

2025 ANNUAL
MAPDD CONFERENCE



AGENDA

APRIL 22-25, 2025

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BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Directors of the Planning and Development Districts welcome you to the 2025 Annual PDD Conference. The PDDs would like for this conference to help you better understand what is happening from a local, state, and national perspective. Communities face many challenges and the PDDs hope that this conference will help you find new opportunities to address those challenges.

GENERAL SESSIONS: We have three great speakers joining us this year for the general sessions. We are excited to have Joe McKinney, Executive Director for the National Association of Development Organizations, joining MAPDD for our opening session. Jamie Miller of the Gulf Coast Business Council will join us for lunch on Wednesday and Matthew Chase of the National Association of Counties will be the speaker for Thursday's lunch.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: We will have numerous concurrent sessions throughout the conference. This will include panel discussions related to federal and state grant funding opportunities, legislative updates from MAS and MML, workforce training opportunities, human resources, financial resources for small businesses, and continuing education credit for social workers among many other topics of interest to conference participants. From learning how to put together successful grant projects, to promoting economic growth and workforce training, you'll be able to find something of interest and educational in each concurrent session.

ENTERTAINMENT: Tuesday will include the TRIO Golden Gator Golf Classic and the Early Bird Reception at Town Green sponsored by TRIO Community Meals, Paint and Sip classes sponsored by Loving Health Care Services, as well as a Brewery Tour of Fly Llama Brewing Company. Wednesday will end with a Cocktail Hour followed by dinner on your own. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served Thursday at the Gala Reception and entertainment will be provided by The Mixed Nuts. Then on Friday, join us for breakfast before you start your trip home.

HELPFUL TIPS

Door prizes will be given away during luncheons, the opening session, and the closing session.

CEUs for Social Workers are available for select concurrent sessions. Approved sessions are noted throughout the agenda and are listed in the back. Please make sure you sign in at the appropriate session(s). Social Workers will find an Attendance Certificate in the back of this agenda to keep up with the sessions you attend and as proof of your attendance to obtain your credits.

Two (2) Certified Municipal Official (CMO) elective credits are available for attending the PDD conference. Those seeking CMO credits should be sure to sign in at the registration desk to receive credit for your attendance.

Be sure to get your **Exhibitor Page**, found in the back of the agenda, stamped by each exhibitor, sign it, and bring it to the closing session on Thursday in order to be eligible to win one of numerous door prizes that will be given away.

All conference sessions and activities, including the Gala Reception, are dress casual.



Conference Agenda

**Name badges are required for admittance to all events.
Please turn all cell phones to “silent” during sessions.**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Registration/Exhibitor Setup

Beau Rivage Convention Center

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Paint and Sip

Join us for a delightful dive into artistry. Pre-registered participants will enjoy a relaxing and fun time of painting and refreshments.

Camellia Ballroom

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11:00 am – 5:00 pm
TRIO Golden Gator Golf Classic

This year, the Trio Golden Gator Golf Classic will be held at the Sunkist Country Club in Biloxi. Lunch will be provided for golfers at 11:00 am with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm.

Sunkist Country Club



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1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Brewery Tour

Biloxi's coolest local brewery has invited us to tour their facility. Pre-registered participants will enjoy snacks and local craft beer. Transportation on your own.

Fly Llama Brewery



6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Early-Bird Reception

Join us at the Biloxi Town Green on Highway 90, just east of the Beau Rivage, for an Early-Bird Reception. We will kick off the conference with musical entertainment provided by the Brad Sapia Band.

Town Green



**Check out the MAPDD Merchandise table
near the Magnolia Ballroom for MAPDD gear!**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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7:30 am

Beau Rivage Convention Center

Morning Pastries



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7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Convention Center

Registration

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Azalea A & B

Staying Active & Independent for Life*

Paulita Edwards–Childs, Mississippi Department of Health

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Magnolia E

Planning AI Application Roundtable

PDD Staff Only

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Magnolia G & H

Medication Management in Seniors, an Overview*

Jennifer Duncan, PharmD, BCGP, FASCP, Mississippi Pharmacists
Association Education Committee

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Camellia Ballroom

**Opening Session with Joe McKinney, National
Association of Development Organizations**

Joe McKinney has served as the Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) since 2012 which provides advocacy, education, research, and training for the nation's 500+ regional planning and development organizations. Joe has been recognized nationally for his innovation and program expansion in areas such as planning and economic development, workforce development, transportation and transit, aging services, volunteer services, and geographic information systems.



10:15 am – 11:45 am

Azalea A & B

Attracting & Retaining the Next Generation of Workforce in Aging*

Dr. Laurie Lawson, Mississippi College

Chelsea Crittle, PhD., Central MS PDD

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Azalea C & D

MAS & MML Legislative Update

Steve Gray, Mississippi Association of Supervisors

Derrick Surrette, Mississippi Association of Supervisors

Shari Veazey, Mississippi Municipal League

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Magnolia F

Fiscal Roundtable

PDD Staff Only

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Magnolia G & H

Mastering De-Escalation and Post-Violence Recovery*

Carl Mangum PhD, PMHNP-BC, NHDP-BC, CNE, FAEE, University of

Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Magnolia Ballroom

**Luncheon with Jamie Miller,
Gulf Coast Business Council**

Since 2022, Jamie Miller has served as the President and CEO of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Business Council. The Gulf Coast Business Council engages top executives of businesses – large and small – to be the united voice on public policy issues important to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, to serve as a facilitating organization and help develop future leaders.



1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Azalea A & B

A Quick Guide to Kinship Care of Minors*

Adreain J. Reynolds, North Mississippi Rural Legal Services

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Magnolia H

Mississippi Development Authority Updates

Lisa Maxwell, Mississippi Development Authority

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Magnolia E

Cemetery Mapping

Toby Sanford, Golden Triangle PDD

<u>1:45 pm – 3:00 pm</u> AccelerateMS Update Courtney Taylor, AccelerateMS	Magnolia F
<u>1:45 pm – 3:00 pm</u> 2025 HR Outlook: 10 Workplace Shifts Every Employer Must Know Scott Stinson, Central MS PDD	Azalea C & D
<u>1:45 pm – 3:00 pm</u> State Loan Programs Jeremy Funchess, Mississippi Development Authority	Magnolia G
<u>1:45 pm – 3:15 pm</u> Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults* Ronald Morton, Morton Law Firm, PLLC	Camellia A
<u>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</u> Who's Caring for the Caregiver* Melora Jackson, Second Wind Dreams	Azalea A & B
<u>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</u> ARC/DRA/Southern Crescent Panel Discussion Matthew Campbell, Delta Regional Authority Tim Climer, Mississippi Development Authority/SCRC Andrea Rose, Appalachian Regional Commission Lizzie Tollison, Appalachian Regional Commission	Azalea C & D
<u>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</u> Mississippi Levee Board Peter Nimrod, Mississippi Levee Board	Magnolia E
<u>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</u> Workforce Legislative Update Donnie Bell, Mississippi House of Representatives Daniel Sparks, Mississippi State Senate	Magnolia F
<u>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</u> Loan Roundtable PDD Staff Only	Magnolia G
<u>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</u> Auditor – Uniform Guidance Updates Jason Brooks, CPA, Partner; Watkins, Ward, and Stafford, PLLC	Magnolia H

* CEU approved session

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Camellia A

Vulnerable Person Abuse and Neglect*

Christine Clark, Mississippi Attorney General's Office

Sean Cooper, Mississippi Attorney General's Office

Mike Davis, Mississippi Attorney General's Office

Bryan Green, Mississippi Attorney General's Office

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Pool Terrace

Cocktails on the Terrace

Join us on the Pool Terrace for cocktails to unwind after a long day of sessions. Complimentary drink tickets were provided at registration with your name badge to be used at this event. Afterwards, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the Gulf Coast's great restaurants.



Thursday, April 24, 2025

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7:30 am

Beau Rivage Convention Center

Morning Pastries



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* CEU approved session

7:30 am – 12:00 pm
Registration/Exhibits Open

Beau Rivage Convention Center

8:00 am - 9:45 am
Virtual Dementia Tour

Azalea B

You must register at the MAPDD Exhibit Booth to participate

8:00 am - 9:00 am
ARC Administration Discussion

Magnolia G

Philip McMullan, Appalachian Management Systems
Andrea Rose, Appalachian Regional Commission
Lizzie Tollison, Appalachian Regional Commission

8:00 am - 9:00 am
Equipping Health Care Professionals with Grief Education*

Camellia A

Dr. Michael D. Baker M.Div. & D.Min, Pastor

9:15 am – 10:15 am
Overview of Social Work Practices and Dilemmas*

Camellia A

Dr. Angela Savage, DSW, MSW, LMSW, Mississippi State University

9:15 am – 10:15 am
PDD Grants Panel on Best Practices

Azalea C & D

John Byers, Three Rivers PDD
John Wiggers, North Central PDD

9:15 am - 10:15 am
From Vulnerability to Resilience: Advancing Multi-Hazard Risk Mapping for Disaster-Resilient Communities in MS

Magnolia E

Thomas Oommen, PhD., University of Mississippi

9:15 am - 10:15 am
Beyond Barriers: Stories of Adaptation and Success in the Workplace

Magnolia F

Heather Collums, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

9:15 am – 10:15 am
Fiscal Q & A Session with Aging and Adult Services

Magnolia G

Brenda Hille, Mississippi Department of Human Services Division of Aging & Adult Services

9:15 am – 10:15 am
State Procurement/APEX Informational Session

Magnolia H

Dr. Latonia Lewis, Mississippi Development Authority
Candice Meyers, Mississippi Development Authority

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9:45 am – 11:30 am

Azalea B

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Azalea C & D

Brain Health: A Collaborative Journey*

Kathy Van Cleave, LMSW, LCMHT, The MIND Center at UMMC

Jaqueline Dedeaux, M.S., LSW, Southern MS PDD

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Magnolia E

Water/Wastewater Grant Informational Session

Bradley Crain, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Ciara King, Mississippi Department of Health

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Magnolia F

Disability Etiquette

Heather Collums, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Magnolia H

PERS Update

Cheyann Washington, PERS

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Camellia A

What you need to know about Waiver*

Cindy Brown, Division of Medicaid

Donna Dukes, Division Of Medicaid

Paulette Johnson, Division of Medicaid

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Magnolia Ballroom

Luncheon with Matthew Chase, National Association of Counties

Matthew Chase has served as the CEO/Executive Director of the National Association of Counties (NACo) since September 2012. NACo is the only national association representing America's 3,069 county governments. During his professional career, Matthew has focused on promoting America's economic competitiveness, strengthening the intergovernmental system of federal, state and local officials, and engaging local elected officials in the federal policymaking process.



Save the date and make plans to join us in 2026!
April 21-24, 2026

* CEU approved session

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Camellia Ballroom

**Closing Session with Jody Fuller,
Comedian-Speaker-Writer-Soldier**

Jody Fuller is a comic, speaker, writer, and soldier with three tours of duty in Iraq. He is also a lifetime stutterer. Growing up in Opelika, AL Jody had to overcome two things: poverty and stuttering. Enlisting in the Army after high school helped him overcome the poverty but the stuttering continues to pose unique challenges. Since leaving active-duty Jody performs all over the U.S. and abroad. As a writer, he has been published 11 times in the popular Chicken Soup for the Soul series.



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6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Magnolia Ballroom

Gala Reception

Join us at the Gala Reception at 6 pm, where heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and entertainment will be provided by **The Mixed Nuts**.



Friday, April 25, 2025

7:30 am – 9:30 am

Azalea Ballroom

Closing Breakfast

Join us for a hot breakfast before you head out on your way home. Breakfast buffet begins at 7:30 am and continues until 9:30 am.



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City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Social Worker License # _____

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- BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU EACH DAY.**
- Fill in your name, contact information, and social work license number.
- Write in the confirmation number announced at the end of each session you attend below.
- KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE.**

Time	Session Title	Number of CE Units	Confirmation Number
<u>Wednesday, April 23, 2025</u>			
8:00–9:00	Staying Active & Independent for Life	1 General	_____
8:00–9:00	Medication Management in Seniors, an Overview	1 General	_____
10:15–11:45	Attracting & Retaining the Next Generation of Workforce in Aging	1.5 General	_____
10:15–11:45	Mastering De–Escalation and Post–Violence Recovery	1.5 General	_____

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1:45–2:45	A Quick Guide to Kinship Care of Minors	1 General	_____
1:45–3:15	Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults	1.5 General	_____
3:15–4:15	Who’s Caring for the Caregiver	1 General	_____
3:30–5:00	Vulnerable Person Abuse and Neglect	1.5 General	_____
<u>Thursday, April 24, 2025</u>			
8:00–9:00	Equipping Health Care Professionals with Grief Education	1 General	_____
9:15–10:15	Overview of Social Work Practices and Dilemmas	1 Ethics	_____
10:30–11:30	Brain Health: A Collaborative Journey	1 General	_____
10:30–12:00	What you need to know about Waiver	1.5 General	_____

I certify that the information listed on this Certificate of Attendance indicates my attendance at the MAPDD Conference and the above listed CEU approved classes as indicated by the confirmation codes.

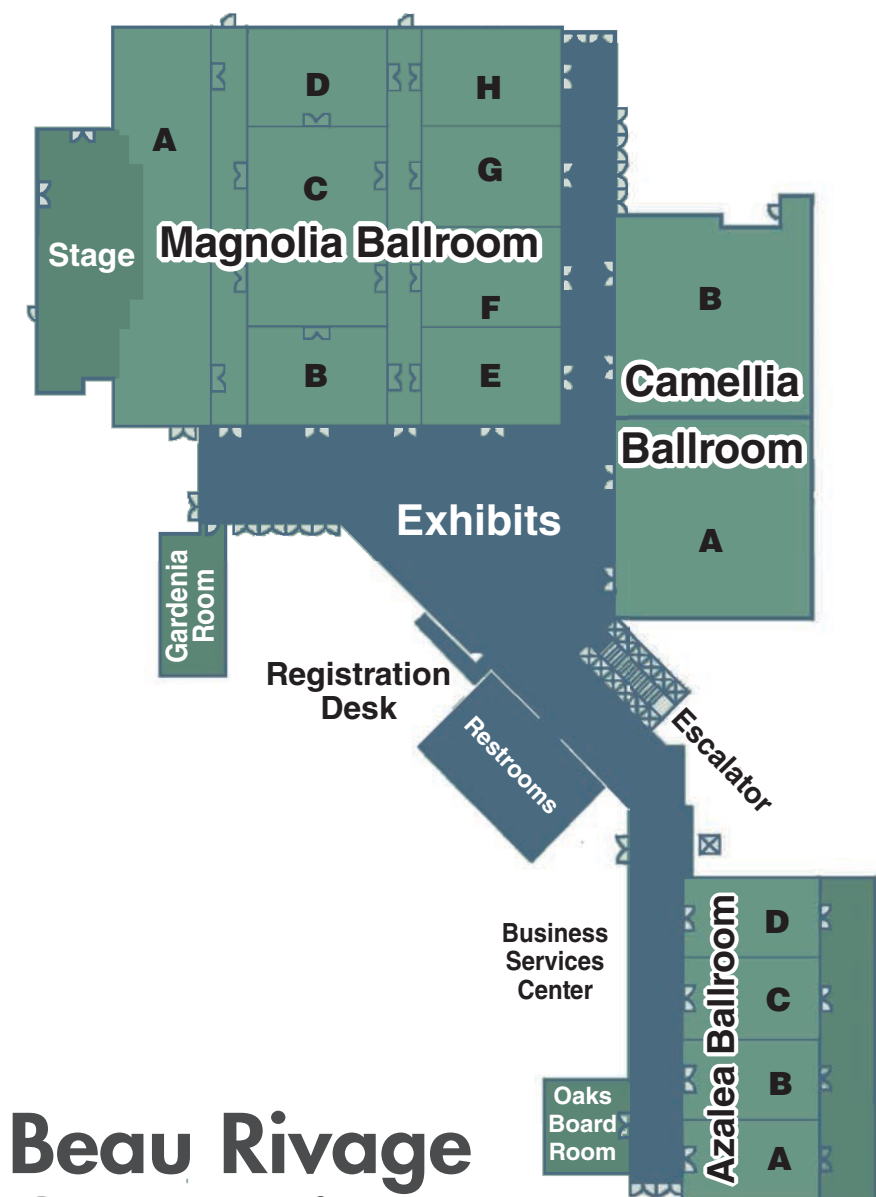
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Date

Collect Exhibitor Stamps for Closing Session Prizes

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