

# SUPPORTING JUVENILE JUSTICE & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

## Agenda

10:00 - 10:15am

Welcome & introductions

10:15 - 11:15am

### **Juvenile Justice: Reducing Confinement**

Matthew Larson, PhD

*Chief of Project Management & Initiatives*

Oakland County Children's Village

Samino Scott, PhD

*Associate Professor and Director of Implementation*

Center for Behavioral Health & Justice, Wayne State University

**Description:** This session will provide a general overview of the state of youth justice in America with a focus on mental health. Evidence-based diversion strategies and mental health screening tools considered best practice, and discussion on how state-level reforms require counties to integrate these into everyday practice, will be highlighted. An emphasis will be placed on both the challenges and the opportunities for building youth justice systems that are trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and responsive to mental health needs.

11:15 - 11:30am

Break

11:30 - 12:30pm

### **Input & Impacts: Untold Family Stories**

Laura Marshall

*Parent & Co-founder*

Advocates for Mental Health of Michigan Youth

Molly Dickson

*Parent*

**Description:** Molly Dixon is the mother of an adolescent who has been a recipient of services from the community mental health system and been involved with the juvenile justice system. Here she will tell of her experiences as the parent of a child who has struggled with significant mental health conditions and the journey she has taken through public mental health, foster care and juvenile justice systems in our state. Failures of both systems and how these systems would benefit from reform will be discussed.

12:30 - 1:15pm

Lunch

1:15 - 2:15pm

### **Juvenile Mental Health Inpatient Care**

Senator Michael Weber

*Michigan Senate*

**Description:** Senator Michael Webber (R) of Rochester Hills has been a legislative champion for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families who have experienced difficulties accessing services from the community mental health services providers (CMHSPS) in Michigan. He has also been instrumental in seeking to improve psychiatric treatment in Michigan's state and private psychiatric hospitals. Senator Webber will discuss the audit of the rights offices he requested in 2023 and the results received from the Auditor General in September of this year. He has been working with families who have children in state and community-based psychiatric hospitals and units and will speak on his work and efforts to improve the continuum of care for children and adolescents who require inpatient and/or residential psychiatric treatment.

2:15 - 2:30pm

Q&A/Farewell

Marianne Huff, LMSW

*President & CEO*

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