

# 2024 SCASSW Spring Conference Agenda

May 3, 2024

8:30-4:00 Saluda Shoals

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8:00-8:30 AM

**Registration / Welcome**

8:30-10:00 AM

***The Impact of Mindfulness Practices on our Mental Health***

Karen Beaman

Program Director, MED Educational Administration & Leadership; MED Trauma-Informed Education Program, Columbia College

Jennifer Dollar, LISW-CP

Director of MED Trauma-Informed Masters, Senior Lecturer of Social Work, Columbia College

10:15-11:45 AM

***Be SMART for Kids - An Important Component in Efforts to Protect Children from Gun Violence and Help Prevent Guns in Schools***

Angela Vandelay, PE, Midlands SC Be SMART Co-Lead

Joanne Walker, North Central SC Be SMART Co-Lead

Sarah Venn, Midlands SC Be SMART Co-Lead

Merie Mirosavich, Midlands SC Be SMART Co-Lead

Dr. Poornema Ramasamy, Midlands SC Be SMART Co-Lead, Wound Care Physician, Prisma Health Midlands

Miriam Johnson, PhD, MSW, Professor Emerita University of South Carolina College of Social Work, Legislative Lead for Midlands Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

Abby Cobb, LISW-CP, Richland Two Lead Social Worker

11:45-12:45 PM

***Lunch & Social Work Awards***

12:45- 2:15 PM

***Building School-wide Capacity for Implementing Social Emotional Learning Strategies***

Dr. Aidyn Iachini, PhD, MSW, LSW

Associate Dean for Research & Faculty

University of South Carolina College of Social Work

2:30-4:00 PM

***The Importance of Collaboration to Plan, Develop, and Facilitate Effective Continuum of Support: Collaborative Organization of Services for Youth (COSY) Beaufort County Model***

Andrea Murray, LBSW

Human Services Coordinator, Beaufort School District