



THE CRC NEWSLETTER

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South Carolina Communities of Care

SCHAC Community Relations Consultants, Danielle Lindley, and Ayana Crawford attended the SCDMH Communities of Care training on Monday, December 5th, 2022.

Hosted by the SC Department of Mental Health's Office of Suicide Prevention, this all-day training was designed to teach participants about the Communities of Care initiative, comprehensive community suicide prevention, and how to apply trauma-informed care in

the workplace and with the communities we serve! The training was designed for community or organizational leaders and focused on how to apply the seven (7) elements of Zero suicide. This framework implements trauma-informed suicide prevention practices to support community members that may be at risk for suicide by accessing the appropriate services and connecting them to resources.

To learn more about the SC Communities of Care project and see how you can become a partner, please visit: <http://osp.scdmh.org/communities-of-care/>



Participants learning about trauma-informed suicide prevention

Rural Resource Coalition SC Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, December 7th, SCHAC Consultant, Danielle Lindley, attended the Rural Resource Coalition (RRC) SC Annual meeting at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia, SC. Leaders from conservation, farming, forestry, tourism, and community economic development come together to discover new ways to work together.

The theme for this year's meeting was "What's on the Rural Kitchen Table: Food, Housing & Energy", and featured three panels: food insecurity and access, rural affordable housing, and energy justice. SCHAC attended the panels on food insecurity and affordable housing to gain resources for our CRCs across the State. Each session provided information on different grant opportunities for these regions and community-based nonprofit organizations that work to partner with interested communities.

SC Food Policy Council Carolina Human Reinvestment, Salt Catcher Farms, and Food Share were the organizations featured on the Food Insecurity panel. The panel focused on regional food challenges that worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic and its ongoing impact. They also discussed different grant opportunities available to help

families, socially disadvantaged farmers, churches, and community-based nonprofit organizations.

SE Housing & Community Development, Habitat for Humanity, and Santee Lynches Affordable Housing and Community Development Corporation were the companies for housing. Panelists spoke about the needs of families in rural SC to secure safe, quality, and affordable housing. They also focused on the current state of affordable housing in SC and the tools practitioners are using to advance affordable housing. The panelists provided several avenues for potential funding for home buyers as well as funding opportunities to end homelessness.

To learn more about RRCSC: <https://www.ruralrc.org/>

For rural resources, visit: <https://www.ruralrc.org/rural-resources>



Food Insecurity and Access panel, Left to Right: Giany Didier Guedjo, [Carolina Human Reinvestment - CHRSC](#), Courtney Watson, [FoodShare South Carolina](#), and Abert Rice, and Stephanie Jones, [Saltcatcher Farms](#).

Miracle on North Main

On December 7th, SCHAC participated as a vendor at the Miracle on North Main Street event, hosted by Healthy Blue in partnership with The Richland County Recreation Commission and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

The resource event assisted community children and families with an enjoyable holiday experience. Healthy Blue utilized its partnerships within the community to ensure individuals attending the event will gain health & wellness information, and resources, and receive services, and toys in an interactive fun, festive and safe environment!



Members of the community enjoying the Miracle on North Main event

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Service

The annual King Holiday Observance is a time to commemorate and honor the life, legacy, and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service (MLK Day) is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service – a “day on, not a day off.” Participation in service activities has grown each year as more Americans are encouraged to provide meaningful change in their communities. Whether service meets a tangible need, such as fixing up a school or senior center, builds a sense of community or mutual responsibility.

No matter the choice, service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions, and moves us closer to Dr. King’s vision of a beloved community. It breaks down barriers by bringing people from different backgrounds together and it benefits those who choose to serve. Coretta Scott King said, “The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others.”

How will you spend your Day of Service? We would love to hear about the work you are doing in your community!

Please share your pictures and stories with Ayana Crawford @ acrawford@schac.sc.gov or Danielle Lindley dlindley@schac.sc.gov.



Opportunity to be Trained Mediators

Below is the schedule for Midlands Mediation Center's Introduction to Mediation. Registration is \$1000 per session and \$495 for volunteers; MMC provides hardship **scholarships** for individuals who would like to learn mediation skills to support their local community. If you know someone who would like to participate, please let us know!

To learn more about the Midlands Mediation Center, visit: <https://midlandsmmediation.org/>

Winter 2023S Mediation Training – January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmws.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023 Mediation Training – April 24 -27, 2023 - <https://2023itms.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023S Mediation Training – April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 2023 -

<https://2023itmss.eventbrite.com>



The TRUST Network

The TRUST Network was founded in October 2020 to prevent and mitigate violence, stimulated by underlying social issues in the US, in the pursuit of positive peace.

In order to prevent violence, reduce division, strengthen our democracy, and address legacies of injustice, the Network is:

1. growing a network of collaboration across sectors in the fields of peacebuilding, social justice, and democracy work;
2. establishing a first-of-its-kind citizen-run Early Warning Early Action infrastructure developed specifically for the United States;
3. connecting international and national-level expertise and advocacy to local initiatives that are convened by community mediation and justice centers on the ground, so that communities are supported in generating and self-determining

solutions to their long-standing problems (in keeping with the intent of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 10).

Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) is the organizational host. The **National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM)** and **Center for Peace, Democracy, and Development (CPDD)** are key process facilitators. These three founding co-conveners are joined by a rapidly expanding partnership of, currently, **30+ additional organizations and networks, 25 local convening centers** and several hundred individuals each of whom has training and/or experience in mediative, restorative or other nonviolent community-building practices.

To learn more about the TRUST Network, visit: <https://www.thetrustnetwork.net/>



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Annual Event Calendar for CRC's

January
MLK Day/Day of Service

February
African American History

March

Women's History/End Racism Day

April

Fair Housing

May

Law Enforcement/Community Relations/Pacific-Asian Month

June

Emanuel 9 Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation/Disaster Preparedness

July

Employment Discrimination/Economic Opportunity

August

Youth Project/Back to School

September

Hispanic Heritage/Cultural Diversity

October

Disability Employment Awareness

November

American Indian Heritage/Veterans' Appreciation

December

Age & Poverty Issues

Interested in hosting a community meeting in your area?

Please contact the Community Relations Department at 803-737-7800

Connect with us! Follow our social media pages for events and resources throughout the State!



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