



# STOP JUDGING; START HEALING STIGMA SUMMIT 2026

**February 24, 2026**

7:30 AM - 3:45 PM

**7:30 - 8:30 AM**

**8:30 - 8:45 AM**

**8:45 - 10:00 AM**

**10:00 - 10:15 AM**

**10:15 - 11:30 AM**

**11:30 - 12:00 PM**

**12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**1:00 - 1:15 PM**

**1:15 - 2:30 PM**

**2:30 - 3:45 PM**

**Birmingham -**

Hyatt Regency, The Wynfrey

**Registration & Breakfast**

Check-in and networking.

**Opening Remarks**

Welcome & overview.

**Keynote: Chef Jeff Henderson**

If You Can See It, You Can Be It: The Power of Potential

**Break**

**Keynote: Brian Anderson**

**Doctor of International Humanities**

Can You See Him? Can You Hear Him?

**Lunch/Networking**

Boxed lunch provided.

**Nicole Walden, BS, MS**

**Associate Commissioner, ADMH**

State of the State: Substance Use

**Break**

**Leilani Mason, PIP, LICSW**

From Stigma to Support: The Neuroscience of Change in Substance-Involved Clients

**Ashley Loftis, LPC, NCC, CPS**

The Invisible Barrier: Examining Stigma's Impact on Substance Use Care

