Welcome! In 2018, I traveled to Lesley University to hear Dr. Susan Craig, the author of *Reaching and Teaching Children who Hurt: Strategies for Your Classroom*. I left captivated by a quote from her keynote that spoke to the considerable burdens our young people carry. Outlining the heartbreaking damage of trauma, she offered this hope: “There is no research that all hope is lost. All hope is only lost when adults in a community fail to rally, to do their job.” Eighteen months ago, this quote inspired me to rally and reach out to the champions I know from across the nation, and they rose to the moment. This week you will be with national leaders, Dr. Bryant Marks, Joe Ristuccia, Ali Hearn, and Abe Fernandez… they agreed to come here and hold a space for us to rally together. Each one of these incredible guides has deep knowledge to share. This conference is designed to provide you with the time and the access to experts so you can take the strategies back with you and make your learning count for the young people around you. Listen for the words here that inspire you and that you can share with folks back home. Ask the questions here you need others to help answer back home. You are the hope our young people need, and I am so glad you are here.

The planning team and I hope you can take away the knowledge and tools from this conference to move forward together and help grow a community that can lift all the children and young adults of NYS.

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TUESDAY MAY 17

EVENTS

3:30 PM
DOORS OPEN
FALK COLLEGE, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT
SPEAKER DR. MARKS
FALK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
Examing the Impact of Implicit Bias

4:00-6:30 PM

6:30-7:30 PM
EARLY REGISTRATION
FALK COLLEGE, ROOM 335

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WEDNESDAY MAY 18

EVENTS

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED

7:30-8:30 AM  BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION  FALK COLLEGE FOYER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ALI HEARN  FALK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM  8:15-9:30 AM

ROTATION 1  COHORT BREAK OUT ROOM  First of four national speakers  9:30-12:00 PM

LUNCH & TEAM TIME  BREAKOUT LOCATIONS  Engage in team conversations, reflect, and share  12:00-1:30 PM

ROTATION 2  COHORT BREAK OUT ROOM  Second of four national speakers  1:30-4:00 PM

TEAM CLOSURE: OPTIONAL  BREAKOUT LOCATIONS  Engage in team conversations, reflect, and share  4:00-5:30 PM

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THURSDAY MAY 19

EVENTS

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED

7:45-8:30 AM  BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION  FALK COLLEGE FOYER

8:30-9:30 AM  KEYNOTE: ABE FERNANDEZ  FALK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

9:30-12:00 PM  ROTATION 3  COHORT BREAK OUT ROOM
Third of four national speakers

12:00-1:30 PM  LUNCH & TEAM TIME  BREAKOUT LOCATIONS
Engage in team conversations, reflect, and share

1:30-4:00 PM  ROTATION 4  COHORT BREAK OUT ROOM
Fourth of four national speakers

4:00-4:30 PM  TEAM CLOSURE: OPTIONAL  BREAKOUT LOCATIONS
Engage in team conversations, reflect, and share

4:30 PM  COACHING CONNECTIONS  FALK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
15 minute windows for teams to set up future coaching

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FRIDAY MAY 20

EVENTS

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED

7:45-8:30 AM  BREAKFAST
FALK COLLEGE FOYER

KEYNOTE: JOEL RISTUCCIA
FALK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM  8:30-9:30 AM

TEAM TIME
COHORT BREAK OUT ROOM
time to connect, reflect, and plan  9:30-11:00 PM

CLOSING: COMMUNITY CIRCLES
FALK COLLEGE FOYER  11:00-12:00 PM

LUNCH & TEAM TIME
COHORT BREAK OUT ROOM
Engage in team conversations, reflect, and share  12:00 PM

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MEET OUR SPEAKERS

ABE FERNÁNDEZ

Director, National Center for Community Schools
Abe Fernández directs the National Center for Community Schools and guides the place-based collective impact initiatives at Children’s Aid in New York City, leveraging over twenty years of experience in education, youth development, and the social impact sector. He was previously a senior advisor to South Bronx Rising Together, a cradle-to-career collective impact initiative of which he was a founding co-director. He also led the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative — a statewide effort to plan and implement strategies to mitigate poverty — for the Bronx. Abe is a national expert on the community school strategy and, with the team at NCCS, provides consultation and training to initiatives around the country and beyond. He is a guide of Brown University and the Senior Leaders Program for Nonprofit Professionals at Columbia Business School.

Dr. MARKS

Reverend Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Sr. is a minister, researcher, trainer, and award-winning educator. He is the Founder and Chief Equity Officer of the National Training Institute on Race and Equity and a tenured professor of Psychology at Morehouse College. He served on President Obama’s Board of Advisors with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and as senior advisor with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Dr. Marks was also a contributor and trainer with the Obama Administration’s My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) and 21st Century Policing programs. Between 2017 and 2019, Dr. Marks provided implicit bias training to over 40,000 employees and volunteers in law enforcement; city, county, and federal government; corporations; education; and healthcare. Clients include: the Los Angeles Police Department, New York City Dept. of Education, Kaiser Permanente, Google, and the New York City Department of Commerce.

Joel M. Ristuccia

Joel M. Ristuccia is a certified School Psychologist with over thirty years experience working in the public schools. Over the last twenty years he has worked with a number of schools and school districts focusing on supporting students at risk for failure due to social/emotional disabilities, employing whole school, classroom and individual strategies. Mr. Ristuccia has served as a consultant on the impact of trauma on student learning to the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI), is the Director of Training at TLPI and is a co-author of “Helping Traumatized Children Learn”, volumes 1 and 2. Additionally he has consulted to the Department of School Psychology, Massachusetts General Hospital, presented program model research findings at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), presented for the Departments of Education in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Washington as well as the University of Wisconsin on topics related to the impact of social/emotional issues on learning. Mr. Ristuccia is the Lead Clinical Faculty for the Lesley Institute for Trauma Sensitivity (LITS) at Lesley University developing and teaching courses in creating school wide, classroom and individual supports to address the needs of students impacted by traumatic experience. Mr. Ristuccia holds an Ed.M. from Harvard University, an M.B.A. from Boston University and a B.A. from Yale University.

Ali Hearn

National keynote speaker, trainer, and coach whose mission is to shift mindsets and ignite fires within others to create sustainable change and impact. Throughout her career, she has worked with thousands of educators across the country, emphasizing the importance of improving social/emotional skills, promoting the installation of Restorative Practices within school systems, and reinforcing MTSS frameworks to better support the current needs of students, staff, and families. Ali’s diverse experiences as a school-based social worker first sparked her passion for working with people, and her years working with the Midwest PBS Network in partnership with the National Center on PBS, honed her skills in strengthening school systems and culture to positively impact social, emotional, and academic outcomes.
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