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Upcoming Events

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April 13, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM (EDT), 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PDT)
FACEBOOK LIVE: CLIPER - AMHCA's New Portability Plan

The American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) has proposed a new Portability plan to help guide State Legislatures and State Licensure Counseling Boards to best address the needs of people with mental health conditions and clinical mental health counselors around the country. Join AMHCA's Executive Director and CEO, Joel Miller, live as he discusses the new plan.

The new proposal called the "Counselor Licensure Interstate Portability Endorsement and Reciprocity" (CLIPER) Plan can be used by state chapter leaders to engage state officials responsible for portability-related legislation and rules.

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April 15, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM (EDT), 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PDT)
FACEBOOK LIVE: Racial and Social Justice, Equity, Representation and Accountability in MH Counseling

Join us on Thursday, April 15th for a panel discussion that will center around issues of racial & social justice, equity, representation, accountability and various other related issues within the counseling field.

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April 23, 2021 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM (EDT), 12:00 - 1:00 PM (PDT)
GSEP Webinar: BIPOC Trans and Non-Binary Critical Suicidology

With Kiyoshi Kohchi, MLS and Álvaro Gamio Cuervo, MSW

Historically, trans people and folks of color have not been represented in the creation of mental health counseling and the field of psychology. The lack of inclusion of TPOC extends to our conceptualization of suicide and structural responses to caring for TPOC within chronic suicidal thoughts and behaviors, and a lack of acknowledgement of how systemic oppression impacts suicidality in TPOC. Conceptualizing suicidality and suicide prevention within an anti-oppressive framework is essential in understanding how transgender individuals of color experience and cope with long-term, chronic suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Through our work at Trans Lifeline and other crisis/clinical work, we practice a harm reduction, community-based response to suicidality and other serious mental health concerns within the trans community. Our aim for this presentation is to bridge our practice and academic training to offer a new perspective of caring that is less punitive and more restorative.

By engaging in this presentation, participants will be able to

1. identify anti-oppressive models of suicide such as intersectional and social justice models,
2. describe how discrimination and minority stress influence suicidality for TPOC,
3. think critically of how medical models of suicide and oppressive suicide prevention responses involving the police, mandated reporting, and forced hospitalization harm TPOC,
4. identify one way that you can alter your clinical and crisis practice to better serve trans and non-binary BIPOC who experience chronic suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

Current AMHCA Student and Emerging Professionals Members: FREE!

Current AMHCA Members in Other Categories: \$10

Non-Members: \$20

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May 13, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM (EDT), 9:30 - 10:30 AM (PDT)
WEBINAR: A Beginner's Guide to Navigating Trauma-Informed Care

With Judith Harrington, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT

This webinar will review the multiple sources of trainings and certification options for clinicians seeking to become trauma-informed practitioners. Some focus will be on a trauma-informed agencies (systemic) approach, a broad overview of trauma-informed principles, and resources.

Objectives:

- Identify opportunities and organizations that provide trauma-informed specialization training and possibly certifications.
- Provide a broad overview of core principles related to the trauma informed "point of view" or paradigm.
- Review trauma-informed systemic practice and who can be trained.
- Offer resources to attendees for further study.

Graduate Student and Emerging Professional Members: FREE!

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2021 AMHCA Webinars: Call For Proposals Open For Summer and Fall

Are you looking to share your expertise with Clinical Mental Health Counselors across the country? AMHCA is looking for new presentations to add to the **Summer and Fall 2021** webinar series! Submit your proposal today at using our [2021 Call for Webinar Proposals form!](#) For more information, please contact AMHCA's Office of Credentialing and Continuing Education at 703-548-6002 Option 2 or education@amhca.org.

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JMHC Articles are free for AMHCA members
 Non-AMHCA members can purchase individual articles for \$25.

AMHCA's JMHC Home Studies are back and we have re-loaded the 25 former offerings into the new system. Look for more being added each month! Go to <https://www.amhca.org/career/homestudies> to see all home study offerings.

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AMHCA Annual Conference Is Now Virtual!

We are truly living out our conference theme by:

Recognizing the current situation,
Reframing our way of thinking about our conference, and
Restoring the quality and engagement that is unique and important to AMHCA conferences.

UNITE! with us as we adapt and push forward with new innovations and perspectives!

Latest Conference Updates

- **March 8, 2021** - [New Schedule is posted](#) with details and descriptions of sessions.
- **March 3, 2021** - [Revised brochure](#) is posted with schedule of times.
- **February 26, 2020** - Revised [Schedule At-a-Glance](#) is posted. Detailed schedule coming soon!
- **February 26, 2020** - Revised pricing for [registration](#) is posted and open! See our many new low-price options and combo packages.
- **February 25, 2020** - After thoughtful discussion with the Board of Directors and a member survey, we have decided to move our 2021 conference to a fully virtual experience. [Read the announcement.](#)

Chapter News and Events

Chapter Leaders: List your chapter event on [AMHCA.org](#) and here!

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

[List Your Event](#)

West Virginia Licensed Professional Counselors Association April 8 - 9, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EDT)
 Spring Conference

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D.C. Mental Health Counselors Association April 17, 2021 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM (EDT)
 Spring Virtual Conference

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