

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SAFE AND HUMANE SCHOOLS TASK FORCE

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Schools are a core ecological setting for children and youth in our communities, and their role in the development of students goes well beyond imparting knowledge and teaching various curricula. Relunched in 2020, the Safe and Humane Schools Task Force grapples with issues within schools that fall in the intersection of behavioral health, social justice, and human rights.

Issues and topics of interest for our interdisciplinary task force members include: school mental health and suicide prevention; the implications of school security measures (e.g., school resource officers, metal detectors) and school shooter drills; bullying and school violence prevention; disproportionate disciplinary practices; trauma-sensitive strategies; and responsiveness to youth who are transgender.

Attend programming from our Safe and Humane Schools Task Force:

- Roundtable: Community Action: How can we better support children's well-being in schools?
 - Time: Saturday, 10/29; 5:00-5:50pm; Location: Baltimore B

Check out the following presentations focused on children, families, and promoting safe and humane schools:

- Panel: The Evidence2Success Framework for Improving Youth Well-being and Increasing Equity
 - Time: Friday, 10/28; 1:30-2:20pm; Location: Baltimore B
- Individual Paper: Creating career pathways for bilingual teachers to promote equity in early childhood education
 - Time: Friday, 10/28; 5:00-5:50pm; Location: 8029
- Invited Panel: Youth Mental Health and the Digital Landscape
 - Time: Saturday, 10/29; 4:00-4:50pm; Location: Baltimore A
- Symposium: Supporting Parents of Young Children in Schools in High Poverty Communities
 - Time: Sunday, 10/30; 11:30am-12:45pm; Location: Baltimore A
- Individual Paper: Supportive School Safety: Examining Promotive School Characteristics for Black Students
 - Time: Sunday, 10/30; 11:30am-12:20pm; Location: 8029

Learn more about the Safe and Humane Schools Task Force [here](#).

If you are interested in joining the task force, please email info@bhjustice.org with the subject line: "Safe and Humane Schools Task Force".