

Friday, September 25, 2026

8:00-8:20	Opening Remarks	
8:20-8:30	Break	
	Professional	Caregiver-Friendly
8:30-9:30	<i>Balancing Innovation and Ethics: Responsible AI Use in Professional Practice when Treating Individuals with Selective Mutism</i> Brittany Bice-Urbach, Ph.D.	<i>From Silence to Understanding: Talking to Kids About Anxiety and SM</i> Emily R. Laracy, M.A., M.S., CCC-SLP, & Rachel Busman, Psy.D., ABPP
9:30-9:40	Break	
9:40-10:40	<i>Silence Skews the Score: A Clinical Pathway for Equitable Access to Psychological Assessment in Children with Selective Mutism</i> Emmett Kallmeyer, B.A., RBT, Tracey Ward, Ph.D., Jennifer Gerdts, Ph.D., & Megan Frye, Ph.D.	<i>Maximize Parent Coaching, Minimize Accommodations, and Incorporating Sibling Support</i> Brittany Roslin, Ph.D. & Dana Jerusalem, Ph.D.
10:40-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:50	<i>Navigating the Road to Brave Talking: Mid-Treatment Decision-Making in SM Treatment</i> Eleanor Ezell, LCSW, Rachel Busman, Psy.D., ABPP, & Alisa Gudz, Psy.D.	<i>When Behavioral Therapy Isn't Enough: The Tough Call To Add Medication</i> Steven Kurtz, Ph.D., ABPP, Melissa Ortega Giglio, Psy.D., Holly Hillburn, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, & Rebecca Leong, M.S., CCC-SLP
11:50-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-2:15	<i>All Hands on Deck: Development and Evaluation of Provider Training in Delivering Intensive Group Based Parent Child Interaction Therapy for Selective Mutism (PCIT-SM)</i> Rachel Merson, Psy.D., Donna Pincus, Ph.D., Alyssa M. Farley, Ph.D., & Annelie Salvi, M.A.	<i>The Fade-In Playbook: Tactical Tools, Tone, Tempo and Timing</i> Taylor Hicks-Hoste, Ph.D., LP, NCSP, & Katelyn Reed, M.S.
2:15-2:25	Break	
2:25-3:25	<i>From Camp to the Classroom and Community: Outcomes, Moderators and Generalization of Gains</i> Veronica Raggi, Ph.D., Jami Furr, Ph.D., Shelley Avny, Ph.D., Rachel Kupferberg, Psy.D., & Aileen Herrera, M.S., LMHC	<i>Advocating for School-Based Interventions for Children with SM</i> Melissa Jeffay, Psy.D., & Kathryn Keough, Ph.D.
3:25-3:35	Break	
3:35-4:35	<i>Lumpers and Splitters</i> Steven Kurtz, Ph.D., ABPP, Vanessa Ng, Ph.D., Katherine Gibson, Psy.D., ABPP, Joleen R. Fernald, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, Olivia Garber, M.S., CCC-SLP, & Jenna Blum, Psy.D.	<i>The Pendulum Swing: When Anxiety Lifts and ADHD Steps In</i> Melissa Ortega Giglio, Psy.D. & Daisy Geddes, M.Sc.
4:35-4:45	Break	
4:45-6:15	Mix N' Mingle/Poster Session	

Saturday, September 26, 2026

	Professional	Caregiver-Friendly
8:00-9:00	Practical Approaches to Treating Youth Anxiety: Bridging Research and Treatment Philip C. Kendall, Ph.D., ABPP	
9:00-9:10	Break	
9:10-10:10	Speaking Their Language: Navigating Barriers of School-Based Intervention for Students with Selective Mutism Emellia Nguyen, LMHC-A, Tracey Ward, Ph.D., Steven Kurtz, Ph.D., ABPP, Rachel Busman, Psy.D., ABPP, Jami Furr, Ph.D., & Rachel Merson, Psy.D.	Beyond Silence: Developing Effective Treatment Plans for Older Children and Teens with Selective Mutism Elisa Shipon-Blum, D.O. & Jenna Blum, Psy.D.
10:10-10:20	Break	
10:20-11:20	Game On: Creative Strategies for Unlocking Speech in Selective Mutism Kaitlyn Wilbur-Smith, Psy.D., Laura Darling, Ph.D., & Elle Daoust, LICSW	Conversation Is a Skill: Explicitly Teaching Social Communication to Individuals with Selective Mutism Kristin Mathis, M.S., CCC-SLP
11:20-11:30	Break	
11:30-12:10	Selective Mutism: What's in a Name? Rebecca Laptook, Ph.D. & Rachel Merson, Psy.D.	Selective Mutism: What's in a Name? Jami Furr, Ph.D. & Courtney Keeton, Ph.D.
12:10-12:20	Break	
12:20-12:50	Hear Our Voices	
12:50-1:20	Expert Q&A & Closing Remarks	