



2025 INTENSIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE

AUGUST 14–16

Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

300 South Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Schedule of Events

HOSTED BY THE

Minority Fellowship
Program (MFP)

AT THE

American Nurses
Association (ANA)

WITH SUPPORT FROM

Substance Abuse and
Mental Health Services
Administration (SAMHSA)

THEME

Innovating Psychiatric Nursing:

Advancing Mental Health and Substance Use Care for Children and Families Through Leadership

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Intensive Training Institute is the MFP's signature convening, bringing together current fellows, alumni, mentors, and national leaders for an immersive experience focused on advancing mental health equity for children and families through innovation and leadership.

OBJECTIVES

1. Deepen understanding of **evidence-based strategies to address mental health and substance use challenges in children and families**.
 - Explore **digital health-driven strategies that transform mental health and substance use practices**.
 - Engage in **interdisciplinary dialogues** to build alliances for comprehensive care.
1. Reflect on **leadership development** to enhance clinical, research, and policy impact.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Speakers include international experts, frontline clinicians, researchers, advocates, and policymakers committed to transforming mental health care for children and families such as:

AHNYEL BURKES, DNP, RN-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director, Louisiana State Nurses Association; Board Member, ANA

SCOTT HADLAND, MD, MPH, MS, Chief of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Mass General for Children and Harvard Medical School

EUGENIA FLORES MILLENDER, PhD, RN, PMH-APRN, FAAN, FAANP, Immediate Past Chair, National Advisory Committee, PI, ANA/MFP *and* Marie Cowart Endowed Professor, Florida State University

ADRIANNA NAVA, PhD, MPA, MSN, RN, Immediate Past President, National Association of Hispanic Nurses and Scientist/Lead, National Committee for Quality Assurance

LISA HIGHTOW-WEIDMAN, MD, MPH, Founding Director of the Institute on Digital Health and Innovation and Associate Dean of Research, Florida State University

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

5:00 PM–7:00 PM **Onsite Registration** (No Formal Programming)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

8:00 AM–9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**9:00 AM–9:30 AM **Welcome Remarks**

- ANA President **Jennifer Mensik Kennedy** (Videotaped)
- **Dr. Liz Stokes**, ANA
- **Dr. Elizabeth Fildes**, ANA/MFP National Advisory Committee Chair

9:30 AM–10:15 AM **Keynote Presentation**

- **Lisa Hightow-Weidman**, Florida State University (FSU)

10:15 AM–11:00 AM **From Evidence to Action: Driving Better Care for Youth with Substance Use Disorders**

- **Dr. Scott Hadland**, Mass General for Children and Harvard Medicine

11:00 AM–11:45 AM **Q&A**

- **Dr. Scott Hadland**, Mass General for Children and Harvard Medicine
- **Dr. Lisa Hightow-Weidman**, Florida State University (FSU)

11:45 AM–12:00 Noon **Break**12:00 PM–1:00 PM **Plenary Session**

- **Dr. Ahnyel Burkes**, Louisiana State Nurses Association and ANA Board of Directors

1:00 PM–2:00 PM **Lunch & Networking**2:00 PM–5:00 PM **Fundamentals of Branding & Business Development Workshop***Facilitators:*

- **Dr. Eugenia F. Millender**, FSU and ANA/MFP National Advisory Committee
- **Dr. Aishah Miller**, Wells Fargo
- **Kirby Williams**, Society of PMHNPs of Color

Minority Fellowship Graduate Association (MFGA) Alumni Panel:

- **Dr. Patricia Bradley**, Villanova University
- **Dr. Lakeetra Josey**, Your Center LLC
- **Dr. Freida Outlaw**, Meharry Medical College

6:00 PM–8:00 PM **Dinner***Reenactment between historical figures Josiah Henson and Frederick Douglas*

- **Kelvin B. Fowler** and **Nathan M. Richardson**

DAY 1 THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

8:00 AM–9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**9:00 AM–10:00 AM **Leading with Integrity:
Applying the Code of Ethics for Nurses in Mental Health and Innovation**

- Dr. Liz Stokes, ANA
- Dr. Kara Curry, ANA

10:00 AM–10:10 AM **Break**10:15 AM–11:00 AM **Plenary Session**

- Dr. Adrianna Nava, NCQA/National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)

11:00 AM–12:00 PM **Plenary Session**

- Dr. Anyi Atabong, Society of PMHNPs of Color

12:00 PM–1:30 PM **Lunch & Networking**1:30 PM–2:45 PM **Plenary Session**

- Dr. Michael Jones, Associate Dean for Engagement and Professional Development, East Carolina University

2:45 PM–2:55 PM **Break**3:00 PM–3:45 PM **Unaccompanied Migrant Youth & Behavioral Health Needs**

- Dr. Mary Lou de Leon Siantz, UC Davis and ANA/MFP

3:45 PM–4:55 PM **Break**5:00 PM–6:00 PM **Graduation Ceremony (Class of 2024–2025)***Keynote Speaker:*

- Eugenia Flores Millender, Ph.D., RN, PMH-APRN, FAAN, FAANP, Marie Cowart Endowed Professor

6:15 PM–8:00 PM **Dinner & Networking**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

DAY 3 SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM–9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast
9:00 AM–10:00 AM	Harnessing the Power of Nurses: Effective Strategies for Legislative Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simit Pandya, ANA • Dr. Eugenia Flores Millender, ANA, FSU
10:00 AM–11:00 AM	Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lou Bartolo, MD Nurses Association
11:00 AM–12:00 PM	Health Advocacy Forum—Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Malcolm L. Augustine, District 47, Prince George’s County
12:00 PM–1:30 PM	Lunch & Networking
1:30 PM–2:30 PM	Health Advocacy Forum—Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Marvin Figueroa, BGR Group
2:30 PM–2:45 PM	Group Photo Session
2:45 PM–5:00 PM	Community Engagement Activity (On Your Own)
6:00 PM–7:00 PM	Dinner & Networking
7:00 PM–8:00 PM	Closing Talking Circle

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

DAY 4 SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 AM–9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast
9:00 AM–12:00 PM	Popup Testimonial Studio (Fellows and alumni can volunteer to share their stories via short video testimonials)

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MFP EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

- **Dr. Liz Stokes**, Director, Nursing Programs & Center for Ethics and Human Rights
- **Dr. Eugenia Millender**, Nurse Planner, and PI on the MFP grant
- **Dr. Elizabeth Fildes**, Chair, National Advisory Committee

MFP TEAM

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CONTINUING NURSE EDUCATION (CNE)

Nurses may be able to earn free Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credits for participating in the 2025 Intensive Training Institute. Details will be announced after the Institute.

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