

**Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare (MCSW)
99th Annual Conference (Via Zoom)
September 16-18, 2026**

**Conference Theme: “The Power of Us: Transforming Social Drivers
Into Grassroots Ecosystems”**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

2:00 - 4:00 pm

**“The Importance of Self-Care and Emotional Well-
being in the LCSW Clinical Supervisory Experience”
(2 CE’s Ethics)**

Dr. Virginia Adolph, LCSW/C-SSWS
MCSW President Emeritus

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Annual Merit Awards Program

Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare
Reginald Starks, LMSW
Merit Award Chairperson

Annual Scholarship Award Program
Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare
Rhonda G. Carr, LCSW

Thursday, September 17, 2026

8:30-8:45am Conference Log-In

8:45-8:55am Conference Welcome & Introductions
Robert Lee, MA, CHW
MCSW President-Elect

8:55-9am Conference Session Guidance
Rhonda G. Carr, LCSW
MCSW Continuing Education Chairperson

9:00 - 10 am Keynote Speaker
**The Power of Us in an AI World Ensuring Ethics,
Equity, and Community Voice in the Digital Age**
Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW
(1 CE Ethics)

**10:05 -11:05 am “Healthy Aging: An Overview of Age-Friendly
Mississippi Ecosystem”**
Paulita Edwards-Childs, BSW
(1 CE Cultural Diversity)

11:10 am-12:10 pm “The Power of Us: A Call to Action”
Hank Rainer, LCSW
(1 CE Ethics)

12:10 - 1:10pm LUNCH BREAK

**1:15 - 2:15pm “Ethical Considerations for Implementation
Of Emerging Treatments for Mental Health Disorders”**
Robert Guasco, LCSW
(1 CE Ethics)

**2:20 - 3:20pm “The Cost of Disconnection:
Closing the Space Between Us”**
Tiesha Baldwin, LICSW
(1 CE Cultural Diversity)

Friday, September 18, 2026

8:00 am - 9:00 am MCSW ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

9:05 – 10:05 am Keynote Speaker
The Grassroots History of Social Work: How it has Evolved
Across the Ecosystem
Dr. Vincent Venturini, LCSW
(1 CE General)

10:10 -11:10 am “Circle of Security: Strengthening Supports for
Children and Families at Every Level”
Nadeane Cattrell, LCSW
(1 CE General)

11:15 am - 12:15pm Finding Your True North: Mandated Reporter
Anne Nelson, LSW
(1 CE Mandated Reporting)

12:15 - 1:15pm LUNCH BREAK

1:20 - 2:20 pm Safe Riders Magnolia Child Passenger Safety
(CPS) in Response Program
Darcel Odom, BS
Erin Richards, BS, CHW
(1 CE Cultural Diversity)

2:25 - 3:25 pm “An Overview of the Mississippi Victims of
Crime Act (VOCA)”
Cerissa Eubanks, CPM
Jason Larry
(1CE General)

3:25pm President’s Closing Comments
Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW
MCSW President

Instructional CE Directives

Rhonda G. Carr, LCSW

MCSW Continuing Education Chairperson

Announcements

Adjournment