

WHEN POLICY ENTERS THE COUNSELING ROOM

Educational & Clinical Implications of
Chiles v. Salazar

An interdisciplinary conversation on law, ethics,
training, advocacy, and client care.



WHY THIS CONVERSATION MATTERS

The 2026 Supreme Court decision in *Chiles v. Salazar* changed the legal landscape surrounding state restrictions on conversion therapy for minors. What does that mean for counselor preparation, ethical practice, affirming care, supervision, and advocacy?



WHO SHOULD JOIN

- Counselor Educators
- Clinicians & Supervisors
- Master's Students
- Doctoral Students



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 | 12-1 PM EST

MEET THE PANEL



Mitchell Toomey,
Ph.D., APC, CRC, NCC
(he/him)

Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Agnes Scott College; counselor educator, researcher, and Chair of SACES Public Policy Committee.

**POLICY + COUNSELOR
EDUCATION**



Kat Makielski, JD
(she/her)

Healthcare attorney with 14 years of experience across healthcare organizations and national law firms, with a background in biology and health advocacy.

HEALTHCARE LAW



Taylor Jaczko,
MA, APC
(they/them)

Georgia State doctoral student whose scholarship and clinical work center LGBTQ(A)AP+ youth and helping families navigate legal and educational systems.

**YOUTH + CLINICAL
PRACTICE**



Khalil Pinkard,
M.S., CRC
(he/him)

North Carolina A&T doctoral student researching affirming counseling, therapist identity, and mental health outcomes among Black LGBTQ+ individuals.

RESEARCH + EQUITY



Andrew Lyon
(he/him)

Conversion therapy survivor and member of the Human Rights Campaign Board of Governors; independent brand and communications consultant with experience across global organizations.

**LIVED EXPERIENCE +
ADVOCACY**



SACES LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tyreeka D. Williams | Jamie Crockett | Sabrina Johnson
Angie O'Gielblyn | Sarah Streitmatter



EDUCATION

How should programs prepare counselors to navigate evolving law, ethics, and standards of care?



PRACTICE

What does the ruling mean for clinical judgment, supervision, documentation, and affirming care?



ADVOCACY

Where can counselors, educators, and students responsibly engage in policy and professional advocacy?



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