

“Faith, Family and Mental Health” Conference

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010

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Branko Radulovacki, MD

Dr. Branko Radulovacki is an Atlanta psychiatrist in private practice. He is the Founder of FaithWorks (www.FaithWorksGA.com) and host of today's event. He is Board certified in both Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine. He specializes in the care of adults and adolescents with depression, bipolar illness, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia and various forms of addiction.



Ron Segal, Senior Rabbi

Ron Segal has served as Temple Sinai's Senior Rabbi since 2006. He completed his religious studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Segal is active in the greater Atlanta Jewish and interfaith communities. He is the immediate past chair of the Sandy Springs Interfaith Clergy Association, has served on the board of the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta, and participates regularly in interreligious dialogue and bridge building.

Dear Guests,

Welcome!

On behalf of FaithWorks and Temple Sinai, we are grateful that you joined us for today's conference. Alleviating the suffering of those with mental or addictive illness – and that of their families – is challenging. But it is an effort we are called to make. Our faith traditions teach us that we are each created in God's image, and that we should love and care for one another.

Today, you will hear inspiring personal stories. You will also learn about currently-available resources to assist you in ministering to and supporting those in your communities whose lives have been touched by mental or addictive illness. It is our sincere hope that, by day's end, you will have connected with new partners and prospective collaborators who share your deep desire to serve those in need.

Together, we can bring about a profound change in our community.

Thank you again for joining us!

Sincerely,

Branko Radulovacki, MD
Ron Segal, Senior Rabbi

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AGENDA

TIME	SPEAKER & TOPIC
8:30-9:00am	Conference Registration
9:00-9:05am	Welcome-Rabbi Ron Segal
9:05-9:15am	Introduction-Dr. Branko Radulovacki
9:15-9:25am	Invocation-Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley
9:25-11:00am	Transforming Our Community
9:25-9:50am	Keynote Speaker: Jocelyn Whitfield-"Effective Partnerships"
9:50-10:10am	Mike Tanner: "Biblical Interpretation and the Stigma of Mental Illness"
10:00-10:20am	Ethel Ware Carter: "Creating Faith-Based and Community Partnerships"
10:30-11:00am	Q&A
11:00-12:30pm	Adolescent Mental Health Issues
11:00-11:20am	Joe Loving: "Healing Broken Families"
11:20-11:40am	Sue Smith: "Where Struggling Families Find Support"
11:40-12:00pm	Adam Lesser: "Preventing Youth Suicide"
12:00-12:30pm	Q&A
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch
1:15-2:45pm	Addiction Solutions
1:15-1:35pm	Jeff Diamond: "Addiction: A Family Disease and a Family's Recovery"
1:35-1:55pm	David Jordan: "Assisting In Recovery"
1:55-2:15pm	Neil Kaltenecker: "Recovery is Real: Creating Ways to Transform Lives and Communities"
2:15-2:45pm	Q&A
2:45-2:50pm	Closing Remarks-Dr. Branko Radulovacki

SPEAKER PROFILES

In order of appearance...



Reverend Dr. Gerald Durley

Gerald Durley serves as the Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University and one of the first Masters Degrees in Community Mental Health from Northern Illinois University. He also holds a Doctorate Degree in Urban Education and Psychology from the University of Massachusetts. A leader of the civil rights movement, Dr. Durley is committed to the struggle for human dignity and equality for all people.



Jocelyn Whitfield-Keynote Speaker

Jocelyn Whitfield is a Senior Public Health Advisor for Community and Faith Based Initiatives for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and Department of Health and Human Services. She works with non-profit, grassroots community and faith-based organizations to deliver quality services, compete successfully for Federal grants, and effectively address community treatment and recovery needs. She has received several distinguished service awards in recognition of her contributions to both the Federal government and local communities.



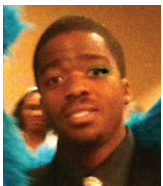
Ethel Ware Carter

Ethel Ware Carter serves as the Director of Programs for the Regional Council of Churches. The Council is a region-wide ecumenical membership organization of churches representing over 30 Christian denominations. Ethel Ware is a long-time community volunteer and non-profit board member interested particularly in the areas of juvenile justice and child advocacy.



Vicar Michael Tanner

Michael Tanner serves as Vicar of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Most of the church's membership are people society regards as disabled due to chronic mental illness. Mike became an Episcopal priest after 30 years in the law. He graduated from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and is a doctoral candidate at the School of Theology, Sewanee at the University of the South.



Joe Loving

Joe Loving was diagnosed with a mental illness before the age of ten. He was hospitalized for treatment and has lived in and out of group homes ever since. Joe has a special Ed diploma and, last month, earned a GED. He plans to attend college and pursue a degree in physical training and mental health. Joe is an avid runner who has completed the Peachtree Road Race.



Sue Smith

Dr. Sue Smith is a leading expert in children's services, advocacy and education. She serves as the Executive Director of the Georgia Parent Support Network and has received numerous awards for her work including the 1995 Tipper Gore Remember the Children Award and the 1996 Rosalynn Carter Care Giver Award. She earned her Doctorate degree in Management of Children and Youth Programs.



Adam Lesser

Adam Lesser, LCSW is the Project Director for the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant at the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities. Adam has worked as a clinician, supervisor and adjunct professor at the Salem State School of Social Work. He trained in Disaster Mental Health and Critical Incident Stress Management and consults widely on issues of children and trauma.



Jeff Diamond

Jeff Diamond is a Managing Director at J.P. Morgan Securities and has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry. He graduated from the University of Georgia School of Business. Jeff is a board member of the Jewish Recovery Houses in Baltimore, Maryland. The mission of Jewish Recovery Houses is to help Jewish men and women in the early stages of recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.



Reverend David Jordan

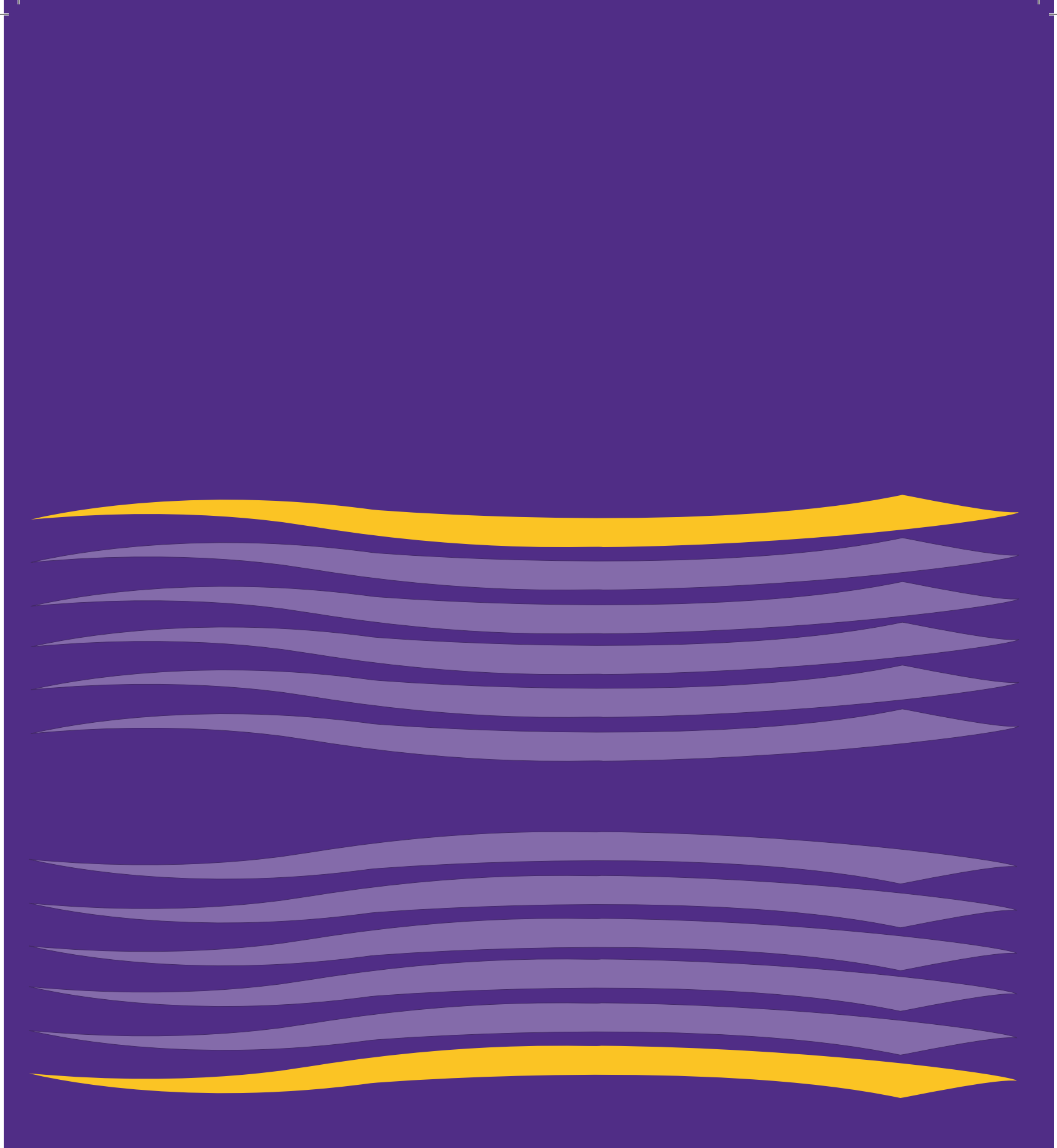
David Jordan is the Director of Development at Penfield Christian Homes. He graduated from Brewton-Parker College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. David is a Master Addiction Counselor. David also serves as Pastor of Penfield Baptist Church where he is grateful to be able to fulfill God's call to minister to the chemically-dependent at Penfield Christian Homes.



Neil Kaltenecker

Neil Kaltenecker serves as the Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. The Council builds community collaborations to reduce the impact of substance abuse in our communities through education, advocacy, and training. Neil holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bowling Green State University in Criminal Justice/Corrections and a M.S. from Florida State University in Criminology.

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