

2026 ADHD and Related Concerns Presenters' Biography

Connie Anderson, M.S., LPC

Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center

Connie Anderson, LPC-S, is an experienced clinician with over 11 years of providing therapy to children, adults, couples, and families. Trained in CBT, TF-CBT, PSB-CBT, and EMDR, she is known for her compassionate, practical approach to complex cases. Connie is passionate about helping families heal and is excited to share evidence-based, real-world strategies for PSB-CBT.

Danyella Berry, LCSW

Beyond the Brokenness Mental Wellness Foundation

Danyella Berry is a seasoned clinician, entrepreneur, speaker, and community leader dedicated to mental wellness and empowerment. She is the Owner and Lead Clinician of Beyond the Brokenness Mental Wellness Solutions, LLC, a practice based in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, committed to guiding individuals through stress, anxiety, grief, trauma, and life transitions with evidence-based strategies, empathy, and personalized care.

Emma Betsill, MAT

The University of Southern Mississippi

Emma Betsill is a 3rd year doctoral student in the School Psychology program at USM. Her previous experiences include mathematics and behavioral interventions and teaching high school mathematics. Emma is interested in adapting behavioral supports to fit the unique needs of high school students.

Joshua Bingham, Educational Specialist

Attala County School District

Joshua Bingham serves as Special Education Director for Attala County School District in Mississippi, leading districtwide special education programs, IDEA compliance, educator professional learning, and family-school collaboration. A former special education teacher, he is completing a Graduate Certificate in School Psychometry while advancing inclusive, student-centered practices through research-informed leadership statewide.

Emily Gilbert – Boyd – Ed.S

Hattiesburg High School

Dr. Emily Gilbert-Boyd is a veteran educator with 20 years of experience spanning elementary teaching, reading intervention, music, social-emotional learning, and school leadership. She earned a doctorate in Educational Administration in 2025, researching SEL's impact on neurodiverse students. She now teaches 9th-, 10th-grade, and AP English at Hattiesburg High School.

Larry Calhoun, A.A., B.A., M.S.Ed.

Move To Learn, Bower Foundation, and The Mississippi Department of Education

Coach Larry Calhoun is the Division Director of the Office of Healthy Schools, MS Department of Education. He has over 30 years' experience in education, teaching in several school districts in Mississippi. He shares his infectious enthusiasm for a healthy, active lifestyle with students throughout the state.

Stacy Davis, M.Ed.

The Mississippi Department of Education

Over 25 years of educational experience, including Psychometry in various Mississippi school districts. Develop and deliver special education training and workshops for educators. Knowledgeable on special education laws and educational trends. Provide insights to educators and parents on students' strengths, challenges, and learning styles. Ensure compliance with IDEA and other educational regulations related to assessment.

Brad Dufrene, PhD

The University of Southern Mississippi

Dr. Brad A. Dufrene is a Professor of Psychology at The University of Southern Mississippi and a licensed psychologist. Dr. Dufrene has over 30 years of clinical and research experience with expertise in school and pediatric psychology.

Christyl "Cricket" Erickson, MSED

Erickson Educational Consulting

Mrs. Erickson, a retired educator with 35 years of experience, has dedicated her career to enhancing student outcomes through a holistic approach. Her methods include implementing multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) for both academics and behavior, utilizing effective interventions, promoting structured literacy, and incorporating best instructional practices across all disciplines.

Mandy Gay, M.S., CCC-SLP, M. ED., CALT

Hattiesburg Clinic Connections

Mandy Gay holds a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from The University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Education in Dyslexia Therapy from William Carey University. She lives in Moselle, Mississippi, with her husband, Russell, and their 13-year-old son, Ethan.

Donna George, Ed.D., CALT-QI, LDT, SLDS-C

The 3D School and William Carey University

Dr. Donna George is a professor of education and coordinator of the Graduate Dyslexia Therapy Program at William Carey University. A CALT-QI and licensed dyslexia therapist, she also serves as principal of the 3D School. Her work focuses on structured literacy, teacher preparation, and empowering students with dyslexia.

Jennifer Goodwin, M.S., Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CPNP-PC, PPCMHS

Hattiesburg Clinic Connections

Jennifer Goodwin is a provider with Hattiesburg Clinic Connections. Goodwin received her MS in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is board certified as a primary care pediatric nurse practitioner and is a member of the ANA, MANP, MNA, NAPNP, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.

Julia Hovatter, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Beyond Therapy for Kids

Julia graduated from the University of South Alabama in 2006 with a Bachelors of Allied Health and Sciences followed in 2008 by a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. In 2013 she received her Sensory Integration Certification. She currently works in an outpatient pediatric clinic.

Tremain Johnson, Master of Arts in Teaching

S.V. Marshall Elementary

Tremain Johnson is an experienced educator, instructional leader, and coach with 16 years of service in Mississippi schools. As Lead Teacher at S. V. Marshall Elementary, he supports

curriculum, professional development, school culture, and teacher growth. He is committed to empowering educators and improving outcomes for every child.

Pamela Jones, Ed.S

Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and The Blind

Pamela Jones has served over 17 years in education in various role such as an interpreter, teacher, guidance counselor, and vocational rehabilitation counselor. Believing every behavior tells a story beyond disability, she inspires educators to look beyond behaviors, uncover underlying needs, and build supportive environments where every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to succeed.

Tammy Jordan, M.S., CCC-SLP

Connections

Tammy Jordan, M.S., CCC-SLP, has nearly 30 years of experience in speech-language pathology. She specializes in early intervention, reading readiness, and dyslexia. Based in Hattiesburg, she enjoys life with her husband, Stan. Tammy is also a proud mother to two adult children, Harper and Liv.

Erin Konves, M.S., LPC

Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services

Erin Elizabeth Konves is a Licensed Professional Counselor, with a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology. She works as the Alumni Coordinator for Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Ms. Konves leads a variety of recovery groups with the patients in Pine Grove's specialty treatment programs, and facilitates programming with the organization's alumni.

Martha Loukotka, MS, BCBA, LBA

The Horizons School

Martha K. Loukotka, is a Behavior Analyst with over 25 years of experience serving individuals and their families. Martha Graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Masters Degree in Science with a concentration on Behavioral Psychology. She has extensive experience with assisting those who are impacted by Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, ADHD, and other learning differences. Martha is currently working at the Horizons School assisting adults 18-26 transition to live as independently as they are able.

S. Neil Marsh, *Ph.D.*

Cornerstone Counseling

S. Neil Marsh, Ph.D. is a Licensed Psychologist and Consultant based in Jackson, MS. He provides psychological services and consultation to individuals, couples, families, and organizations through Cornerstone Counseling. With over two decades of experience as both a psychologist and pastor, he specializes in supporting families navigating life.

Maddie McLean, *M.S., P-LPC*

Canopy Children's Solutions

Maddie McLean is a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) providing outpatient therapy at Canopy Behavioral Solution's for children and families. She is currently pursuing certification in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and has experience treating behavioral concerns, trauma, and autism spectrum disorder. Maddie is passionate about strengthening parent-child attachment through evidence-based interventions.

Carrie Morgan, *PhD*

Hattiesburg Clinic Department of Psychology & Counseling

Born and raised near Kalamazoo, Michigan, Dr. Morgan earned her Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University. She then moved to Hattiesburg to complete her doctoral training at USM. Dr. Morgan specializes in assessment and treatment of childhood psychological disorders, including ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Tim Morse, *Ed.D.*

University of West Florida

Dr. Morse is an associate professor who teaches undergraduate/graduate coursework at the University of West Florida. He has been a special education teacher, administrator, and university professor for over 45 years. His research involves examining high-quality school programming for students with disabilities and systematic instruction that maximizes active responding.

Leta Palmiter, *Ed.S., CALT, C-SLDS*

Illuminations Literacy Solutions

Leta C. Palmiter, Ed.S., M.Ed., CALT, NBCT, is CEO of Illuminations Literacy Solutions and founder of the Illuminations Center for Dyslexia. An author and nationally recognized literacy leader, she helps educators and families implement practical, evidence-based strategies that improve outcomes for struggling readers.

Russell Rainey, MS, LPC

Pine Grove Behavioral Health and Addiction Services

Russell Rainey is the Administrative Director of Addiction Services at Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services. Rainey completed his Bachelor's degree in Religion, Biblical Studies and Language before earning his Master's degree in Counseling Psychology at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Rainey holds a license in Professional Counseling and has over 20 years of experience in the addiction treatment field.

Marquita Robertson, Ed.D

Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind

Dr. Marquita Robertson is Assistant Superintendent of the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. An educator and special education leader, she has served as a teacher, principal, and administrator. Her work focuses on inclusive programming, IDEA compliance, collaborative leadership, and improved outcomes for students with diverse learning needs.

Rebekah Satcher, Ed.D

Presbyterian Christian School

Dr. Rebekah Satcher brings over 15 years of experience across both public and private education. She earned her B.S. in Elementary Education from USM, followed by a M.Ed in Special Education from WCU. She later earned an EdD in Leadership from Baylor University. Dr. Satcher's background in education and differentiated instruction has shaped her career, including her work with the Mississippi Department of Education and Ole Miss. She currently serves as the Director of Student Academic Services at PCS.

Melissa Bordelon Shields, NCC, LPC-S

Canopy Children's Solutions

Melissa is a 2012 graduate of USM's Counseling Psychology master's program. She obtained her LPC in 2014 and her LPC-S in 2018. She has worked in a variety of settings, including community, residential, outpatient, and integrative health. She currently serves as the Division Director of Behavioral Health Solutions at Canopy Children's Solutions.

Jonathan Shook, M.D.

Hattiesburg Clinic Connections

Through his experience as a pediatrician and a father of four children, Dr. Jonathan Shook has developed a passion for caring for children and teens with ADHD and related conditions. Since 2017, Dr. Shook has been a part of Hattiesburg Clinic Connections, a multispecialty group of clinicians who evaluate and treat individuals with mental health differences.

Lorie Sisk, *Master of Education*

The Mississippi Department of Education

Lorie Sisk completed her undergraduate and graduate studies in Elementary Education at Mississippi State University and Mississippi College, respectively. Her certifications include Elementary Education K-8, Performing Arts (Music) K-12, and Gifted Education. Lorie has spent over three decades serving in various educational capacities, positively impacting many students across 10 school districts in 2 states. She became an Early Childhood Generalist National Board-Certified Teacher in 2008. Currently, Lorie is in her fifth year as a Gifted Support Service Specialist at the Mississippi Department of Education. This position enables her to apply her experience in gifted education to support teachers and students in Mississippi. This role aligns with Lorie's enduring commitment to improving educational opportunities and outcomes.

Alicia Swann, *M.C.D., CCC-A*

Auditory Processing Center, LLC

Alicia Swann, M.C.D., CCC-A, is a board-certified audiologist and founder of Auditory Processing Center in Clinton, Mississippi. With over 30 years' experience and extensive specialization in auditory processing disorder (APD), she evaluates and treats children and adults, develops auditory training programs, has co-authored APD research, and presents nationally on connections among APD, ADHD, dyslexia, autism, learning, behavior, and communication.

Mariann Taylor, *PhD., CFLE, CFCS-HDFS*

The University of Southern Mississippi

Dr. Mariann Taylor is a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) with a master's degree in human development and Family Science and a PhD in Adult Education. She has spent years supporting families as a nonprofit director and parent educator and now enjoys preparing the next generation of professionals at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Brooklee Tynes, *PhD*

JumpStart Autism Collective

Dr. Brooklee Tynes received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Mississippi. She is a pediatric psychologist that provides assessment and behavioral therapy for children and adolescents. Dr. Tynes currently provides developmental evaluations via telehealth with JumpStart Autism Collective. Dr. Tynes enjoys providing parent training for an array of social-emotional and behavioral difficulties in children.

Rachel Wooten, M. Ed., LDT

Kids First

Rachel Wooten is the Southern Area Coordinator and a member of the ELA, MTSS, and Dyslexia Support Team at Kids First Education. She supports schools through professional learning, instructional coaching, and MTSS implementation. Rachel holds a master's degree in Dyslexia Therapy and is a licensed dyslexia therapist.

Ashten Yost, EdD, CED, LSLS Cert. AVEd

Biloxi Public School District

Dr. Ashten Yost is an Early Interventionist and Deaf Educator with Biloxi Public Schools. She holds degrees in Education, Deaf Education, and Speech-Language Pathology. Her work focuses on family engagement, listening and spoken language, and empowering families to promote positive developmental, communication, and educational outcomes for young children.

Katie Zehentner, Specialist in Special Education/ Masters in Gifted Education/ Bachelor in Elementary Education

Walthall County School District

Education is in my blood. I was born and raised by two parents who were teachers/coach. I obtained my associate degree from Pearl River Community College (PRCC), my Bachelor's and master's from William Carey University (WCU), my Specialist from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), and my administrative license from the Mississippi Community College Foundation for the Mississippi State Department of Education. I have over 15 years of experience in education. I currently serve as the Director of Special Services of Walthall County School District.