



Empowering Youth to Advance Policy Solutions for School Mental Health

This event will be centered on opportunities to advance comprehensive mental health education and supports in schools through policy change at the local, state, and federal levels with a focus on lifting up youth voices and ongoing advocacy efforts.

This is the first of a three-part summer series in which Mindful Philanthropy will highlight opportunities for philanthropy to invest in solutions that support the mental health of young people in schools.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021
4:00 - 5:00 PM EST

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Panel discussion followed by Q&A

Moderator:

Barbara Ricci, MPA
Executive Director, Mindful Philanthropy

Panelists:

Mary Giliberti, JD
Executive Vice President of Policy, Mental Health America
William Antoine McClain, Jr.
Founder, William McClain Youth Platform & Intern, Mindful Philanthropy
Bill Smith
Founding Partner, Civitas Public Affairs Group & Founder, Inseparable
Nia West-Bey, PhD
Director of Youth Policy, Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)

Event questions? Please contact gabrielle@mindfulphilanthropy.org

MODERATOR: Barbara Ricci, MPA

Executive Director, Mindful Philanthropy

Barbara brings deep expertise to Mindful Philanthropy from working with mental health nonprofit organizations and global financial services firms. After retiring from a 30-year career on Wall Street, Barbara joined the Center for High Impact Philanthropy at the University of Pennsylvania as a senior advisor, behavioral health. Barbara has served as board treasurer and policy committee chair at NAMI and board president of NAMI NYC. She is a board director at The Coalition for Behavioral Health and The Arthur Miller Foundation. She earned her Exec. MPA from NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service in 2019.



PANELISTS

Mary Giliberti, JD

Executive Vice President of Policy, Mental Health America

Mary Giliberti is the Executive Vice President of Policy at Mental Health America. Mary focuses on federal policy to promote prevention, early intervention, integration, and recovery. Prior to joining MHA in 2019, she was the CEO of NAMI. She also has worked in the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services, and as disability counsel to the United States Senate Health, Education, and Labor Committee. After graduating from Yale Law School, she clerked for Judge Phyllis Kravitch on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. Mary lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband & three children.



William Antoine McClain Jr.

Founder, William McClain Youth Platform & Intern, Mindful Philanthropy

William Antoine McClain Jr. is a recent high school graduate from Augusta, Georgia. William will be attending Stanford University this upcoming fall to double major in Public Policy and Economics. William is a summer intern at Mindful Philanthropy and a member of the Mental Health National Advisory Board. William is the founder of the William McClain Youth Platform, a 527 political organization that strives to enhance the knowledge of American citizens about the policymaking process through forums while supporting politicians. Recently, the organization has objectively prepared voters in the Central Area of Georgia for elections.



Nia West-Bey, PhD

Director of Youth Policy, Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)

Nia West-Bey is the director of CLASP's Youth Policy team. Her work is focused on youth and young adult mental health, strategies to support young, low-income parents of color as well as girls and young women of color. She is a community psychologist with expertise in youth development, qualitative and quantitative data interpretation and analysis, and the intersection of psychology, social policy, and program evaluation. Prior to joining CLASP, Dr. West-Bey co-founded and spent 10 years as executive director of a community-based nonprofit organization offering youth development programming to young people in foster care in Washington, DC. Through this work, she had the opportunity to learn and experience how national and local policy impacts disconnected youth. Dr. West-Bey earned her MA and PhD in community psychology from NYU and completed her undergraduate degree at Swarthmore College.



Bill Smith

Founding Partner, Civitas Public Affairs Group & Founder, Inseparable

Bill Smith is the founder of Inseparable, a national mental health advocacy organization with a bold vision: an America where mental health, no longer an afterthought, helps our country to heal and thrive. Bill has over 20 years of experience working at the intersection of philanthropy, policy, and politics including 10 years as a strategist for the successful marriage equality movement. As a founding partner of Civitas Public Affairs group, a values-based public affairs firm, Bill continues to advance significant public policy initiatives on some of the most pressing societal challenges of our day.

