

# THIRD ANNUAL 2025 Social Services & Education Professionals Symposium



## SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION	ROOM	PRESENTER
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration and Networking		
8:30-8:40 a.m.	Welcome Remarks		
8:40-10:10 a.m.	Workshop Session #1		
	Healthy Sexuality As A Critical Lens for All School-Based Professionals	101	Jennifer Weissner & Kendra Gaarder
	Culturally Responsive Practice for Forcibly Displaced Youth and Families	102	Christine Simbizi, Heidi Harrison Marisela Santiago Tirado, Libby Steele
	From Data to Difference: Using B.A.R.R. to Approach Data, Teams and Students	201	Joshua Tripp, James Boothby, Beth Heimer
	Building a 360° Web of Support: Creating Community Systems to Empower Youth	104	Meg Taft
10:10-10:20 a.m.	Break		
10:20-11:50 a.m.	Workshop Session #2		
	Conflict Resolution: Dealing with Difficult People	102	Dave DeRuosi
	Adolescents!	101	Christine McNulty
	Take Them Outside: Getting Started with Nature Based Learning	104	Becky Hollowell
11:50 a.m.-1:20 p.m.	Lunch		
12:30-1:20 p.m.	Speaker (During Lunch)		
1:20-2:50 p.m.	Workshop Session #3		
	Top issues for youth in coming years	104	Mike Brennan & Lori Gramlich
	Introducing the SEL Lab Model: Collaborative Growth for Effective Social-Emotional Learning	102	Anne Baltren, Emilie Brady, Austin Muir, Ellen Towne
	Becoming an "Inspired Ally" in Education	101	Chris McLaughlin
2:50-3:00 p.m.	Break		
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Report Out and Closing		



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Julia Sleeper-Whiting

Co-Founder and Executive Director of Tree Street Youth Center

Born and raised in Bangor area, she initially moved to Lewiston as an undergraduate at Bates College. During her time as a student, she began connecting to the Downtown Lewiston community youth through service learning opportunities afforded to her as a Psychology and Education major. Over the past 10 years, Julia has continued to build on the relationships formed as an undergrad, seeking to provide valuable programming to at-risk youth in Lewiston-Auburn. After completing her Masters in Leadership and Organizational Studies at USM-LAC, she began the present-day Tree Street Youth Center.

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