Keynote Speaker

At this year's Legislative Briefing and Reception we will focus on the mounting behavioral health needs of children facing adverse childhood experiences (ACE's) and explore the programs, services, and policy reforms that hold the most promise for protecting children from negative life outcomes resulting from ACEs.



Abuse, neglect, drug use, and other ACEs are on the rise—affecting nearly half of all U.S. children and resulting in diminished academic performance, mental health problems, unemployment, incarceration, and overall poor life outcomes. In the years between 2005 to 2017 alone, we've seen a staggering 52% national rise in adolescent major depressive episodes. And yet, as the need for behavioral healthcare rises, access to care continues to decline.

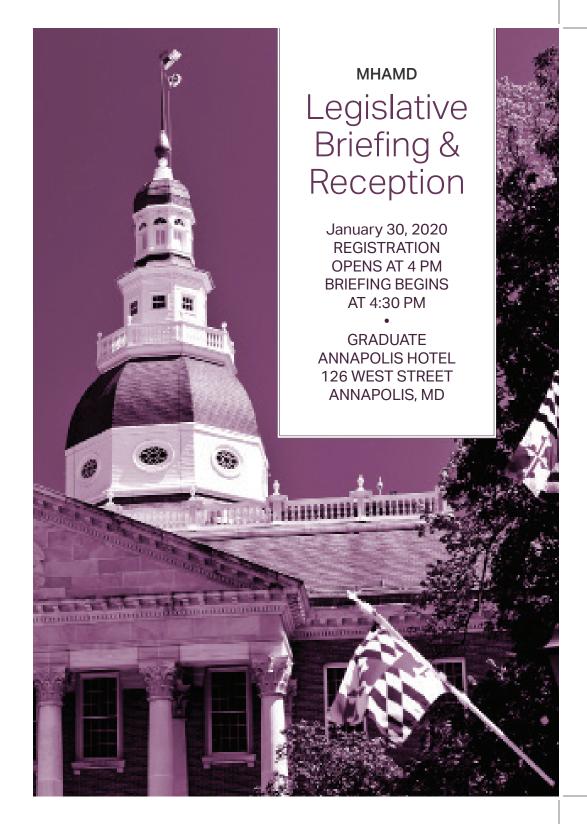
Dr. Roy Wade, Jr., our keynote speaker, is committed to reversing this trend by improving community healthcare in economically distressed communities. Dr. Roy Wade is an instructor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania and pediatrician at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Cobbs Creek Primary Care Center. His research focuses on the intersection between childhood poverty, adversity, and well-being. Through his work, he hopes to translate research on the science of childhood adversity and toxic stress into effective strategies that improve community level systems of care for those who need it most.

Dr. Wade received his medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Virginia. He was a Commonwealth Fund Harvard Minority Health Policy Fellow, earning a MPH in Health Policy and Management from Harvard School of Medicine and Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Wade also completed a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Fellowship at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Wade is a passionate public health advocate whose experience will be invaluable in helping us find proven, scalable interventions for reducing the lifelong consequences of ACEs in Maryland and beyond.



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Champions of Today

Each year, MHAMD celebrates champions whose leadership has had a lasting and profound impact on Maryland's behavioral health system and the people it serves. Our 2020 honorees demonstrate what can be accomplished with leadership, passion, and commitment to a just, humane, and healthy society.

- 2020 Distinguished Service Award Honoring visionary leadership and lasting impact
 Senator Addie Eckardt
- ▶ Legislator of the Year Honoring public policy leadershipDelegate Erek Barron
- Paula Hamburger Child Advocacy Award Honoring a champion for children
 Dorie Flynn

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For half a century, MHAMD's Legislative Briefing and Reception has educated concerned citizens and public leaders about important public policy issues impacting behavioral health care in Maryland and across the nation.

MHAMD is the state's only volunteer, nonprofit organization that brings together consumers, families, clincians, advocates, and concerned citizens for unified action in all aspects of mental health, mental illness, and substance use. Our progressive programs ensure more humane treatment, increased research, and greater public understanding of the needs of children and adults who live with mental illness and substance use disorders.

MHAMD believes that access—to both services and information—is power. We are proud to continue this tradition by bringing the latest science and the most promising innovation to a meaningful advocacy agenda.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4:00 p.m. Registration

4:30 p.m. Preview of 2020 Legislation

Awards Presentation

Keynote Presenter:

Roy Wade, Jr., MD, PhD, MPH, MSHP

7:30 pm Reception

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