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*Empowering Communities to Serve:
Training and Mentorship*

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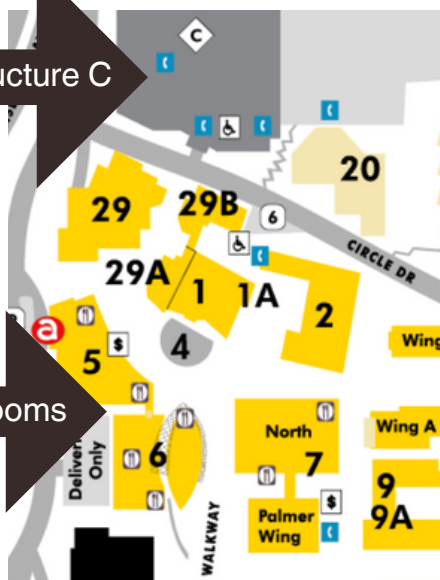
The annual Mental and Behavioral Health Conference, hosted by Cal State LA, is a training and professional development opportunity focusing on innovative theory, research, and evidence-based practice. This conference emphasizes the need for collaborative practice to support the successful behavioral and mental health needs of individuals across the lifespan.

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	GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM 2	GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM 3	Alhambra Room
8:30-9:00am	Check-in and Registration		
Welcome & Keynote 9:00-10:00 am	"The Power of Partnership: Unlocking Potential of Black and Brown Professionals Through Culturally Responsive Mentorship" <i>-Dr. Denice Rios & Dr. Ramar Henderson</i>		
SAVE TRAINING and SPEAKER PANEL	V.A. SAVE Training: Supporting Veterans in Crisis <i>-Mr. Brandon Hervey, MSW, LCSW</i> <i>-Speaker Panel: Joel Ramirez, Roberto Alvarez, Esmeralda Martinez, Jessica Galvan Rivas.</i>		
LUNCH 12:10-1:00 pm	Lunch		
Breakout 1 1:10-2:00pm	Mentoring Through Feedback: Beginning Teachers' Preparation to Work with Diverse Students With Disabilities <i>-Han Lee, Anna Osipova, Ph.D., Samriti Mona, Ph.D.</i>	Mentoring as Empowerment and Readiness: A Student Panel <i>-Facilitated by Christiaan Kier</i>	POSTER SESSIONS
Breakout 2 2:10-3:00pm	Brain-Learning Connection: Supporting Educators and Families of Diverse Learners with ADHD and Dyslexia <i>-Anna Osipova, Ph.D., Samriti Mona, Ph.D., Han Lee, M.A., ABD, Tatev Sarkissyan, M.S., ABD</i>	The Leadership Quadrant: A Strategic Approach to Leadership <i>-Shannon Braasch, M.A.</i>	Paws for Support: Integrating Animal-Assisted Therapy in School Settings for Student and Staff Wellbeing <i>-Emily J. Hernandez, LMFT, Ed.D., Jaime Goldfarb, Ph.D.</i>
Breakout 3 3:10-4:00pm	Bridging Gaps: Training Teachers in Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Families of Children with Disabilities <i>-Ricardo Hernandez, Ed.S., Jennyanne Truong, M.S.Ed., Chanee McMillian, M.A., Amber Pope, M.A., Anna Osipova, Ph.D.</i>	Fostering Psychological Safety in Leadership: A Key to Empowering Black and Brown Professionals <i>-Martinez Sellers, CEO, Dr. Arease Edison, LMFT</i>	Responsible Use of AI in Mental and Behavioral Health: Ethical Considerations for Practicum Students <i>-Yesim Keskin, Ph.D., LMFT</i>