

CCCP's INAUGURAL GALA An Evening to Remember



The Coalition of Culturally Competent Providers (CCCP) hosted their highly anticipated Inaugural Gala at the iconic Philadelphia Museum of Art. The event brought together mental health care professionals, community leaders, friends, and advocates for a night of celebration and inspiration. The gala aimed to highlight the importance of cultural competence in mental health and, showcase the coalition's dedication to ensure that all patients, regardless of background, receive care that respects their cultural needs and values. The beautiful and historic Philadelphia Museum of Art provided the perfect ambiance for an evening that celebrated diversity, inclusion, and the ongoing work of CCCP to be a more equitable mental health system.

The event was hosted by the renowned Lorraine Ballard Morrill, a celebrated figure in the Philadelphia community known for her impactful work in media and advocacy. Her dynamic presence added an extra layer of warmth and energy to the evening, as she guided the festivities and underscored the importance of the coalition's mission. Attendees were treated to powerful speeches, performances, and an awards ceremony that recognized individuals and organizations for their exceptional contributions to culturally competent care. The gala honored the achievements of those in the field and galvanized attendees to continue striving for change and growth in mental health care practices to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population.

[Photo Album](#)



4 imperatives for improving mental health care in 2025

The global mental health crisis is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, with nearly half the population projected to experience a mental health disorder in their lifetime. Despite its staggering impact, mental health remains chronically underfunded and underserved, with a severe shortage of qualified professionals compounding the issue.

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CCCP's Annual Holiday Party: A Night of Celebration, Connection, and Community



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CCCP hosted its annual Holiday Party in a cozy, beautifully decorated venue, and brought together mental health professionals, organizations, colleagues, and friends for a night of celebration and connection. The air buzzed with warmth and camaraderie as attendees from various backgrounds in the mental health field gathered to reflect on a year of hard work, dedication, and progress. Laughter echoed around the room as old friends reconnected and new partnerships blossomed. There was a palpable sense of unity as everyone shared stories of challenges and triumphs, knowing they had each made a significant impact in supporting mental well-being in their communities.

As the night went on, a sense of gratitude and recognition filled the space, with a heartfelt speech from Dr. Reginald Banks, who acknowledged the tireless efforts of individuals and teams who had gone above and beyond to make a difference. The event was about celebrating the season and the bonds formed through shared missions. In addition, the event amplified everyone's deep care for the community mental health. When the evening closed, many left with renewed inspiration and a

sense of belonging. Attendees knew that they were part of a professional charge that carried the promise of impacting and influencing constituents across the region. Everyone is excited about the opportunity to meet again soon.

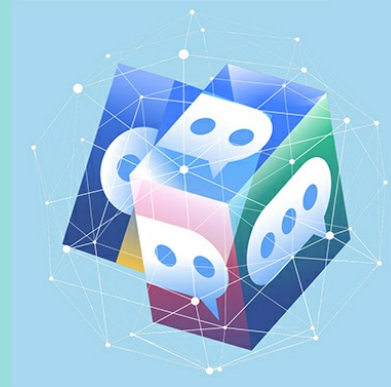
Holiday Party Pics

Artificial intelligence is impacting the field

As AI transforms our world, psychologists are working to channel its power and limit its harm

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the landscape of mental health care, presenting both groundbreaking opportunities and critical challenges. For mental health professionals, understanding AI's potential to enhance therapeutic relationships, streamline administrative tasks, and ...

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APA aims to represent the interests of all of psychology

The science of human behavior can serve as a model for how people can come together in a meaningful way



Arthur C Evans, Jr. PhD
CEO, American Psychological Association

APA serves as the “big tent” for the field, aiming to represent the interests of all of psychology. Making this a reality requires significant effort, discipline, and intentionality. It means recognizing and promoting the breadth of our field and the range of members’ world views, with the understanding that our differences do not fracture us but can make us stronger. It requires routinely questioning ourselves to ensure we are being inclusive while still adhering to our values as an association. We have learned several lessons while employing this approach. Here are some of the most significant:

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League of 1789 PA Society 12th Annual Reception

The Pennsylvania Society is an annual weekend retreat for Pennsylvania’s politicians and business leaders.

Former Philadelphia Council member and attorney, Derek Green said "It was an honor to salute Council President Kenyatta Johnson", He also thanked WES Health Systems, The Coca Cola

Company, and others for their community engagement and partnership.

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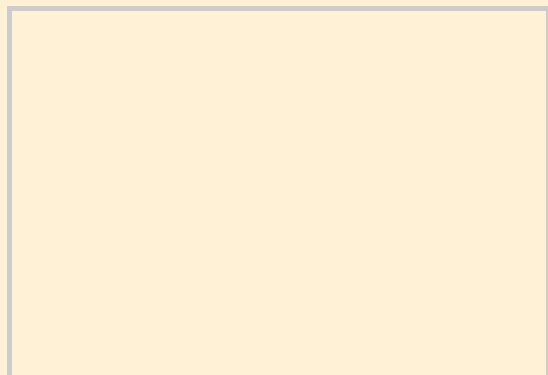
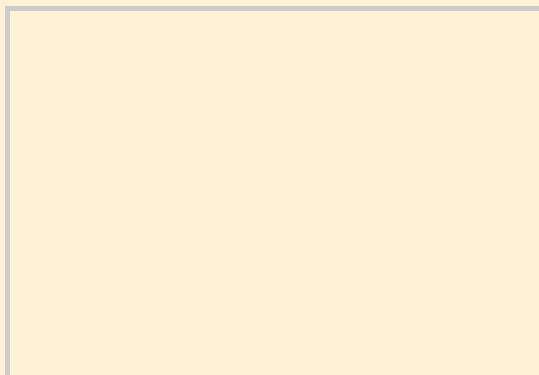
2024 CORA SERVICES AWARDS

Each year, CORA honors individuals and organizations that have dedicated their time, talent, voice, and resources to empowering families, transforming communities, and creating positive, lasting change that motivates others to get involved.

This year, CORA is proud to honor AmeriHealth Caritas, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel, Laborers' Local Business Manager Esteban Vera Jr., the Odd Fellows, and Plumbers Union Local 690 Assistant Business Manager Steve Keenan.

The 2024 honorees truly embody the spirit of our founder, Sister Charity, by living the mantra "Love in Action" through their unwavering commitment and service to the community.

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Mental Health Awareness Calendar

February	March
<u>Int'l Self Esteem Month</u>	<u>Self-Injury Awareness</u>
<u>Random Acts of Kindness</u>	<u>Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month</u>

The Quarterly Quote

"We have to acknowledge that this work is not easy. Sometimes we work until exhaustion because there is so much to be done. But it's important to just take a moment to take care of ourselves, so we can take care of our community."

Dr. Reginald Banks, Chairman, CCCP

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