

## Partner Agency Update

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Good afternoon,

Each year, the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund honors a mental health professional who has made significant contributions in the field of behavioral health during the St. Louis American Excellence in Health Awards luncheon.

The award was named after Dr. John M. Anderson, an African American psychiatrist, who was a pioneer in the field of mental health in St. Louis. Like Dr. Anderson, each honoree demonstrates the values of generosity, excellence, inclusion, and integrity, as well as visionary leadership through their passion and dedication to their life's work.

This year, CSF is pleased to honor Dr. Daniel Mamah as the 2021 Dr. John M. Anderson Excellence in Mental Health Award recipient and will be honored during the St. Louis American Salute to Excellence in Health Care on Thursday, July 29.

Dr. Daniel Mamah, MD, MPE, is an associate professor of psychiatry at Washington University where he works in clinical psychiatry education, public advocacy, and research. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the director of the Washington Early Recognition Center (WERC).



Dr. Mamah is the founding director of Missouri's only early psychosis center – WERC, which provides collaborative mental health services to individuals 13 – 25-years-old with an early-stage psychotic disorder, free of charge. This allows clients with devastating psychotic illness of all socioeconomic background get high quality, well-rounded services, without cost.

He is also the founding president of the Missouri Psychiatric Association (MPA). As President of the Eastern Missouri Psychiatric Society, he spearheaded the merger of Missouri's three independent psychiatric professional societies, into the unified Missouri Psychiatric Association. Through his involvement with organized psychiatry, Dr. Mamah advocated for improved mental health care in Missouri.

As a psychiatrist at Washington University, Dr. Mamah pioneered the provision of psychiatric services at the Covenant House Youth Shelter (St. Louis City's only youth shelter, and the SPOT Youth Center in St. Louis. Collectively, he has been the only psychiatrist in these facilities for 13 years and continues in that role at Covenant House.