



## Conference Agenda

May 16, 2025

### 8:30 a.m. – Pre-Conference Breakfast and Networking

### 9:00 a.m. – Conference Introduction and Welcome

Denice Williams, Deputy Commissioner of Planning, Program Integration and Evaluation (PPIE), NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

### 9:05 a.m. – Opening Remarks

9:30 a.m. Keith S. Howard, Commissioner, NYC Dept. of Youth and Community Development  
Eva Wong, Executive Director, Mayor's Office of Community Mental Health  
Brenda Tong, Chief Program Officer, Vibrant Emotional Health

### 9:35 a.m. – Keynote Address

10:35 a.m. Dr. Lena Green, DSW, LCSW, Executive Director, HOPE Center Clinical Professor, NYU and Columbia University Schools of Social Work

### 10:35 a.m. – Transition & Refreshments Break

10:45 a.m.

### 10:45 a.m. – Breakout Workshops

#### 12:15 p.m. In-Person:

- *Breaking Cycles: Healing Generational Trauma Through Trauma-Informed Transformation & Collective Care*
  - Facilitator: Kahshanna Evans
- *Paint Party with Purpose: Creating Stars That Spread Joy*
  - Facilitator: Lansie Sylvia
- *Responding to Crisis: Showing Care Without Traumatizing Yourself or Others*
  - Facilitator: Nick Schmitt, Esq.
- *Restorative Practices Working with LGBTQ+ Homeless Youth*
  - Facilitator: Lexie Korn, LMSW, SIFI & Justin DeMateo, MSW - The Door

#### Virtual:

- *Breaking Stigma and Bridging Gaps for Racial Equity*
  - Facilitator: Mx. Lorenzo VanNess
- *The Chill Factory: Everyone Can Be a Stress Coach*
  - Facilitator: Jordan Friedman
- *Wisdom Within: Discovering your gifts through guided imagery, reflection, and creative expression*
  - Facilitator: Linda Turner, LCAT, LPAT, ATR-BC



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**1:10 p.m.**

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**1:15 p.m. – Afternoon Workshops**

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**2:50 p.m. – Transition & Refreshments Break**

**3:00 p.m.**

**3:00 p.m. – Closing Reflections & Call to Action**

**3:45 p.m.**

**3:45 p.m. – Conference Wrap-Up**

**4:00 p.m.**