



Lives in the Balance

2025 Children's Mental Health ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

AGENDA

October 21, 2025, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time

Full Details: bit.ly/2025CMHAC

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Welcome

- **Dr. Ross Greene, Ben Jones, & Riss Thompson, Lives in the Balance**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Building Inclusion in England and Ireland

- **Zoey Read & Becky Gillespie, Int'l Coalition Against Restraint and Seclusion**
 - England: Held Down, Held Back
- **Derval McDonagh, Inclusion Ireland & Adam Harris, AsIAM Ireland**
 - Are Irish kids with disabilities safe and supported?
- **Dr. Toby Sachsenmaier, CPS Trainer, & Ruth Connolly, Muiríosa Foundation**
 - Collaborative & Proactive Solutions Ireland Demonstration Project

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM | Break

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM | Movement in Michigan: Ending the Overuse of Restraint and Seclusion

- **EndSaR Michigan & Lives in the Balance**
 - Restraint and Seclusion in Michigan's Schools (Video)
 - **Sunday Koffron Taylor, EndSaR Michigan**
 - My Story and Video Q&A
 - **Brian Calley, Fmr. Lt. Governor of Michigan**
 - When Policy Meets Parenthood: A Lieutenant Governor's Journey
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1:30 PM – 2:45 PM | From Pain to Progress: Eliminating Corporal Punishment in the States

- **Arkansans Against School Paddling & Lives in the Balance**
 - Corporal Punishment in Arkansas (Video)
 - **Carolynn MacAllister, Advocate**
 - Progress in Oklahoma – The Advocacy Journey
 - **State Senator Dave Rader, Oklahoma**
 - Progress in Oklahoma – Across the Finish Line
 - **Morgan Craven, Intercultural Development Research Association**
 - Texas, the South, and the Country
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2:45 PM – 3:50 PM | Action in a Changing Landscape of Federal Protections

- **Cheryl Greene, Human Rights Coalition**
 - The LGBTQ+ student experience
 - **Alejandra Vázquez Baur, National Newcomer Network & Dr. Shantel Meek, Children's Equity Project at ASU**
 - Schools, ICE, and immigrant children
 - **U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (Georgia)**
 - Mental Health Supports and the ASSIST Act
 - **Shakti Belway, National Center for Youth Law**
 - What can we do to enforce students' civil rights?
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3:50 PM – 4:00 PM | Closing & Call to Action

- **Ben Jones & Riss Thompson, Lives in the Balance**