

Singled Out No Longer: Narratives of Single Parenting

IDEA Symposium 2025 – Friday, April 11, 2025

Student Learning Center, UGA Griffin Campus

Agenda

8:30-9:00am – Check-In/Registration

Lobby

9:00-9:15am – Opening Remarks

Room 104

Ms. Faye Chatman, Program Director, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Jeffrey Dean, Campus Director and Assistant Provost

Dr. Anna Stenport, Dean, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

9:15-9:35am – Just the Facts

Room 104

Mr. John Cruickshank, Librarian

Dr. Matthew Peach, Lecturer, Department of Sociology

9:35-10:00am – Key Issues

Room 104

Mr. Matthew McWaters, Moderator – “Absent Parenting”

Ms. Haley Robocker – “Stressors and Unique Issues”

Ms. Emily Cooper – “Coping Strategies”

Ms. Kyndal Tharpe – “Repartnering”

Ms. Madeline Choate – “Legal Issues”

10:00-10:30am – Split Sessions

Arch Group – SLC Room 105

“Navigating the Court System as a Single Parent”

Ms. Dericka Pruitt, Legal Advocate, Promise Place

Bulldog Group – SLC Room 115

“Navigating a Mental Health Crisis as a Single Parent”

Ms. Molly Murphy, Director of Performance Improvement & Clinical Education, Peachford Hospital

10:30-10:45am -- Break

10:45-11:15am – Split Session

Bulldog Group – Room 105

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11:15-11:45 – Split Sessions

Bulldog Group – Room 105

“The Use of Mental Health Medication in Children of Single Parents”

Dr. Perry Buffington, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology

Arch Group – Room 115

“Living Single: A Person-Focused Approach to Providing Care for Vulnerable Families”

Ms. Septima Riley, Clinical Director, youthSpark

11:45am-12:00 Noon -- Break

12:00-12:30pm – Split Sessions

Arch Group – Room 105

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12:30-12:55pm – First Person Singular: Real Experiences of Single Parents

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Moderator – Dr. Matthew Peach

Ms. Victoria Page

Mr. Alex George

Mrs. Marie George

Ms. Takeisha Tippins

12:55 – 1:00pm – Closing Remarks

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