

NATIONAL DIALOGUES ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 8-11, 2026

CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH!

There is increasing awareness that artificial intelligence (AI) will have a major impact on behavioral health in several ways. AI tools are already being deployed; the behavioral health workforce will be redefined; and AI introduces the need for policy, governance, ethical and implementation considerations.

The big issue is: How does one harness the potential of this new technology and minimize the negative consequences? What do behavioral health policymakers, advocates, clinician, consumers and other providers need to do to advance and safeguard behavioral health – at the state level, the county level and as providers and consumers?

The National Dialogues on Behavioral Health Conference titled **HARNESSING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Innovation, Integrity, Impact** is dedicating its entire conference in 2026 to address these issues in New Orleans, November 8-11, 2026. The thrust of the conference is on practical implementation: How to incorporate AI in behavioral health systems in a responsible and effective way that strengthens care delivery and supports the workforce of the future.

The conference brings together national – and international -- experts from major universities and organizations to present cutting edge information on these topics. Presenters include: authors and podcasters on AI and behavioral health; university professors and researchers from the Harvard Medical School, Stanford, Yale, the University of Texas, Mississippi State University, Rhode Island College; consumer representatives; representatives of national behavioral health organizations; and developers of AI tools.

What do behavioral health professionals and advocates need to do to optimize the use of AI in behavioral health? How should organizations and providers prepare themselves? What should behavioral health professionals do to integrate this next generation of technology?

Besides these presentations, a major focus of the conference is on dialogue and discussion. Attendees will have the opportunity to have extended dialogue and discussion with the presenters and each other. The conference also provides many opportunities for networking with the experts and others attending the conference.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!