
Event Agenda

8th Annual Millennial Social Work Conference

Friday, March 06, 2026

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Check-In Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	You're Not Dreaming Big Enough: Social Work Beyond Sessions Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor)
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Holistic Soul Care When the Mental Cost of Being a Social Worker is Too Much Speaker: Tierra Sydnor-Diggs
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	The Million Dollar Social Worker Blueprint: Build, Believe, and Boldly Pursue Your Career Speaker: Danielle Bailey
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Reducing Stress and Brain Fog: Money Management Tools for Wellness Speaker: BreAnna Bassett
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Deconstructing Hustle Culture to Alleviate Perfectionism Speaker: Christopher Bonner
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Social Work Is Not Self-Harm: Make the SAVI Shift to Unlock Your Power, Purpose and Joy Speaker: Nadine Boyne
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	From Practice to Paradise: Hosting Transformational Speaker: Rikki McCoy, LCSW, Holistic Therapist
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Centering ACEs and Cultural Resilience in African American Trauma-Informed Practice. Speaker: Andre Charley
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	The S.P.I.C.Y. Framework: Reframing ADHD & Redefining Leadership From the Inside Out Speaker: Sandra Crespo
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Healing From the Inside Out: Sankofa-Inspired Practices for Trauma Recovery and Emotional Mastery Speaker: La'Toya Edwards
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Dollars and Sense: A Social Worker's Guide to Reimbursement Trends and the Business of Behavioral Health Speaker: Tiffany Tait-Moss, LCSW, PMP, LSSBB
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Reimagining Communities and Schools Reimagining systems and policies through innovative approaches Speaker: Amani Moore
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	From Burn Out To Bank: The mindset, strategy and skill set every Social Worker needs to thrive and redefine what success looks like in the current economy Speaker: Kiyona Brown
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor)
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Keynote Address

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Black Face, White Space: Imposter Phenomenon, John Henryism, and the Black Superwoman Schema Speaker: Onoriode Ewvaraye
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	AI development and implementation in Systems Theory, Critical Theory, and the Social Disability Model Speaker: Christopher Grant
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Real Humans, Real Boundaries, Real Tech: A Private Practice + AI Framework for Sustainable Mental Health Care Speaker: Dr. Nyasia Hicks
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Good Intentions, Unethical Impact: Over functioning in Care Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Hall
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Mind Your Money: Transforming Your Mindset for Business Profitability and Financial Freedom, Cassidy Grady, LCSW, IRS Enrolled Agent Speaker: Cassidy Grady
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Behind the Smile: Assessing High Functioning Depression and Anxiety Speaker: Kamilah Thomas
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Self-Medication Nation: Understanding Addiction in Everyday Social Work Practice Speaker: Nini Varner
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	From Casework to Culture: Practicing Trauma-Informed Leadership Speakers: Letisha McCall, Alicia James
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	When Medicaid Money Stops: How to Keep Mental Health Behavioral Services Alive Speakers: Ebony Hull, Penny Willis
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Care Before Crisis: Centering Maternal Health to Prevent Child Welfare Involvement Speaker: Vonee Hill
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Take Your Own Advice: How Clinicians Can Take Self-Care Beyond a Bubble Bath Speaker: Jennifer Hughes
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Growing Future Social Workers: Practical Strategies for Field Education Speaker: Melissa Hunte

Saturday, March 07, 2026

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Check-In Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Connected Minds & Collective Healing in Black Communities Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor)
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	"Healing Through the Therapist's Chair: Releasing Wounds to Embrace Change" Speaker: Kimberly Ward
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Wombs, Work, and Wellness: Rebirthing Ourselves as Social Workers Speaker: Dr. Shaenor Ishmael
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Is it you, or is it the job? Likely, it's both! Speaker: Alandra Chuney Jackson
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Strengthening Self-Efficacy in Social Workers Amid Today's Social Climate: Finding Your Way Back from Compassion Fatigue, Speaker: Melissa Adrienne Jackson Jackson

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Burnout, Boundaries, and Black Joy: Protecting Mental Health While Doing Justice-Oriented Work Speaker: Kenshara Cravens-Knoxson
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	The Savior Trap: Reimagining Power and Equity from the Inside Out Speaker: Destiney Kinsey
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	The Unlikely MSW: Finding Our Field in Unexpected Places Speaker: Adrienne Williams
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	From Punishment to Healing: The Social Worker's Role in Justice Reform Speaker: Jasmine Lewis
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Thrive Daily: Cultivating Calm Minds and Balanced Thinking with Meditation: Speaker: Vonchell Lewis
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Facing Professional Fears: A Multi-Systemic Approach to Countertransference in Mental Health Work Speaker: Paula McMillan-Perez
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Beyond The Title: Unmask ADHD Speaker: Deshaywn Middleton
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Beyond the Therapy Room: Evolving Into Leadership Speaker: Keira Brown
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor)
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	MSWC Speaks during Lunch & Learn Location: Henderson Student Center (second floor) Speakers: Ja'Bree Harris, Shevonnie Matthews, Alisha Lassiter
1:15 PM - 1:35 PM	"The Power of the Pen: Why Documentation Still Runs the Room"
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Student Presentations
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Decolonising Social Work: Where Are We, and Where Do We Go Next? Speaker: Samiat Oshodi
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	The Scope of Grief for Black men in America Speaker: Miguel Williams
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Invisible Report Cards: Racial Disparities in New Orleans Charter Schools Through the Eyes of an Educator-Turned-Social Worker Speaker: Shania Nowlin, MSW, LMSW
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Embracing Authenticity: Nontraditional Social Work in the Modern Era Speaker: Brittany Griffin
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Reimagining Healing Spaces: Private Practice Growth, Integrative Modalities, and the Future of Social Work Speaker: Dontaè Roberts
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Stories Without Borders: Storytelling, Reflection, and Safeguarding in a Shrinking Digital World Speaker: Danielle Perrimon
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	The Importance of Mentorship and Sponsorship: Building a Pipeline of Latinx/e Social Workers Speaker: Erica Sandoval*

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Diversifying Your Income as a Social Worker: Strategies for Professional Growth and Sustainability Speaker: Dr. Dominique Spigner
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Shaping Inclusive Futures: Social Work at the Heart of Neurodiversity Speaker: Dr. Vanessa Smith
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Healing Beyond the Office: Bringing Holistic Wellness into Social Work Practice Speaker: Chauweda Smith
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	No Longer Forgotten: Reimagining Systems of Care For Historically Forgotten Youth Speaker: Casey Scott