

Conference Agenda

Wednesday Morning - September 9, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Conference Registration Exhibit Hall & Altar/Ofrenda open at 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Embassy Suites Foyer
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Embassy Suites Foyer
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	PLENARY OPENING SESSION	Sandia Ballroom
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	MORNING BREAK	
MORNING CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS		
10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Bridging Care and Counsel: Integrating Immigration Legal Services and Mental Health Counseling in Latinx Communities, Presented by Eduardo Garcia, JD, MA, NLBHA Board Secretary	Sierra I
	Rompiendo el Silencio: Psicoeducación sobre la violencia doméstica y la enfermedad mental crónica en la comunidad latina, Presentado por Dra. Maria Ferreras-Mendez, LMHC, Presentación en Español - NAADAC CE/APA CME	Sierra II
	NM Behavioral Health Services Division's Key Advancements and Milestones Across New Mexico's Behavioral-Health System, Presented by Annabelle Martinez, Deputy Director of the New Mexico Health Care Authority's Behavioral Health Services Division	Sierra III
	From the Corner Bodega to Our Kids: Protecting Latino Youth and Families from Emerging Intoxicants, Presented by Julie Dreifaldt, BA	Ocotillo I
	Embajadoras de Salud Mental: Un modelo de salud mental comunitario, basado en la confianza, para familias hispanas, Presentado por Ana Lorena Carrasco y Monserrat Mata, Presentación en Español	Ocotillo II
	Special Event Session - UNM Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, GME Expansion Program, Presented by Dr. Jose A. Canaca, MD, Dr. Samuel Reyes, Dr. Brendan Barth, and Dr. Mauricio Tohen, MD, DrPH, MBA	La Ventana
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET	Embassy Suites Foyer
	RAFFLE DRAWINGS - NLBHA Affiliate Dr. Ana Chavez-Mancillas, NLBHA Sr. Director	Sandia Ballroom



1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Prevention Roadmap: Staying Ahead of the Game , Presented by Julie Priego, MS and Priscilla Cortez	Sierra II
	Resilience in Practice: Thriving in the Work We Are Called To , Presented by Dr. Craig Pierce, PhD, LPCC, LMFT - NAADAC CE/APA CME	Sierra III
	Escucha Tus Emociones: A Community-Driven Approach to Increasing Access to Emotional Healing in Latinx Communities , Presented by Cecilia Eva Tenorio, MBE	Ocotillo I
	Cultura y Lenguaje como Fuerza para la Recuperacion en Momentos Dificiles , Presentado por Salvador Amezola, CADCI, QMHAI, CGAC-R, Presentación en Español	Ocotillo II
	Special Event Session - Johnson and Johnson - "Exploring Adjunctive Atypical Antipsychotic Therapy When Relief in Major Depressive Disorder Remains Incomplete," Presented by Daniel Tamez, ScD, MPAS, PA-C, CWS, FACHE <i>**This industry-sponsored product theater is promotional/non-accredited and is not eligible for CE, CME, or other continuing education credit. The session is separate from the accredited conference program, and content is developed and presented by the sponsor; such products do not represent an endorsement by NLBHA.**</i>	La Ventana
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK	
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Understanding and Applying Cultural Adaptations: Treatments, Services, and Assessment Specifically Catered to Latino Migrant Populations , Presented by dr. danyelle s. goitia beal, PsyD, BCBA, and Esther Rodriquez, MS - NAADAC CE/APA CME	Sierra I
	Shared Pain as Pathways to Connection: Examining Tears as Love in Latino Healing Spaces , Presented by Diana Anzaldua, LCSW-S	Sierra II
	Addressing Eating Disorders in Latino/a/x Populations: A Culturally Informed Clinical Approach , Presented by Rocio Avila Salinas, LCSW-S and Jessica Scheer, MA, NEDA, Chief Executive Officer, *NLBHA Affiliate	Sierra III
	Building Leadership Pipelines for Latino Professionals in Behavioral Health , Presented by Rosita Martinez, MS-NPL, ADV-CSW	Ocotillo I
	Emotion in the Body: ADHD, Type 2 Diabetes, and Latine/a/o Family Systems Presented by Federico Mendez, LMFT-Supervisor	Ocotillo II
	Special Event Session - Cuidando a la Fuerza Laboral de Salud Conductual: Sanacion Basada en la Cultura y Colectivismo , Presentado por Haner Hernandez, PhD, CPS, CADCI, LADCI, Presentación en Español	La Ventana
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK	
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Sandia Ballroom	



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10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Reaching Youth in the Shadows: Community-Driven Pathways to Mental Health Support in a Climate of Fear , Presented by Dr. America Paredes and Jeanette Contreras, MPP - NAADAC CE/APA CME	Sierra I
	Power to the Parents/Poder Para los Padres , Presented by Brian Serna, LPCC, LADC, and Valeria Acevedo, MA, LMHC	Sierra II
	Somos únicos, somos diferentes: variaciones del EMDR en la población Latina , Presentado por Dra. Damaris Perez Ramirez, Presentación en Español	Sierra III
	Healing Justice & Collective Care: Building Resilient Communities , Presented by Brenda Quiñonez Cortés, LCSW, MSW, *NLBHA Affiliate	Ocotillo I
	Specialty Areas in Behavioral Health for Latino Populations: Culturally Responsive Approaches to Prevention, Intervention, and Professional Development , Presented by Monica Sierra-Mayberry, LCSW	Ocotillo II
	Special Session Panel Event - Intersectional Perspectives on Latino Behavioral Health: Navigating Cultural Norms, Systemic Stressors, and Community Needs , Moderated by Mariana Sanchez, PhD, MSW Panelists: Miracle Macias Burgos, PhD Student, Yajaira Cabrera Tineo, PhD, MS, Gira J. Ravelo, PhD, MSW, MBA	La Ventana
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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Understanding Their Impact/Identifying Actionable Steps to Mitigate Them , Presented by Lucila Beaton, LISW-CP, LCSW, LCSW-C	Sierra I
	Connecting Our Voices: Strengthening Latino Behavioral Health Through Healing Spaces , Presented by Enrique Lopez-Escalera, JCL, STL, LMSW, and Elizabeth Rodriguez Diaz, BA	Sierra II
	La Cultura del Aguante: The Heroization of Health Care Workers, Systemic Demands, and Clinical Burnout , Presented by Yolanda Rodriguez, PhD, NLBHA Board President and Arnoldo Amador, Researcher - NAADAC CE / APA CME	Sierra III
	From Street to System: Using ATLAS to Integrate Peer Recovery Support Across Service Contexts , Presented by Christopher Bailey, RSPS, PSS, TE, MA, Dr. Fernando Gonzalez-Maese, MD, MPH, and Dr. Rigoberto Delgado	Ocotillo I
	Closing Gaps in Behavioral Health Services for the Latine Population: Developing a New Community-Based Program , Presented by Dr. Hilda Caquias, PsyD and Monica Rey Serantes, Certified Counselor	Ocotillo II
	Special Event Session - Platica III - Latino Male Mental Health with "Little Joe" Hernandez and Fred Sandoval, NLBHA CEO	La Ventana
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK	
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Texting for Wellness: How SMS Strengthens Behavioral Health Access in Latino Communities , Presented by Barbara A. Garcia, MPP and Dr. Gerardo Sandoval	Sierra I
	Salud desde la Raíz: El Impacto de las Promotoras en la Comunidad , Presentado por Josie Mendoza, CCHW, NM-TX and Maria Retana, CCHW, NM-TX, Presentación en Español	Sierra II
	Bridging Systems, Cultures, and Care: Wise Compassionate Healing in Latino Behavioral Health , Presented by Dr. Felipe Mercado, MSW, PPSC	Sierra III
	Bridging Collegiate Mental Health and Recovery: Culturally Responsive Campus Strategies for Latino Students , Presented by Liliana Spurgeon, CHW, CFPSW and Leila Zazueta, LCSW	Ocotillo I
	Introduction to Generative AI: Concepts, Practical Applications, and Ethical Considerations , Presented by Adolph Delgado, PhD, MEd, MS	Ocotillo II
	Special Event Panel Session - New Mexico Behavioral Health Reform in Action: Senate Bill 3 , Presented by Pamela Trujillo and Stacey Boone	La Ventana
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	PLENARY CLOSING & DAY 2 REFLECTION	Sandia Ballroom

Special Evening Event – Jenny Sotolongo, A Selena Tribute
 Proceeds Benefit the JTR Scholarship Fund
Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 8:00pm - 10:00pm
Sandia Ballroom



Conference Agenda

Friday - September 11, 2026

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	PLENARY OPENING SESSION	Sandia Ballroom
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	MORNING BREAK	
10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Special Event Session - Merging Traditional Medicine and Modern Medicine , Presented by Dr. Cheo Torres and Dr. Mario Del Angel Guevara, Ph.D., Assistant Professor/SHRI Research Faculty	Sandia Ballroom
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET	
	RAFFLE DRAWINGS - NLBHA Affiliate Dr. Ana Chavez-Mancillas, NLBHA Sr. Director	Sandia Ballroom
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Special Event Session - Therapeutic Drumming - A Community Defined Evidence Practice - An experiential and facilitated drumming session , Presented by Elisa Lucero and Kathy Vega	Sandia Ballroom
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK	
AFTERNOON CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS		
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Loteria de Salud Mental: Playing, Laughing, and Healing Through Cultura , Presented by Samantha Ramirez	Sierra I
	Curanderismo: Applying Traditional Healing Techniques in the Treatment of Anxiety and Substance Use , Presented by Dra. Diana Franco, DSW, LCSW-R, LCSW, Justine Saavedra, MS, and Rosa Gallegos-Samora, LCSW	Sierra III
	iJuntos Podemos Sanar!: Ethical and Biocultural Considerations for Integrating Traditional Healing Across Latino Behavioral Health Systems , Presented by Thomas A. Chavez, PhD	Ocotillo I
	Returning to Our Roots: Healing Trauma Through Culture and Connection , Presented by Andrea Lucero, Director, United Way Northern New Mexico	Ocotillo II
	Special Event Panel Session - Panel Perspectives on the Intersection of Naturopathic Care, Traditional Healing Practices and Medical Interventions , Moderated by Dolores Roybal, Panelists: Dr. Manuel Zamarripa, Dr. Estrella Sandoval-Becker, Dr. Juliette Sweet, and Cuco Rodriguez - NAADAC CE / APA CME	La Ventana
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	PLENARY CLOSING SESSION	Sandia Ballroom

