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# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL *Brighter Days* CONFERENCE

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With generous funding from the Dr’s Bruce and Lee Foundation and the Nemec-Abbott Foundation, The Jonathan Foundation in collaboration with Pee Dee Department of Health and Environmental Control and Pee Dee Mental Health is pleased to offer the 1st Annual Brighter Days Conference. The conference is being provided as a free community service as the culmination of our work on three projects in support of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s (AK+FSP) Project 2025 to reduce suicide by 20% by 2025.

The conference will provide no cost education and training for the target audiences of:

- Healthcare: Counseling/Primary Care/Emergency Departments
- Education: Public and Church-based Schools
- First Responders: Law Enforcement, EMS, and Mobile Crisis Units

Our keynote speaker will be Dr Daniel Amen, world-renowned founder of the Amen Clinic, BrainMD, and Amen University. Dr Amen’s mission is to end mental illness by creating a revolution in brain health. Amen Clinics has the world’s largest database of brain scans for psychiatry totaling more than 250,000 SPECT scans on patients from 155 countries. His keynote session will discuss how neuroscience is transforming psychiatry and helping patients prevent or reverse mental health disorders.

The conference highlight will be a private VIP Executive Session for health care executives, legislators, and key members of the mental health community to ask questions and dialogue with Dr Amen about the mental health developments in our community including the new MUSC/McLeod collaborative on a new Behavioral Health Hospital and the PDMH transitions care grant.

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

	Opening Remarks by Honorary Guest Jean Leatherman The Jonathan Foundation and Project 2025		
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Opening Session: The Vision for the Leatherman Behavioral Health Hospital and the Community <i>Rob Dupont, System Administrative Officer, Behavioral Health, MUSC Health, Charleston</i>		
	Breakout Sessions 1		
11:15AM- 12:00PM	<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Implement standardized risk assessment in counseling practice, emergency departments, and primary care settings to make care suicide safe. <i>Jennifer Butler Zero-Suicide Initiative, DMH</i>	<b>EDUCATION</b> Now that we have counselors in schools, time to implement standardized risk assessment for all students. <i>Jennifer Butler Zero-Suicide Initiative, DMH</i>	<b>FIRST RESPONDERS</b> Crisis intervention training for First Responders. <i>Patti Franklin or DMH</i>
12:15PM- 1:30PM	Lunch		
	Breakout Sessions 2		
1:45PM- 2:30PM	<b>HEALTHCARE</b> A MUSC-McLeod Collaborative: The Leatherman Behavioral Health Hospital <i>Rob Dupont, System Administrative Officer, Behavioral Health, MUSC Charleston Tim Smoak, VP, Behavioral Health, McLeod</i>	<b>EDUCATION</b> Introducing the ‘Handle with Care’ law enforcement and school system collaborative. <i>SC DHEC Rep</i>	<b>FIRST RESPONDERS</b> Introducing the ‘Handle with Care’ law enforcement and school system collaborative. <i>SC DHEC Rep</i>
2:45PM- 3:45PM	Keynote Session - Dr. Daniel Amen The End of Mental Illness: How Neuroscience Is Transforming Psychiatry and Helping Prevent or Reverse Mental Health disorders.		
3:45PM- 6:00PM	VIP Executive Session (invite only)		

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