

IT'S ALL RELATIVE...

Social & Emotional Intelligence Summit

April 11, 2026

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8:25 AM – 8:55 AM Check-In & Registration

Light networking and continental refreshments.

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM Welcome & Purpose Dr. Kimberly A. Janha

Co-Founder/CEO Kindred Hearts SC

9:10 AM – 9:15 AM Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Saturday, April 11

Alexis W. Scurry, LMSW, Associate Director of Field Education, USC School of Social Works, Kindred Hearts South Carolina, Board Chair

9:15 AM – 9:40 AM Keynote Address

Ms. Jackie Hennegan-Gadsden, ABD, MA, B; Founder, Bumble Bee Productions

Setting the tone for the day with insights on social and emotional intelligence and its impact on families and communities.

9:40 AM – 9:50 AM Transition & Snack Break

9:50 AM – 10:35 AM

Breakout Session I: Panel Discussions Engaging conversation with panelists on practical strategies and lived experiences related to emotional regulation, relationships, and child well-being.

Group 1: Adults interacting with children from Early Childhood – 2nd Grade

Focus: safety, attachment, emotional modeling, and co-regulation

Moderated by: **Valisa Palmer**, MA, LPC, NCC Co-Founder, Therapist & Life Coach

Panelists: **John A. Browne**, MA, CEO, Vital Connections of The Midlands; **Dr. Crystal Y. Campbell**, Executive Director Dorchester County First Steps; **Mila Burgess-Conway**, LPC, Inner Journey Counseling; **Althea Benson, MA, BA**, Education Manager, Vital Connections of the Midlands; **Tiffany Palmatier**, M.Ed., NBCT, K-1 Teacher, Center for Inquiry

Group 2: Adults interacting with children from 3rd– 6th Grade information, email:

Focus: identity, emotional awareness, accountability, and peer influence [Heartsc.org](mailto:info@heartsc.org)

Moderated by: **Dr. Stephanie Payne**, LMSW, Acting Chair, Human Services, South Carolina State University

Panelist: **Dr. Barron Davis**, Founder/CEO The Noegenesis Group, LLC; **Tamell Green**, MA, BA, CEO and Founder of Metamorphosis PR Firm, LLC; **Elizabeth Morris**, Student Service Managers, SCDJJ; **Jewel Rembert**, MA, BSW, LPC, LPCS, The Ultimate Choice Consulting, LLC; **Dr. John Thompson**, MBA, ICMA-CM, CPM, SCEM, Assistant County Administrator, Richland County Government

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Keynote Speaker
- ✓ Panel Discussions
- ✓ Breakout Sessions
- ✓ Round-Table Conversations

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✓ Keynote Address 9:15 - 9:40 AM

Breakouts & Discussions

🍴 Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

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Group 3: Adults interacting with children from 7th – 12th Grade

Focus: independence, identity formation, decision-making, and long-term outcomes

Moderated by: **Dr. Phillip Harris**, Director, Government and Community Engagement Richland County Government

Panelists: **Dr. Brooke Wymer Ellis** N.C.C., LISW-CP/S, PMH-C, Associate Clinical Professor, Clemson University; **Judge Tomothy Edmond**, Chief Magistrate, Summary Court Judge, Richland County Government; **Dr. Debra King**, LPC, LPCS, LCMHC, LAC, CEAP, Regional Program Director, SC Dept. of Children's Advocacy — Continuum of Care; **Reese Palmer**, LMFT, Founder/Couples Therapist, Palmer Counseling and Consulting; **Jen Thompson, MA, BA**, Health & Personal Finance Educator

10:35 AM – 10:40 AM Transition Break

10:40 AM – 11:25 AM Breakout Session II:

Featured Speaker(s) Topic: How to Effectively Communicate with Everyone – The Impact of Communication Exploring how communication styles influence connection, conflict resolution, and healthy outcomes for children and families.

Group 1 Speaker: **Cherell S. Butler**, LISW, CPAP, Owner, Aiken Counseling Group

Group 2 Speaker: **Ari Foster**, LISW-CP, VSP, Outreach & Education Co-Lead, PSI-SC, Renewed Path Counseling and Consulting/LLC

Group 3 Speaker: **James Morrall**, M.Ed., Director, Prevention & Outreach Hopeful Horizons

11:25 AM – 11:30 AM Transition to Main Room

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Group Discussions

Facilitated small-group discussions to reflect, share insights, and identify actionable steps.

Facilitator: Alexis W. Scurry, LMSW, Associate Director of Field Education, USC School of Social Works, Kindred Hearts South Carolina, Board Chair

12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Closing Remarks

Kayla Mallett-Bacote, Co-Founder, Organization Representative, Kindred Hearts South Carolina; Philanthropic Program Officer, Cypress Action Fund

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch (On-Site or Carry-Out Option Available)

Saturday, April 11
9:25 AM – 1:30 PM
1260 Lexington Drive, West Columbia, SC
Student Center

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✓ Breakout Sessions
✓ Group Conversations
✓ Effective Communication Strategies

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