



# The Youth Mental Health Crisis: Innovative Opportunities in Schools

**A VIRTUAL FORUM**

**Tuesday, April 11, Noon to 1:15 CDT**

The Partnership for a Connected Illinois (PCI) has been awarded a grant from the Sprague Institute to plan a pilot of a system to supplement existing behavioral health services to K-12 students. The pilot would expand telebehavioral health services within each tier of a public health model, providing access to self-help resources for parents and students, online behavioral health tools (e.g. skill-building coaches, moderated peer support groups, 1:1 asynchronous chatting), teletherapy, and care coordination. PCI will launch pilots in September 2023 and January 2024.



Host:

Loyola University

Moderator:

**Terry Murphy, Adjunct Faculty, Cornell University; Executive-in-Residence: Digital Innovation in Healthcare, Cornell University.**

Terry Murphy is CEO of Edgehealth LLC and co-chairs the Digital Health Selection Committee for ACHRM, an employer health coalition. He teaches Digital Health and Disruptive Innovation in Cornell's Sloan executive MHS program.



Speakers:

**Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat, President, Children's Advocates for Change**

Tasha Green Cruzat, Ed.D., is a United States Navy veteran and the President and Board Member of Children's Advocates for Change. As the former President and Executive Director of Voices for Illinois Children, she notably scored several major Illinois legislative victories in the last several years including leading the advocacy efforts of the Illinois Racial Impact Note Act, which was signed into law April 2021.



**Raul Garza, President and CEO, Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness**

Raul Garza is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness, leading a \$90 million system of integrated health care, community wellness, and child welfare services with more than 35 locations, including 26 community health centers. With locations in 14 counties and over 850 employees, Aunt Martha's reaches more than 125,000 patients and clients, and impacts the lives of children and adults in over 650 communities across Illinois.



**Brenda Huber, Ph.D., ABPP, Chief Executive Officer, Doc-B**

Dr. Brenda Huber is an experienced leader and systems consultant with a demonstrated history of working in higher education and multiple child-serving sectors (i.e., schools, healthcare, juvenile court, community mental health, child welfare).



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