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### PRE-CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

**NEW YORK STATE**  
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**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

The Pre-Conference includes an additional opportunity for more professional development and CPE hours. These sessions cover more in-depth information and allows more opportunity for discussion. **These sessions are not included in the conference registration fee. These sessions are at a minimal fee.** Space is limited. Interested participants are encouraged to register early. **These sessions run concurrently. You may only chose one.**

## Positive School Culture and Climate

### Brent Burnham

**ABOUT THIS SESSION:** School climate affects every aspect of student's' and the faculty's day. Issues such as bullying, discrimination, harassment and school safety can directly correspond to students' ability to succeed academically and personally thrive. Learn how to implement a comprehensive, schoolwide, data-informed program to create and maintain a positive school culture and climate for students and staff so all students feel safe and ready to learn.

Learning Objectives:

- After attending this workshop, participants should be able to:
- Identify and define issues affecting school climate
- Identify and describe the eight components promoting systemic change to the school's climate
- Discuss the PBIS model and explain how to use it effectively to promote a healthy school environment
- Create, collect and analyze data to inform safe school interventions

**SPEAKER BIO:** Speaker information to come.

**BONUS:** Buy the book that will be discussed at the pre-conference session! Add it to your registration.

*Culturally Sustaining School Counseling* by Tim Grothaus, Kaprea Johnson, and Natalie Edirmanasinghe (\$20)

# School Counseling / MTSS Alignment

## Dr. Peg Donohue

**ABOUT THIS SESSION:** As school counselors' responsibilities mount, we need the tools to work in an increasingly vibrant, more complex, fast-paced world. We need to work with our colleagues and stakeholders to ensure our schools meet the needs of all students currently and prepare them for the future. We need to work smarter, not harder. One strategy for working efficiently, and to maximize school counselor efforts and outcomes, is to align school counseling programs with a multitiered system of supports (MTSS). "Making MTSS Work" provides a wealth of information, activities and sample charts for aligning your ASCA National Model school counseling program with your school's MTSS program, thus ensuring they're both more effective.

**SPEAKER BIO:** Speaker information to come.

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*Making MTSS Work* by Emily Goodman-Scott (\$20)

**Friday, November 17 | 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

Friday Morning Keynote Session Speaker

## It Never Fails

### Matthew Berry



**ABOUT THIS SESSION:** A planned lunch. An organized small group. A Friday afternoon. What do these things have in common? It's that sometimes It Never Fails that our best-laid plans lead to an unexpected next crisis. It's just part of being a school counselor. But what about all those things you do that "never fail" to lead to success? Listen as Matt shares how collaborative relationships, advocacy and well articulated goals lead to purpose and program success.

- After attending this session, you will be able to:
- Identify and utilize the Five Never Fails in school counseling.
- Learn how to accept challenges by considering them learning opportunities.
- Identify your boundaries and embed your own self-care strategies.

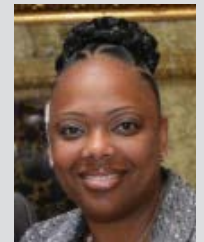
**SPEAKER BIO:** Matthew Berry is the Coordinator of K-12 Counseling for the second largest school district in Missouri. He is dedicated to ensuring that all students have access to learning that enhances their academic and social emotional needs. He is often sought to speak to students, educators, and leaders on a variety of topics.

**Saturday, November 18 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Saturday Luncheon Keynote Session Speaker

## The Impact of Implicit Bias on Day to Day Interaction

### Dr. Alexandria Connally



**ABOUT THIS SESSION:** Session information to come.

**SPEAKER BIO:** Dr. Alexandria Connally is a lifelong resident of Yonkers and a graduate of Yonkers Public Schools. Dr. Alexandria Connally has dedicated herself to empowering students and improving the quality of education for all children. She began her career as a milieu therapist at a residential treatment facility. Dr. Connally was the assistant to Regent Judith Johnson. In her role Alexandria helped to shape the Committee of Equity, Integration, and Diversity. Alexandria also served as the Youth Voices Advocacy Program facilitator to the New York State Board of Regents Chancellor.

In August 2018, Dr. Alexandria Connally successfully defended her dissertation entitled, "In Pursuit of Equity: Does the Implementation of Culturally Responsive Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Have an Effect on the Racial Suspension Gap?"

Dr. Connally is the founder and CEO of Culturally Responsive Environments and Discipline (C.R.E.A.D.). Trained by Dr. Bryant Marks, Alexandria serves as an implicit bias consultant for NTIRE. Additionally, she is a certified restorative practice trainer and has expertise in culturally responsive pedagogy.

## ~ TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ~

### **Thursday, November 16, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Information Center Open
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Session – Part I
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Pre-Conference Session – Part II
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Session – Part III
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Networking

### **Friday, November 17, 2023 | 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Information Center Open
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Welcome Conference Opening
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Keynote – Matthew Berry
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Workshop Session 1
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break and Exhibits
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Workshop Session 2
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Level Networking
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Graduate Students Poster Sessions
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Exhibitor Rally / Break / Raffle Winners
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Workshop 3
4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.	Workshop Session 4
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation and Reception
7:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
8:00 p.m.	Trivia Night

### **Saturday, November 18, 2023 | 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Registration and Information Center Open
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Keynote – Alexandria Connally
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Annual Membership Business Meeting
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break and Exhibits
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session 5
11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Workshop Session 6
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch and Closing Remarks
2:00 p.m.	Conference Closes

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<b>ATTEND FRIDAY ONLY (NOV. 17)</b>			
<b>Regular Registration Only</b>	\$215 per person	\$105 per person	\$265 per person
<b>ATTEND SATURDAY ONLY (NOV. 18)</b>			
<b>Regular Registration Only</b>	\$180 per person	\$85 per person	\$230 per person
<b>B. PRE-CONFERENCE</b>			
<b>Thursday Only (Nov. 16)</b> Pick only one.			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Positive School Culture and Climate</b> (Burnham)	\$65 per person	\$65 per person	\$115 per person
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>School Counseling / MTSS Alignment</b> (Donohue)			

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**C. "MAKING MTSS WORK"**  
(Book for School Counseling MTSS Alignment Pre-Conference)  
\$20

**D. "CULTURALLY SUSTAINING SCHOOL COUNSELING"**  
(Book for Positive School Culture and Climate Pre-Conference)  
\$20

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PLEASE NOTE: The attendee will receive a confirmation to the email address provided when their registration is processed (make sure to check Junk/Spam folders). Please allow ample time for processing.





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#### To make hotel reservations:

**Book online:** Visit [www.nycionline.com/nyscac](http://www.nycionline.com/nyscac) and scroll to “Accommodations” to book a room.

**Call: 1 (800) 774-1500.** Please be sure to mention the “ISC” group code.



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We hope this conference will educate and equip you to do your job well, and we also hope you will take advantage of the wonderful ways you can relax and be refreshed!