



**2025 Annual Conference**  
**Connected in Crisis: Disasters, Trauma and Supporting First Responders**  
**March 19—21, 2026**  
**Renaissance Asheville**  
**Asheville, NC and Online**

**Thursday, March 19**

<p>8:30 am 9:00 – 12:00 pm  Ballroom C  1:30 – 4:30 pm  Ballroom C  6:00 – 10:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Ethics Pre-Conference (optional, additional cost)</b>  Registration Open  AM Ethics Workshop—<b>Ethical Considerations when working with Trauma: How Do We Determine if We are Practicing within our Scope of Competence?</b>  Andy Brimhall, PhD, LMFT; Andrea Skoubye, MS, LMFT &amp; Ruth Brown, BS  PM Ethics Workshop—<b>MFT Ethical Considerations When Serving Military and Law Enforcement Families</b>  Chad Jordan, MA, LMFT and Lisa Tyndall, PhD, LMFT  Board Meeting</p>
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**Friday, March 20**

<p>7:30 am 8:00 – 11:45 am  Ballroom AB  11:45 – 1:00 pm 1:15 – 3:00 pm  Ballroom C1  Ballroom AB   Ballroom C2  3:00 – 3:45 pm 3:45 – 5:30 pm  Ballroom AB  Ballroom C1  Ballroom C2  7:00—9:00 pm</p>	<p>Registration Open with Breakfast  General Session—<b>Healing the Hidden Wounds: Understanding and Treating Trauma in Children and Families</b>  Dr. Crystal Krueger, DBH, LMFT  Lunch &amp; Awards Ballroom AB  <i>Breakout Sessions (choose 1)</i>  A. <b>Behind the Uniform: How to join with First Responders in Therapy</b>  Renee Marcoux, LMFT, CFRC  B. <b>Connected in Crisis: Common Couple Dynamics of Law-Enforcement Officers and Their Partners</b>  Andy Brimhall, PhD, LMFT and Jake Jensen, PhD, LMFT  C. <b>North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board Question and Answer Session: Structure and Process</b>  Jon Winek, PhD, LMFT; Jeff Krepps, PhD, LMFT and Heather Stehberger, MS, LMFT  Poster Presentations and Break  <i>Breakout Sessions (choose 1)</i>  D. <b>Lowering Therapists’ Barriers to Treating Trauma</b>  Bob Smith, MS, LMFT, CCSOTS &amp; Susan Perkins, PhD, LMFT  E. <b>Trauma Through the Lens of a First Responder</b>  Teia Poulin, LCMHC, C-CISM  F. <b>LMFTs and Disaster Mental Health: Building Resilience and Recovery in NC and Beyond</b>  Martha Teater, MA, LMFT  Optional Improv</p>
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**Saturday, March 21**

<p>8:00 am 8:30 – 10:15 am  Ballroom AB   Ballroom C1  10:15 – 10:30 am 10:30 – 12:15 pm  Ballroom AB   Ballroom C1  12:15 - 1:30 pm 1:30 – 5:15 pm Ballroom AB</p>	<p>Registration Open with Breakfast  <i>Breakout Sessions (choose 1)</i>  G. <b>Emotional Intelligence in Crisis: Strengthening Connections for First Responders and Trauma Survivors</b>  Roberta A. Moore, EdS, LMFT  H. <b>Fundamentals of Counseling Law Enforcement &amp; First Responders</b>  Kristina Franklin, LMFT, LCMHC  Break  <i>Breakout Sessions (choose 1)</i>  I. <b>Recovering from Natural Disasters and Trauma: Expressive Arts Activities for Therapists to create Regulation and Connection</b>  Montserrat Casado, PhD, LMFT, RPT  J. <b>From Surviving to Thriving to Resilience: The Path to Healing Through Horses</b>  Shannon Knapp, MA, NLC-EP &amp; Elizabeth Corbett, MS, LCMHC  Lunch with Membership Meeting Ballroom AB  General Session—<b>First on the Scene, Last to Heal: Connecting with First Responders in Crisis and Trauma</b>  Greg Cheney, PhD, LMFT, LCMHC</p>
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