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**Atlanta School-Based Behavioral Health Forum**  
*Supporting Children's Mental and Emotional Well-Being*

April 15, 2019  
The Carter Center  
Cecil B. Day Chapel  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- 9:30 a.m.                   REGISTRATION
- 10:00 a.m.                   OPENING REMARKS
- Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program
- 10:05 a.m.                   PARENT REMARKS
- Kimesha Wince
- 10:10 a.m.                   WELCOME
- Curtis L. Jones, Ed.D., Superintendent, Bibb County School District  
2019 National Superintendent of the Year
- 10:30 a.m.                   **PANEL I: OVERVIEW OF SCHOOL BASED-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
*Defining school-based behavioral health and the status in Georgia*
- Panelists –**  
**Dimple Desai, M.S.W.**, Research Associate, Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health  
**Erica Fener-Sitkoff, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Voices for Georgia's Children  
**Veda Johnson, M.D., FAAP.**, Marcus Professor in General Academics and Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine  
Director, PARTNERS for Equity in Child and Adolescent Health, Department of Pediatrics, Emory University
- 11:15 a.m.                   **PANEL II: SCHOOL CLIMATE AS A FOUNDATION**  
*How to create a community that fosters well-being through school-based behavioral health interventions and best practices*

**Moderator –**  
**Talley Wells, J.D., M.Ed.,** Executive Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

**Panelists –**  
**Cheryl Galloway-Benefield, Ed.S., M.Ed.,** Program Manager, Georgia Department of Education  
**Maribel Bell, Ed.S.,** Director of Student Discipline (PBIS), Fulton County Schools  
**The Honorable Steven C. Teske, J.D.,** Chief Judge, Juvenile Court of Clayton County

**12:00 p.m. LUNCH & KEYNOTE: THE GEORGIA COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**Danté McKay, J.D., M.P.A.,** Director, Office of Children, Young Adults & Families, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

**1:00 p.m. PANEL III: OVERCOMING LIABILITY AND FUNDING BARRIERS**  
*Identifying barriers and a path forward to improve school-based behavioral health*

**Moderator –**  
**Michael Waller, J.D., M.T.S., M.A.,** Director of Projects, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

**Video –**  
**Neeru “Nina” Gupta, J.D.,** Partner, Nelson Mullins

**Panelists –**  
**Cindy Simpson, M.A., Ed.S.,** Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Chris180  
**Chad Jones,** Director for Community and Prevention Services, View Point Health  
**Yuki Reese, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.,** Apex Program Manager, View Point Health

**2:45 p.m. PARENT REMARKS**

**David Mayo**

**2:50 –3:00 p.m. ADJOURN**

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