

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS TASK FORCE

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The Migrants and Displaced Persons (M&DP) Task Force advocates for the human rights and behavioral health of refugees and other people who are displaced due to violence, persecution, economic instability, food insecurity, and climate change. This group directs its efforts toward addressing structural inequities and injustices experienced by immigrants and refugees while illuminating their lived experiences.

Much of our work highlights the mental health impact of displacement and separation on children and families, the need for protections for children and families with immigrant status, and the treatment of children and families by immigration enforcement. The M&DP Task Force also emphasizes the importance of involving individuals, communities, and organizations, nationally and globally, in promoting the mental health and well-being of these populations. We recognize the critical role of acting at multiple levels using approaches that target policy, practice, and research in advancing health equity and human rights for migrants and displaced persons.

## Check out the following programming from the Migrants & Displaced Persons Task Force:

- Panel: Understanding the Multilevel Stressors and Opportunities for Forcibly Displaced LGBTQ+ Populations: An Intersectional Strengths-Based Perspective
  - Time: Friday, 10/28; 1:30-2:30 pm; Location: Baltimore A
- Panel: Interrogating the Crisis Framework of Forcible Displacement and Racialized Global Responses for Mental Health Equity
  - Time: Friday, 10/28; 5:00-5:50pm; Location: Baltimore B

## Check out the following presentations focused on the rights and well-being of migrants and displaced persons:

- Featured Speaker: Migration & Mental Health: Understanding the Complex Needs
  - Time: Saturday, 10/29; 10:30-11:20pm; Location: Baltimore B
- Symposium: Addressing Structural and COVID-related Mental Health Inequities among Latinx Immigrants and African Refugees
  - Time: Saturday, 10/29; 2:30-3:20pm; Location: 7029
- Panel: Collaborative Mental Health Action for Youth Refugee Resettlement
  - Time: Sunday, 10/30; 11:30-12:20pm; Location: 9029

Learn more about the Migrants and Displaced Persons Task Force [here](#).

If you are interested in joining the task force, please email [info@bhjustice.org](mailto:info@bhjustice.org) with the subject line: "Migrants & Displaced Persons Task Force".