level)*
- **Care for Every Student: Building Systems for Sustainable Coordination of Services** - Mono County, Capacity to Impact *(Tofanelli - 2nd Floor)*
- **Connected Leadership: Building Alignment Within and Partnership Beyond** - Solano County Office of Education *(Bataglieri - 2nd Floor)*
- **From School Sites to Systems: Strengthening Community Schools Through Transforming Together** - Transforming Together, San Bernardino County *(Compagno - 2nd Floor)*
- **YOUTH-LED: Students as Decision Makers: Learning from SCOE's Youth Committee** - Sonoma County Office of Education *(Grand Nave Ballroom - Lower Level)*

10:15-10:30 | TRANSITION/BREAK

10:30-11:15 | FEATURED SPEAKER

A Defiant Kind of Hope: Cultivating Hope That Transforms

Gaelin Elmore, Speaker and Consultant, The Elmore Group

11:15-11:45 | LUNCH PICK-UP and BREAK

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | DEDICATED COUNTY WORK TIME with OPTIONAL CONSULTATION SESSIONS

12:45-1:00 | TRANSITION/BREAK

1:00-1:15 | SHARED GOALS - YOUTH OVERVIEW

- **Saran Tugsjargal,** Student & Youth Consultant, Rice University

1:15-1:30 | SHARED GOALS - OVERVIEW AND INTENTION-SETTING

Achieving More, Together

- **Camden Webb,** Director of Behavioral Health Services, Solano County Office of Education

1:30-1:45 | TRANSITION/SNACK BREAK

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1:45-2:45 | SHARED GOALS - LEARNING SESSIONS/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING & PRACTICE

- **Aligning Systems for Impact** - MJ4Health/Maryjane Puffer *(Gardenia - Lower Level)*
- **Growing Our Own: Building a Sustainable Behavioral Health Workforce Through Training, Partnership, and Retention** - Monterey County Behavioral Health Bureau *(Tofanelli - 2nd Floor)*
- **Clinical Measurements Can Be Communication Tools, Not Just Chores** - Pacific Clinics, Humaxa *(Bataglieri - 2nd Floor)*
- **Rainbow Connections: How Monterey County Built ONE Unified Ecosystem of Affirming Care for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth and Families** - Rainbow Connections Monterey, Solano County *(Compagno - 2nd Floor)*
- **YOUTH-LED: Understanding the Youth and Family Experience in Out of State School Placements** - California Alliance of Child and Family Services/The Catalyst Center *(Grand Nave Ballroom - Lower Level)*

2:45-3:00 | TRANSITION/BREAK

3:00-3:30 | WRAP-UP

Before It Becomes a Crisis: What I needed, What I didn't get, What we can do together

- **Faith Xiong,** Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families

More Doorways, Fewer Cracks: Co-Designing Shared Pathways So Young People Find Support Sooner

- **Dr. Tully, Ph.D.,** Vice President of Partnerships, Soluna by Kooth

3:30-4:30 | DEDICATED COUNTY WORK TIME with OPTIONAL CONSULTATION SESSIONS

4:30 | BUILDING CONNECTIONS NETWORKING TIME & HAPPY HOUR
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Day 3

Tuesday, November 10th

7:00-7:30 a.m.| RISE AND SHINE SOUND BATH *(Optional)*
(Kamilos/Hendricks - 3rd Floor)

- **Kacey Rodenbush,** Rainbow Connections Project Lead, Monterey County Behavioral Health

7:30-8:00 | CHECK-IN and Breakfast

8:00-8:15 | SHARED INFORMATION - YOUTH OVERVIEW

- **Student Athlete Truth Corps**

8:15-8:45 | SHARED INFORMATION - PANEL OVERVIEW & INTENTION-SETTING
Measure What Matters: Building a Culture That Sees and Hears Every Student

- **Dr. Ed Manansala,** Superintendent, El Dorado County Office of Education
- **Dr. David Toston**, Superintendent, Santa Clara County Office of Education
- **Joshua Arnold,** Co-Founder and CEO, Impacter Pathway
- **Gina Plate,** Executive Vice President, Deveau Burr Group (Moderator)

8:45-9:00 | TRANSITION/BREAK

9:00-10:00 | SHARED INFORMATION - LEARNING SESSIONS/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING & PRACTICE

- **Behavioral Health Performance Management: From Counting Services to Measuring Growth** - ASR, Impacter Pathway, Santa Clara County Office of Education *(Gardenia - Lower Level)*
- **From Evidence to Action: Tools for Building Stronger County Collaboration** - Mathematica *(Tofanelli - 2nd Floor)*
- **From Vision to Framework: Collaborative Beginnings of a Youth Data Ecosystem** - Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Division *(Bataglieri - 2nd Floor)*
- **Building An Interconnected System: Community Connect** - Ventura County Healthy Campus *(Compagno - 2nd Floor)*
- **YOUTH-LED: Athletes Asking Athletes and Empowering Youth Beyond the Game** - Student Athlete Truth Corps, Applied Survey Research *(Grand Nave Ballroom - Lower Level)*

10:00-10:15 | TRANSITION/SNACK BREAK

10:15-10:30 | SHARED FINANCE - YOUTH OVERVIEW

- **Aaliyah Santos,** Youth Advocate, PRO Youth and Families, Sheldon High School

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Tuesday, November 10th

10:30-10:45 | SHARED FINANCE - OVERVIEW AND INTENTION-SETTING

- **Michael Lombardo,** Education and Health & Human Services Advisor, MCL Collaboration

10:45-11:00 | TRANSITION/BREAK

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | SHARED FINANCE - LEARNING SESSIONS/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING & PRACTICE

- **A Revenue Generating Model of School Based Mental Health** - Butte County Office of Education, Sonoma County Office of Education, Partnership HealthPlan of California, Innovative Strategies Group *(Gardenia - Lower Level)*
- **Braiding and Blending Funding to Support Ecosystem Universal Array Development** - Michael Lombardo, Education and Health & Human Services Advisor, MCL Collaboration *(Tofanelli - 2nd Floor)*
- **Cross-System Realities: Bridging Special Education Services and Foster Youth Supports** - School Services of California Inc. *(Bataglieri - 2nd Floor)*
- **Aligned for Impact: Fostering Collaboration Between Schools and Health Plans** - WestEd *(Compagno - 2nd Floor)*
- YOUTH-LED: **Building Belonging into the Budget: Youth Voice & Investment in Third Places** - California Partners Project *(Grand Nave Ballroom - Lower Level)*

12:00-12:15 | TRANSITION/BREAK

12:15-12:30 | WRAP-UP & CLOSING

12:30 | LUNCH PICK-UP

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