



**Actors' Playhouse Community Partners**  
***Dear Evan Hansen – Pre-Show Conversations***

Actors' Playhouse gratefully acknowledges the following community partners who support our Pre-Show Conversations for *Dear Evan Hansen* and provide exceptional mental health, education, and social services in our community. Through their expertise and commitment, these organizations help foster meaningful dialogue, raise awareness, and create a safe space for audiences to engage with the important themes explored in the production.

Join us before select performances for moderated conversations with mental health professionals and community leaders.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Partner</b>
Feb. 14	7:15 p.m.	UM – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Feb. 15	2:15 p.m.	University of Miami – CAMAT
Feb. 18	7:15 p.m.	FIU
Feb. 19	7:15 p.m.	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Feb. 20	7:15 p.m.	NAMI
Feb. 21	7:15 p.m.	University of Miami – CAMAT
Feb 22	2:15 p.m.	Albizu University
Feb. 25	7:15 p.m.	The Women's Fund
Feb. 26	7:15 p.m.	The Women's Fund
Feb. 27	7:15 p.m.	The Women's Fund
Feb. 28	7:15 p.m.	NAMI
March 1	2:15 p.m.	Jewish Community Services of South Florida
March 4	7:15 p.m.	UM – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
March 5	7:15 p.m.	Guitars Over Guns
March 6	7:15 p.m.	The Children's Bereavement Center
March 7	7:15 p.m.	NAMI
March 8	2:15 p.m.	The Children's Bereavement Center



Albizu University is a mission-driven institution dedicated to transforming lives through education, research, and community service. With campuses in Miami and San Juan and flexible online options, we prepare students for meaningful careers in psychology, human services, business, and related fields that strengthen individuals, families, and communities. Our academic programs are designed for working adults and emphasize practical, career-focused learning grounded in ethics, cultural responsiveness, and real-world impact.

A cornerstone of our community commitment is the Albizu University Clinic, which expands access to high-quality mental health services while providing hands-on training opportunities for future professionals under expert supervision. Through partnerships, outreach, and evidence-informed services, we promote mental wellness, resilience, and healthy relationships across the communities we serve. Albizu University is proud to collaborate with local organizations to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and connect individuals to resources that support long-term well-being.

[albizueducation.com](http://albizueducation.com)

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**Children's Bereavement Center**  
**Lift From Loss For Adults**

Children's Bereavement Center "CBC" and Lift From Loss for Adults believes that no one should ever have to grieve alone. Founded in 1999, CBC is a nonprofit organization offering free peer support groups both online and in-person in Southeast Florida as well as providing grief-informed resources and training.

Grief support groups provide a consistent, compassionate outlet for children and adults to share their grief with others in a safe, effective and accessible manner. Participants report that attending CBC groups provide much needed support throughout their grieving process, feeling empowered and finding hope to lift from their loss.

CBC also leads the Lift From Loss Training Institute to provide grief education and consultation services for professionals and community providers. Through these trainings, individuals and providers strengthen their ability to offer meaningful support to those navigating loss.

**Learn more: [liftfromloss.org](http://liftfromloss.org) - 888-988-5438 – [info@liftfromloss.org](mailto:info@liftfromloss.org)**



Guitars Over Guns Organization (GOGO) is a free, after-school and summer music program serving young people across Miami-Dade (with chapters in NYC, Chicago, and LA). Founded in 2008, we currently work in 20 public schools (16 middle schools and 4 high schools), 3 community parks, and run a summer camp, reaching students who often don't have access to safe, creative spaces after school.

Our programs are led by paid, trained mentors — working musicians and creatives who follow a shared, trauma-informed curriculum focused on consistency, trust, and positive youth development.

Music is the entry point, but the impact goes far beyond learning an instrument. Students receive positive adult mentorship, mental wellness support, career exploration, and real performance opportunities that build confidence, belonging, and life skills. Whether or not a student pursues music long-term, they leave with tools for self-expression, resilience, and connection.

[guitarsoverguns.org](http://guitarsoverguns.org)



*Together for the greater good.*

The mission of the School of Social Work at FIU is to provide a comprehensive, developmental, and community-oriented understanding of the needs facing urban societies in rapidly changing social, political, economic, and cultural conditions. The program emphasizes social work values and ethics, promoting human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice. FIU's commitment to fostering respect for human diversity and collaborative engagement ensures that graduates are equipped to make meaningful impacts in their communities and beyond.

The Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work is located in Miami, Florida, a city rich in culture and uniquely positioned to address local and global public health challenges. The college's academic disciplines—public health, dietetics and nutrition, social work, and disaster preparedness—advance research and bring students to the forefront of their fields.

At Stempel College, we think across academic boundaries. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the college blends the social, biological, environmental, and cultural aspects of health to provide a well-rounded education rooted in real-world impact.

Stempel College brings together the five core disciplines of public health—epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health sciences, health promotion and disease prevention, and global health—alongside programs in social work, dietetics and nutrition, and disaster management. This unique academic environment allows students to pursue specialized degrees while gaining valuable insight from related disciplines.

[fiu.edu](https://www.fiu.edu)

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Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS) is a nonprofit social service agency that has proudly served the Miami-Dade community for more than 106 years. Founded on the belief that everyone deserves access to care and opportunity, JCS empowers individuals and families to build healthier, more resilient lives, regardless of religion, background, or ability to pay.

JCS delivers a comprehensive network of programs that support people across the lifespan. Services include mental health counseling and emotional support, crisis intervention and case management, food assistance through the JCS Kosher Food Bank, and essential services for older adults such as home care and meal delivery. JCS also provides domestic abuse support through its Shalom Bayit Program, as well as employment assistance, financial counseling, and emergency aid for individuals and families facing economic instability.

Serving residents in every zip code of Miami-Dade County, JCS delivers care that is culturally sensitive, trauma-informed, and rooted in compassion and dignity. Guided by a mission and vision established more than a century ago, JCS remains a trusted community safety net, adapting to evolving needs while upholding its enduring commitment to equity, resilience, and opportunity for all.

[jcsfl.org](https://www.jcsfl.org)

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NAMI Miami-Dade County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to champion community awareness and education about mental health while providing dedicated support and advocacy for individuals living with mental health challenges and their loved ones.

Serving the Miami-Dade and Florida Keys community, NAMI Miami-Dade offers free educational programs, peer-led support groups, and community outreach initiatives designed to reduce stigma, promote understanding, and encourage open conversations about mental health. Through advocacy and public education, the organization works to create a more informed, compassionate, and supportive community for all.

If you or a loved one have questions or need support, our Helpline at **305-665-2540** is available Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. More information about programs, services, and resources can be found at [NAMIMiami.org](http://NAMIMiami.org).



The Pediatric Psychiatry team at Nicklaus Children's Hospital uses an interdisciplinary and family-centered treatment approach for a variety of behavioral disorders and conditions. Most children and adolescents pass through their different developmental stages without significant problems. However, for some young people, one or more phases of the transition to adulthood can be difficult. When this occurs, it can lead to behaviors that disrupt family stability and require professional support.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital offers comprehensive pediatric psychiatry services through collaborative care involving professionals, children, and families.

[nicklauschildrens.org](http://nicklauschildrens.org)



University of Miami – Miller School of Medicine

## **Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation – School Health Initiative (SHI)**

The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation School Health Initiative (SHI) is a comprehensive school-based health program established in 2000 to integrate healthcare and education for children and adolescents facing barriers to adequate medical care. SHI provides high-quality, integrated school health services—including acute care, preventive healthcare, chronic condition management, mental health screening and counseling, and health education—across 36 Miami-Dade County public schools. SHI operates as part of the Health Connect in Our Schools network, collaborating with The Children’s Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Florida Department of Health Department. The Department of Pediatrics at the UM Miller School of Medicine and Mailman Center for Child Development are responsible for staffing and overseeing the program, ensuring high-quality clinical operations and integration with pediatric expertise. Behavioral health services include individual and group therapy, screening, preventative programming, consultations with school staff and families, research of evidence-based practices, and training of health professionals in behavioral health interventions.

Dr. Elizabeth Pulgaron, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, serves as the Director of Mental Health Services for SHI and Dr. Mileini Campez-Pardo serves as Staff Psychologist in SHI.

[med.miami.edu/departments/pediatrics/community-programs/school-health-initiative](http://med.miami.edu/departments/pediatrics/community-programs/school-health-initiative)



### **University of Miami**

#### **Child and Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Treatment (CAMAT) Program – Department of Psychology**

The Child and Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Treatment (CAMAT) Program at the University of Miami is here to help families navigate the challenges of anxiety, depression, and related emotional concerns in youth. Our mission is simple: provide compassionate, effective care backed by science. Every treatment we offer is grounded in proven strategies, including the Unified Protocols for Children and Adolescents, designed to help kids and teens build confidence, manage stress, and thrive. Some of our programs are available at no-cost, thanks to partnerships with the Children’s Trust and Batchelor Foundation. Parents can feel reassured knowing CAMAT is not only a clinical program but also a leader in research. Our team is actively studying what works best for young people—developing and refining treatments that make a real difference. This means your child benefits from the latest evidence-based approaches while contributing to discoveries that help families

everywhere. Through outreach and education, we also aim to reduce stigma and empower parents and community clinicians with tools to support children's emotional well-being. Learn more about our services and research at [miami.edu/childanxiety](https://miami.edu/childanxiety).

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The Women's Fund Miami-Dade envisions a community where power and possibility are not limited by gender. Our mission is to create positive, lasting change for women and girls through strategic grantmaking, advocacy, research, and by leveraging the collective impact of community partnerships.

Since 1992, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade has been a leading voice and catalyst for advancing gender equity in our community. Over the past three decades, we have invested nearly \$4 million to support close to 500 programs, reaching more than 75,000 women and girls across Miami-Dade County. These investments reflect our deep commitment to addressing both immediate needs and the systemic barriers that limit opportunity.

Our work is grounded in four interconnected pillars: Economic Mobility, Leadership, Health & Well-being, and Freedom from Violence. Through these focus areas, we support innovative and collaborative initiatives that strengthen pathways to financial stability, expand access to leadership opportunities, improve physical and mental health outcomes, and prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

By combining data-driven strategies, community-centered solutions, and bold advocacy, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade drives sustainable change and helps build a more equitable future for women, girls, and families throughout our county.

[womensfundmiami.org](https://womensfundmiami.org)