2020 Mobilizing Youth Summit

Event Schedule

Sat, Jun 06, 2020

10:00am

2020 MYSummit Welcome Session

© 10:00am - 10:30am, Jun 6

📍 Virtual

Main Track

MYSummit participants will hear from Teen Health Mississippi staff, Summit sponsors, and participating organizations. Teen Health Mississippi will establish best engagement practices for all youth participating in the Summit.

💡 Speakers

Justin Lofton Director of Youth Engagement and Advocacy, Teen Health Mississippi

Hope Crenshaw Executive Director, Teen Health Mississippi

Diana Rhodes Vice President of Policy, Partnerships, & Organizing, Advocates for Youth

10:30am

Bulletproof: Activating Advocacy in the Wake of Trauma

© 10:30am - 11:00am, Jun 6

📍 Virtual

Main Track

Parkland shooting survivor and gun reform activist, Samantha Feuntes will open up about the Parkland shooting, why she advocates for gun reform, and how to activate advocacy in the face of trauma.

💡 Speaker

Samantha Fuentes

11:00am

Activism as Creativity: Bridging Power, Talents, and Storytelling

© 11:00am - 12:00pm, Jun 6

📍 Virtual

Main Track
During this session, attendees will:

- Understand the steps for creating an effective advocacy strategy and bring visibility to their cause.

**Speaker**

Tyler Yarbrough  
Student, Youth Advocate

**12:00pm**

**Lunch Session: Peers Just Want to be Heard**

📅 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Jun 6  
📍 Virtual  

**Main Track**

During this session, attendees will:

- Learn about peer counseling as a way to support youth who may be undergoing issues
- Learn the results of a youth-led survey related to how peer counselors could help support young people
- Feel confident in advocating for more mental health support in their schools and communities

**Speakers**

Adriana Gilmore  
Youth Advocate, IWES

Anna Moore  
Youth Advocate, IWES

Navaeh Thompson  
Youth Advocate, IWES

**1:00pm**

**Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships**

📅 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Jun 6  
📍 Virtual  

**Main Track**

**Speakers**

Ashton Mayo-Beavers  
Youth Advocate, Girls Inc Chattanooga
2:00pm

**Leading While Bleeding: A Trauma-Informed Approach for Advocacy and Organizing**

*Main Track*

**2:00pm - 3:00pm, Jun 6**

### Speakers

- *Iesha Hayes* Student, Youth Advocate
- *Ty Riley* Mississippi Youth Council (MYCouncil), Teen Health Mississippi

3:00pm

**Responding to Implicit Rejection in Advocacy and Organizing**

*Virtual*

**3:00pm - 4:00pm, Jun 6**

### Main Track

During this session, attendees will:

- Learn to distinguish a negotiable “no” from an outright rejection
- Discuss the vitality of respect for another’s decision when receiving rejection
- Discuss the difference in authority often between youth-organizers and decision-makers and determine how to overcome this barrier
- Know how and when to let a door close with a decision-maker and move to the next opportunity

### Speakers

- *Kelly Bates* Center for Mathematics and Science Education, Undergraduate Assistant
- *Allison Santa-Cruz* Mississippi Youth Council (MYCouncil), Youth Advocate
- *Fibiana Oladipo* Youth Advocate, Teens Health Mississippi/ MyVoice Hinds

4:00pm

**2020 MYSummit Wrap-Up**

*Virtual*

**4:00pm - 4:30pm, Jun 6**
Summit organizers will provide information about mini-grant opportunities, the youth activist network, and closeout the event.

Speaker

Justin Lofton Director of Youth Engagement and Advocacy, Teen Health Mississippi