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SCHOOL COUNSELOR, PROFESSOR, AND TRAINER

Dr. Paul C. Harris is the founder and lead consultant for PCH Solutions, a training firm that exists to build a just world. He is a national certified counselor (NCC) and school counselor (NCSC) and currently serves on the Senior Advisory Board for the Professional Counselor journal. He has experience as a tenured Associate Professor of Education at The Pennsylvania State University and the University of Virginia, and as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in public and independent high schools across Virginia.

He is also the former president of the Virginia School Counselor Association and is a former member of the Board of Directors for the American School Counselor Association. He has dozens of scholarly publications and presentations, and his contributions to the field have been acknowledged by the American School Counselor Association, American Educational Research Association, Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and Education Trust.

Dr. Harris earned his Bachelor's degree in Health & Physical Education with a concentration in Sports Medicine and his Master's degree in School Counseling from the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Maryland. He also earned a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University.

A BRIEF LOOK AT PAUL'S KEYNOTE SESSION

Strengths-Based Equity Solutions in Schools

How might we invest in our natural talents so that they become strengths? How can we intentionally aim our strengths to promote equity in schools, with emphasis given to racial equity? Dr. Harris addresses these questions and more while highlighting relevant intrapersonal, interpersonal, and systemic dynamics that everyone can connect to and engage.

A BRIEF LOOK AT PAUL'S WORKSHOPS

Youth Mental Health First Aid

What symptoms do you look for in a young person who might be living with mental health challenges? What do you say and who do you tell when you are confident that a young person you know is in need of mental health support? In this workshop, Dr. Harris addresses these questions and much more. It is for anyone who works with, lives with, or supports young people, ages 12-18, in some way.

Lead with Strengths

How can strengths-based strategies support individual goals and maximize teams' potential? In this workshop, Dr. Harris helps individuals and teams envision greater clarity and productivity using their CliftonStrengths.

Ready Athletes

What proactive steps can all high school student-athletes take to be ready for college as a student-athlete? How do we ensure that college and professional athletes are ready for life beyond their playing days? In this workshop, Dr. Harris focuses on practical ways to facilitate successful transitions, with emphasis given to Black male athletes.

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