



## 2018 Pa Community Alliance Summit

### Agenda

September 6, 2018

7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Harrisburg Best Western Premier

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**Summit Goal:** The goal of this Summit is to meet and engage new potential allies, stimulate learning from one another, and explore opportunities for partnerships and collaboration.

**7:30 am: Registration & Networking** (continental breakfast served)

**8:30 am: Welcome**  
Dana Thompson, PADDCC Project Officer

**PA DD Council Update**  
Graham Mulholland, PADDCC Executive Director

**8:45 am: Pop-up Talks –**

1. Positive Outcomes from Partnering with a Community Foundation & Employers  
Colleen Stuart, Chief Executive Officer  
Susanna Giesey, Chief Program Officer  
Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.
2. USDA, Rural Development Funding Opportunities  
Gary S. Reed, Westmoreland Area Rural Development Coordinator  
Thomas Wellington, Lycoming Area Rural Development Coordinator  
United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Offices
3. Dollars & Sense: How PA's Inadequate & Inequitable Education Funding Harms Students with Disabilities  
Reynelle Brown Staley, Policy Attorney  
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4. How Do I Become a Good Ally?  
Joanne Carroll, President  
TransCentralPA
  
5. Death Cafes – People are Dying to Talk About Death...and Eat Cake  
Brian L. Long, Lead LINK Coordinator  
PA LINK to Aging & Disability Resources/Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon Service Area
  
6. Integrate for Good: Building Capacity Through Strategic Partnerships  
Bev Weinberg, Integrate for Good Project Director  
Hannah Merschen, Community Education Coordinator  
Access Services

### **Session I – Introductions**

#### **Group Discussion – How Social is Social Media?**

More and more, people are joining Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, community chat rooms, game rooms, and more. Technology is allowing people to connect in new ways. However, are these connections working as we intended or hoped for? Is technology isolating us rather than connecting us? Do we actually know with whom we are connected?

- What issues are emerging due to the anonymity of social media?
- What has happened to knowing those who live around us?
- Do neighbors watch out for each other?
- How is this changing our view of community and effecting our communities?
- How are the effects different depending on age, on disability, on religious affiliation, etc.?

**11:00 am: Break- Move to Session II**

**11:15 am: Session II –  
Introductions  
Group Discussion – Profiling, Bias, and Discrimination, Oh My!**

There appears to be increased news media attention on incidents of racial profiling, bias, and discrimination against multiple minorities and how it



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manifests itself in our communities. We see stories reported as racial profiling; discrimination incidents in stores, restaurants and businesses; bias noted in the membership and leadership of schools, clubs and bars; hostility in the workplace and on the road; attacks on places of worship; and intimidation & coercion meant to terrorize neighborhoods.

- How do government & business policies, or the actions taken by community and political leaders help or harm?
- How does the level of alarm over these incidents differ based on the perception of a community and its members?
- What can we do as a community, and as multi-community alliances, to decrease the conflict and tension?
- Will a “small community” strategy work to create change, or is the problem systemic to the United States as a whole, requiring a larger response?

**12:30 pm: Return to Main Conference Room  
Lunch & Networking**

**1:45 pm: Pop-up Talks –**

1. Outreach to Underserved Families Through Cultural Brokers  
Jeannine Brinkley, Executive Director  
PEAL Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center)
2. Poverty and Its Link to Racial Disproportionality in Education  
Shileste Overton Morris, Director  
Center for Schools and Communities
3. Re-conceptualizing the Autism Spectrum  
Stacy L. Nonnemacher, Ph.D.; Clinical Consultant  
Dept. of Human Services - Office of Developmental Programs/Bureau of Autism Services
4. Children In Crisis: A Community's Responsibility  
Lorine Ogurkis, Executive Director  
Brandon's Forever Home
5. Inclusive Leadership: We're All in This Together  
Jeffrey C. Jones, South Philadelphia Prevention Coalition Director  
United Communities Southeast Philadelphia



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#### 6. Visibility and Empowerment: Building Disability Pride in Schools and Colleges

Izzy Kaufman, Education Outreach Specialist  
Disability Equality in Education

#### **Session III –**

#### **Introductions**

#### **Group Discussion – School and Neighborhood Violence**

It seems our vocabulary has some new or evolving terms which are becoming commonplace: shelter-in-place, mass shootings, urban weapons, active shooter, Boston Strong, bomb scenario, urban warfare, terrorist attack, bullying, religious militant, school shootings, and radicalized, just to name a few. Although these may not be exactly new words, what does the new prominence of their modern meaning say about conditions in our communities and schools, and about our national culture?

- How are the attitudes of our communities spilling over into our schools? What is the reverse effect of school culture on the broader community?
- What can we learn from and celebrate about the passion that our young people are displaying through demonstrations and rallies to curb the violence in their schools and in their communities?
- How does diversity intolerance play into these issues?
- How can our communities (including schools) respond or collaborate to help these terms become obsolete?

**3:45 pm: Break- Return to Main Room**

**4:00 pm: Wrap-up/Closing Remarks**

- Evaluations
- Thank you for attending!
- Safe Travels!