



COMMHIT26 SPEAKER

Lauren Young-Work

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ON STAGE AT COMMHIT26

THU, DEC 10
9-9:25am

Welcome to CommHIT26: Out of Hospital Care

With Kendra Siler, Karen Blanchette

ABOUT LAUREN

Lauren Young Work, LCSW earned her bachelor's degree in counseling from Florida State University with a specialization in adjustment to illness, disability, and bereavement.

She has a master's degree in social work from Florida State University with a specialization in Medical Trauma and Bereavement. For 32 years Lauren has provided counseling, trauma informed care, crisis intervention, and medical care coordination in hospitals, agencies, home care, hospice, private practice, and EMS. Lauren is certified in Critical Incident Stress Management, is Qualified Supervisor for the State of Florida for social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors, and has taught human services and social work in higher education. She wrote the first ever chapter on psychiatric emergencies for the National Association of EMT's and Paramedics national and international exam textbook and is a frequent curriculum designer and subject matter expert on topics related to MIH/CP, mental health, peer support, addiction, adjustment to disability, grief, and medical trauma in the field of

healthcare and EMS. At Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, she leads a multidisciplinary team of MIH professionals that provide clinical and social services to patients and their families during and after 911 calls. Lauren has expertise in mental health responses during MCI and disaster response and won numerous awards for her role in MIH. She currently serves as the Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council Mental Health Liaison. Lauren is passionate about helping individuals and families who are coping with trauma, grief, and medical challenges, as well as the programs aiming to care for them. She is honored to serve within EMS and believes having medical social work within EMS MIH/CP programs is the answer to many complex challenges for patients, agencies, and communities.

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