

Closing Keynote
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The Political
Determinants
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Leveraging the New Determinants of Health to Improve Outcomes for Children and Families

An instrumental figure in negotiating the Mental Health Parity Act, and an architect of the Affordable Care Act's health equity-focused provisions, Daniel Dawes is a passionate advocate and a national thought leader on utilizing data on the social determinants of health to identify and eliminate healthcare disparities. But how can we also use data to reduce costs and improve outcomes for every single group and in every community?

Dawes looks beyond social determinants to examine how the behavioral, community — even political — determinants of health can decrease the risk factors behind the current crisis in youth mental health. In this dynamic presentation, Dawes looks at the multiple factors affecting mental and behavioral health. He will take audience members further upstream to understand the root causes of disparities and how we can effectively disrupt the silos and engage in strategic partnerships to advance more healthy, equitable, and inclusive systems.

It all begins with asking the right questions: Is the caregiver equipped to support the specific needs of their child? Is that young person depressed? Disconnected? Lonely? Does the family have ready access to a robust network of social support? Are we effectively collecting, utilizing, and prioritizing comprehensive data to identify these and other issues?

Providing real life examples, Dawes will challenge us to look at both determinants and data in a whole new way, with practical applications that you can immediately put into action to help young people and families thrive.