



Wiregrass  
**BREAKING BARRIERS**  
Regional  
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# 2019 Agenda

**Thurs., August 15, 2019**

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7 Contact Hours

**Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center**  
795 Ross Clark Circle NE, Dothan, Alabama 36301

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

TIME	SESSION	HOURS	SESSION TITLE/THEME	PRESENTER (S)
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM			Check-in/Onsite Registration	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM			Continental Breakfast	
7:45 AM - 8:00 AM			Welcome Address	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Session 1: Keynote	1.00	Addressing Faith-based HIV Stigma: Results from Project FAITHH	Pamela Payne Foster, MD, MPH The University of Alabama School of Medicine
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Break		Network and Engage with Exhibitors in the Exhibitor Hall	
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Session 2	1.50	Women's Health in the Era of HIV: A Cross-disciplinary Perspective	Marguerite Barber-Owens, MD, AAHIVS Elana M. Parker Merriweather, Ed.S., AADC, LPC, NCC
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break		Network and Engage with Exhibitors in the Exhibitor Hall	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Session 3	1.00	Transgender Health	Tori Cooper
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Session 4	.50	HIV Health & Incarceration: Transition Planning for Recently Released Individuals	Karen Carr Turner, MPSE
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM			Networking Session & Lunch	
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Session 5	1.00	Examining Barriers and Opportunities for Care in the Rural Landscape	Michael Murphree, LICSW
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Session 6	1.00	Telemedicine: Tele-Behavioral Health & Solutions for Care & Counseling	Elana M. Parker Merriweather, Ed.S., AADC, LPC, NCC Sharonda Bonner
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Break		Network and Engage with Exhibitors in the Exhibitor Hall	
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Session 7	1.00	Integrated Patient Care: Learning from the Palliative Care Approach	Kristy Johnson-Pich, DO
4:30 PM			Conference Ends - Complete & Return Evaluations	

*Agenda and presenters remain subject to change. Last revised 08/01/19*

*Medical Advocacy & Outreach has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6882. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. MAO is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.*

*Medical Advocacy & Outreach has been approved by the Alabama State Board of Social Worker Examiners as an approved Continuing Educator Provider, ACEP No. 0134.*

*This event has been approved for 6.5 ABSW and NBCC Continuing Education Contact Hours.*

*This activity has been submitted to the Alabama State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Alabama State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

*To receive CE credit all participants must have completed the official registration process and be present for the entire program.*



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Wiregrass Breaking Barriers 2019 is a regional pre-event to the annual multi-day Breaking Barriers Summit and a joint project of the Medical Advocacy & Outreach (MAO) Capacity Building Department's Divisions of Professional Development and Community Education, and the Alabama AIDS Education Training Center (Alabama AETC). Alabama AIDS Education Training Center (Alabama AETC) is a joint initiative with Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center (SE AETC) at Vanderbilt University's Comprehensive Care Clinic.

**To learn more about Alabama AETC, or if you have questions about the contact hours process for Wiregrass Breaking Barriers e-mail [JvanMegen@maoi.org](mailto:JvanMegen@maoi.org).**

Explore additional in person and web-based professional learning opportunities available through Alabama AETC and the Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center's network of providers at [www.seaetc.com](http://www.seaetc.com).




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**Keynote Speaker & Presenter**  
**Pamela Payne Foster, MD, MPH**



Dr. Pamela Payne Foster is a Preventive Medicine/Public Health physician who currently serves as Associate Professor in the Community and Rural Department at the University of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa campus as well as Deputy Director of the Institute for Rural Health Research. Dr. Foster's current research area of interest is the study of HIV/AIDS related stigma in rural African Americans in Alabama, particularly in faith-based settings in rural Alabama.

Dr. Foster received her BS degree in Chemistry Pre-Medicine from Xavier University in Louisiana and her MS in Biomedical Sciences and MD from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. She completed an Internship in Internal Medicine and Residency in Preventive Medicine/Public Health at State University of New York at Stony Brook where she also completed her MPH at Columbia University. She has served on the faculty of a variety of institutions including Morehouse School of Medicine, George Washington University, SUNY Stony Brook, and the National Bioethics Center for Health Care and Research at Tuskegee University.

Dr. Foster also works as an HIV/AIDS activist particularly around health equity issues in the rural Deep South. She and her husband, William Foster, Jr., founded a nonprofit AframSouth, Inc., which addresses several health disparity issues as well as youth and family development in African American families. She is also the author of two books, "Is there a balm in Black America" and "Practicing Prevention" which incorporate wholistic approaches to dealing with health disparities.

Dr. Foster is co-author of *Practicing Prevention: How to Be Healthy and Whole*, a frequent contributor to multiple recognized journals, including the *Journal of Community Medicine & Health Education*, a contributor to many professional research studies and papers including *HIV Knowledge, Perceived Risk and Gender as Modulators of Salivary HIV Rapid Testing in African Americans*, et. al., and a popular presenter on topics of particular relevance to health disparities in the South.



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## About the Conference Venue

### Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center

795 Ross Clark Circle NE Dothan, Alabama 36301

## Nearby Points of Interest

(List is not inclusive.)

- Adventureland
- Dothan Area Botanical Gardens
- Dothan Civic Center
- Folklore Brewing & Meadery
- George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum
- Landmark Park
- Room Escape Games
- Water World
- Wiregrass Museum of Art

While visiting, take note of the Murals of the Wiregrass fully restored on many downtown businesses depicting the region's rich history, as well as the "Peanuts Around Town" sculptures displayed outside many area businesses.

Located in the southeast corner of Alabama, Dothan is known as the "Peanut Capital of the World". In fact, if you are in Dothan, you are in the heart of peanut country; the majority of all the peanuts grown in the United States are grown within a 100 mile radius of Dothan. Plan a return trip in November for the National Peanut Festival, the nation's largest peanut festival. Drawing more than 200,000 attendees, the Festival is held annually to honor local peanut farmers and celebrate the harvest season.

## Wiregrass Breaking Barriers Travel Tips

*Information provided as a courtesy. Sharing does not imply endorsement or affiliation.*

The City of Dothan and the surrounding area offers a diverse mix of popular franchise eateries as well as select privately owned establishments.

### Local Transportation:

Dothan Taxi & Transport Service (334) 792-0742  
Wiregrass Safe Taxi (334) 699-3159

### Closest Airports:

International airports near Dothan, AL

200 miles: Atlanta, GA (ATL / KATL) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Intern. Airport  
202 miles: Birmingham, AL (BHM / KBHM) Birmingham-Shuttlesworth Intern. Airport  
277 miles: Jacksonville, FL (JAX / KJAX) Jacksonville Intern. Airport

Domestic airports near Dothan, AL

11 miles: Dothan, AL (DHN / KDHN) Dothan Regional Airport  
79 miles: Panama City, FL (ECP / KECP) Northwest Florida Beaches Intern. Airport  
83 miles: Albany, GA (ABY / KABY) Southwest Georgia Regional Airport  
104 miles: Columbus, GA (CSG / KCSG) Columbus Metropolitan Airport  
105 miles: Valparaiso, FL (VPS / KVPS) Northwest Florida Regional Airport  
107 miles: Tallahassee, FL (TLH / KTLH) Tallahassee Regional Airport  
108 miles: Montgomery, AL (MGM / KMGM) Montgomery Regional Airport

The Wiregrass Breaking Barriers Regional 2019 will be held in the event and conference facility located behind the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center off of Ross Clark Circle in Dothan, Alabama. The facility, managed by Sterling Event Services, a division of Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, Inc.(WRC), and owned by the Dothan Rotary Children's Foundation, boasts approximately 7,000 square feet of fully accessible and contemporary meeting and presentation space. Ample FREE onsite parking

WRC is a non-profit organization serving a 12-county area in Southeast Alabama, 19 counties in Southwest Georgia and 19 counties in the panhandle of Florida. WRC plays a vital role in the economic life within the communities served by paying individuals for work performed in an "earn while you learn" training approach. WRC trains individuals to become employable and assists them in finding jobs within their communities. WRC also assists individuals who have difficulty maintaining employment, those who are on forms of public assistance such as welfare and those who are employable and underemployed.



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8 AM - 4 PM

*(Conference check-in and late onsite registration will begin at 7:30 AM.)*

**SAVE THE DATES!**



FEB 6 - 7, 2020  
Renaissance Hotel  
Montgomery, Alabama

**BREAKING BARRIERS SUMMIT 2020**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS EARLY FALL**

## Nearby Lodging

List is not inclusive.

"\*" Indicates Closest Proximity to Conference Venue

Clarion Inn & Suites Dothan  
Comfort Inn & Suites \*  
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Dothan, AL  
Courtyard by Marriott Dothan  
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Dothan  
Hampton Inn & Suites Dothan  
Hilton Garden Inn Dothan  
Holiday Inn Dothan  
Howard Johnson by Wyndham Dothan  
La Quinta Inn & Suites Dothan  
Motel 6 Dothan  
Econo Lodge Dothan  
Red Roof Inn Dothan  
TownePlace Suites by Marriott Dothan