

2026

Georgia Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine Conversations & Voices

ECHO

The purpose of the **Georgia Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine Conversations & Voices ECHO** is to provide continued learning opportunities to Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine Professionals around the state. This ECHO is tailored to increase Mobile Integrated Health Professionals and Community Paramedics' understanding of specifics they may encounter in the field such as motivational interviewing, resilience training, and patient-centered communication. Mobile Integrated Health Professionals and Community Paramedics are encouraged to attend to increase their networks of support with peers and subject matter experts.

ECHO SESSIONS: FEBRUARY – OCTOBER 2026, 1:00 – 2:00PM VIA ZOOM

FEBRUARY 16, 2026

MIH/CP and a Motivational Interviewing Mindset: Reviewing the Principles, Spirit, Tasks and Skills of MI via Case Study

Presenter: Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

- Summarize the principles, spirit, tasks, and skills of MI
- Analyze how the practice of MI "fits" within MIH/CP

MAY 18, 2026

Challenging Cases Review in Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine

Presenter: Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

- Examine how various MI components might be applied in challenging MIH/CP cases
- Discuss "lessons learned" in one's own practice after navigating a challenging case

AUGUST 17, 2026

Engaging Patients in High-Stress Situations: Techniques for Calming Anxious, Confused or Combative Patients

Presenter: Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

- Examine various strategies for engaging with patients in high-stress situations
- Recall when you have used these or similar strategies in the field

MARCH 16, 2026

Resilience Training: Building Mental Toughness Without Suppressing Emotion

Presenter: Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

- Discuss importance of resilience training in MIH/CP
- Explore strategies for building mental toughness in one's own practice

JUNE 15, 2026

Community Needs Assessments: Identifying Where to Direct Resources

Presenter: Chris Scoggins, DrPH, MPH

- Identify the purpose and need for community health needs assessments
- Discuss process of conducting and reviewing a community health needs assessment

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Case Simulation: Small Group Management of Common MIH/CP Scenarios

Presenter: Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

- Discuss MI-consistent strategies for managing common MIH/CP scenarios
- Differentiate between MI-consistent and MI-inconsistent practice

APRIL 20, 2026

Regional Healthcare Coalitions: Benefits of Participation

Presenter: Mallory Garrett, BA

- Introduction to the healthcare coalitions in Georgia
- Provide available resources and programs that can be used by facilities at no cost as a member of their local healthcare coalition

JULY 20, 2026

Patient-Centered Communication to Support Behavior Change

Presenter: Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

- Define patient-centered communication
- Identify at least four principles of behavior change

OCTOBER 19, 2026

Georgia Office of EMS & Trauma Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine Updates

Presenter: Daniel Warren

- Detail an overview of the MIH/CP statistics for Georgia
- Discuss past, present, and future MIH/CP Programs in Georgia

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

EMS: This course has received Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma approval for continuing education credit.

Nurses: The Georgia Board of Nursing deems Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC) as an approved provider for nursing continuing education (CE). Each activity is approved for 1.0 contact hour towards the continuing education competency requirement for Georgia nursing licensure renewal. Activity Numbers: 2026-01 to 2026-09. No partial credit offered.



Megan Ratcliff, PhD, MPH

Dr. Megan Ratcliff received her MPH in Behavioral Science at Emory University School of Public Health and her PhD in Clinical Psychology at University of Georgia. Since becoming a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) in 2014, she has provided motivational interviewing trainings and workshops throughout the community, with clients including United Way of Atlanta, Georgia Psychological Association, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Best Friends Animal Society, HomeTown Health, Plant-Based Juniors, and SOWEGA-AHEC. Her professional mission is to help people to navigate change and growth so that they can live in alignment with their values.

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