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Mental Health Matters: Innovating to Serve the Whole Child

A moderated discussion focused on how innovative programs and initiatives are working to holistically support young people—from early learners to career—as they navigate their new normal.



Thursday, October 14
12:30 p.m. CT

Meet Our Panelists

Moderated by



Ric Estrada
Metropolitan Family
Services



Dr. Colleen Cicchetti,
Ph.D, MEd,
Executive, Director, Lurie's Center
for Childhood Resilience



Bessie Alcantara
Executive Director,
Alternatives, Inc



Karen Foley
Executive Director,
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More than a GPA: Innovating to Build a Pathway to Success

A moderated discussion exploring how both longstanding and emerging programs are innovating to ensure students at all ages have the necessary support to thrive in school and in their careers.



Wednesday, October 27
12:30 p.m. CT

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Moderated by



Janice Jackson, EdD
CEO, Hope Chicago,
and former CEO,
Chicago Public
Schools



Marin Gjaja
Managing Director & Senior
Partner, Boston Consulting
Group



Aarti Dhupelia
Vice President for Undergraduate
Education & Dean of the Undergraduate
College, National Louis University



Jasmine Gilstrap
Co-Founder & Executive
Director, Lion's Pride
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