

This Week at AMHCA

AMHCA News Updates

AMHCA's Resource Site for COVID-19 - **Continuously Updated**

We are grateful for all that you -- AMHCA members -- and our partners are doing on the ground to support the health, safety, and well-being of people with mental health conditions. The AMHCA team is so proud to be working for you knowing during this crisis, as you are on the frontlines providing critically important treatments and services to vulnerable Americans who suffer from an array of conditions such as depressive, anxiety, panic, PTS, trauma-related, and other mental health disorders. We will continue to update our site with information as soon as we get it. Please also look for a new Coronavirus-edition of our newsletter that is coming out every two weeks with the latest updates.

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

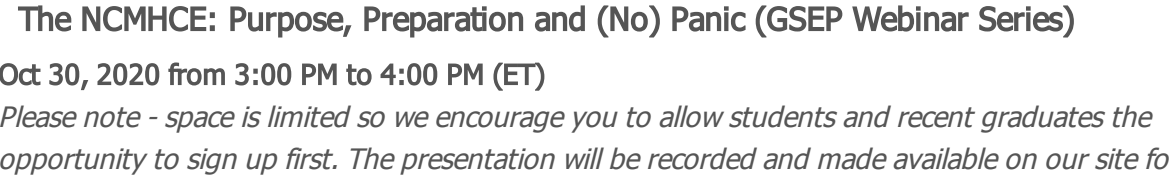
Advocacy

President Signs Landmark Bill Opening the Federal Government to Mental Health Counselors

On October 17, 2020, President Trump signed S. 785, which mandates the creation of a federal government classification for mental health counselors and pressures the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase its hiring of the profession. AMHCA is very proud of its leadership role in this tremendous success for the counseling profession. Passage of S. 785 is the most significant legislative accomplishment for mental health counselors since legislation to add the profession to the Minority Fellowship Program in 2011.

AMHCA Legislative Affairs consultant, David Bergman, posted an update in the AMHCA community today.

[Advocacy Update](#)



Continuing Education

The NCMHCE: Purpose, Preparation and (No) Panic (GSEP Webinar Series)

Oct 30, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (ET)

Please note - space is limited so we encourage you to allow students and recent graduates the opportunity to sign up first. The presentation will be recorded and made available on our site for our members to view.

Presented by Francesca Giordano Ph.D., LCPC

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how the NCMHCE is different from the NCE.
2. Participants will learn effective strategies for NCMHCE preparation.
3. Participants will understand how to use their NCMHCE preparation in their clinical work with clients.

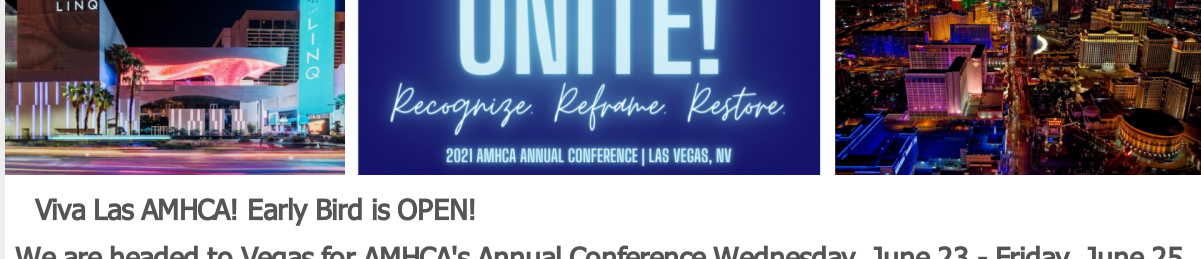
Current AMHCA Student and Professional Associate Members: FREE

Current AMHCA Members in Other Categories: \$10

Non-Members: \$20

[Register](#)

2021 Conference Updates



Viva Las AMHCA! Early Bird is OPEN!

We are headed to Vegas for AMHCA's Annual Conference Wednesday, June 23 - Friday, June 25, 2021

Early bird is open and we are anticipating our call for proposals to come out in the next month or two. Join colleagues in Vegas next year at the LINQ for empowering sessions and energizing fellowship. This year's theme is **UNITE! Recognize. Reframe. Restore.**

[Register](#)

Interested in Serving on the Conference Planning Committee?

The 2021 AMHCA Annual Conference call for proposals is open and we want to hear from you! This year's theme is UNITE! Recognize. Reframe. Restore. We hope that you will consider submitting a proposal to present at this year's conference. This is an excellent opportunity to share your expertise with colleagues from across the country.

If you have any questions, please contact: Rebecca Woodson, AMHCA's Director of Events, at rwoodson@amhca.org or 703-548-6002 x108.

Call for Posters

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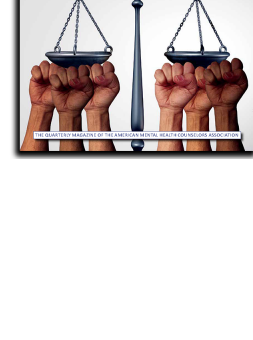
2020 Fall Virtual Summit: Integrating Cultural Competency Skills Into Your Practice

Register to attend AMHCA's 2020 Fall Virtual Summit!

The 2020 AMHCA Fall Summit on "Integrating Cultural Competency Skills Into Your Practice" will provide several presentations on better understanding the origins and dynamics of cultural diversity, and how to address several problems through cultural humility, cultural opportunities, and cultural comfort into your daily practice. You will learn hands-on strategies for increasing multi-cultural competencies in your work with clients and improving your overall counseling effectiveness.

[More Information](#)

Publications



The Advocate Magazine: Special Focus on Diversity & Justice

with guest editors Angele Moss-Baker and Dr. Beverly Smith

Member Reflections: CMHCs can help Black clients through pain and suffering -by Napoleon Harrington

Counseling Tips: Improving cultural competence for behavioral health professionals

Promoting Sanity In Insane Times -by Dr. Courtland Lee

Facilitating Difficult Conversations About Power, Race, and Privilege -by Dr. Fredrick B. Dombrowski

Microaggressions as a Mental Health Concern. What is our role? -by Dr. Elisa Niles

Police Violence, Racial Injustice, and Police Burnout in the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death -by Dr. Norman Hoffman, Ekorn Essien and Aaron Norton

Inside AMHCA

Congress Passes Historic Mental Health Counseling Medicare Legislation

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: Owning Our Voice, Sharing Our Voice

Mental Health Disorders Are Soaring Dramatically This Year: AMHCA Releases New "Beyond a Perfect Storm Report"

Documenting the Trend

Licensure Portability-A Path Forward

Attend a Monthly Neuroscience Webinar

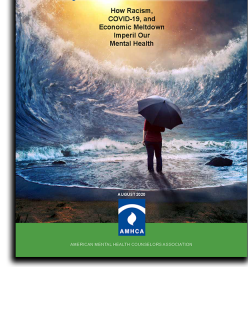
Plus

From the President's Perspective: We're Energized, Empowered, Unified!

From AMHCA's Executive Director/CEO: Making America Mentally Healthy

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AMHCA released a report on the number of Americans reporting mental health distress over the last few months.

AMHCA released a major report yesterday on the number of Americans reporting mental health distress over the last few months. Please see our new study -- Beyond the Perfect Storm -- How Racism, Covid-19, and Economic Meltdown Imperil Our Mental Health -- and our press release on the study.

Based on the AMHCA report, nearly 41 percent of adults nationally are reporting that they are suffering from a mental health disorder -- or about 103 million adults in the U.S.

[Press Release](#)

[Download Report](#)

2020 AMHCA Standards for the Practice of Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The "AMHCA Code" bridge professional expectations with clinical practice. "AMHCA Standards" is a living document that is updated on a continuing basis by AMHCA's Advancement for Clinical Practice Committee to meet the needs of the public and the profession. In addition to standards of practice, it includes training and supervision standards. Download the revised 2020 edition for free at AMHCA.org.

[Learn More](#)

2020 AMHCA Code of Ethics

The "AMHCA Code" is an essential component of practicing clinical mental health counseling with professionalism and integrity. While ethical guidance for the practice of clinical mental health counseling is its primary purpose, it is also intended to prompt pondering about ethical thinking and practice. Download the revised 2020 edition and see our other great ethics resources for free at AMHCA.org.

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AMHCA Practice Guidelines

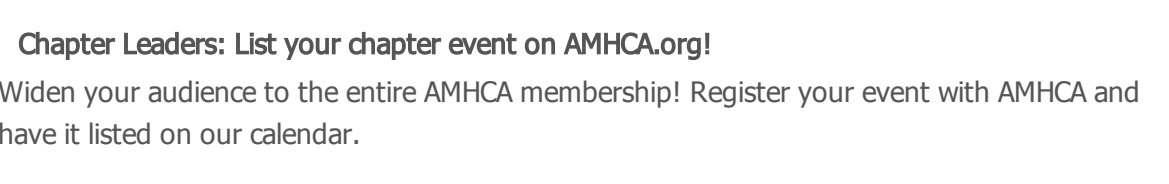
AMHCA Practice Guidelines provide technical assistance, identify best practices and highlight lessons learned on successful positioning strategies for practitioners on a range of areas related to the delivery and financing of mental health services in the era of health care reform and implications on clinical practice.

[Learn More](#)

Declaring with Pride the Fundamental Values Held by Clinical Mental Health Counselors

The Declaration serves as a concise public statement of professional standards, values, and ideals. It is a voluntary pronouncement. If you desire, you are encouraged to display The Declaration in your office. It may also be used at graduations or for other appropriate occasions.

[Learn More](#)



Chapter News and Events

Chapter Leaders: List your chapter event on AMHCA.org!

Widen your audience to the entire AMHCA membership! Register your event with AMHCA and have it listed on our calendar.

[List Your Event](#)



2020 Fall Leadership Training: Improving AMHCA State Chapter Organizational Effectiveness

Register to attend AMHCA's 2020 Fall Leadership Training!

The 2020 AMHCA Fall Leadership Training on "Improving AMHCA State Chapter Organizational Effectiveness" will provide a deep dive into advocacy, membership and strategic planning. You will learn hands-on strategies and have regional breakouts. All those already registered for our 2021 Leadership will receive a complimentary registration to the Fall training.

[More Information](#)

Latest Jobs

Licensed Therapist / Counselor (LCSW, LMFT, LPC), Monument, Phoenix, Arizona

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Behavior Health Therapist, HI-Desert Medical Center, Joshua Tree, California

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Counselor (ages 0-5), AACI, San Jose, California

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