



# Combating a Mental Health Epidemic:

Launching The Upswing Fund   
for Adolescent  
Mental Health

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The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on youth and adolescents across the country, especially for adolescents who are of color and/or LGBTQ+.

The Upswing Fund for Adolescent Mental Health is a collaborative fund focusing on the mental health and well-being of adolescents, especially those who are of color and/or LGBTQ+ in the United States. The Fund will help increase capacity for mental health providers, enable the procurement of innovative digital technology solutions, and support system-enabling organizations. Tune in to learn more about our approach, hear from stakeholders on the need and solutions, and learn how to get involved.

## Speakers

### **Solomé Tibebu**

Director of The Upswing Fund

### **Dr. Renee Wittemyer**

Director of Program Strategy and Investment at Pivotal Ventures

### **Gabrielle Fitzgerald**

Founder and CEO of Panorama Global

### **Amora Campbell**

Adolescent Student with Lived Experience

## Panelists

### **Dr. Alfiee M. Breland-Noble**

The AAKOMA Project

### **Dr. Anne Marie Albano**

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

### **Dr. Ben Miller**

Well Being Trust

### **Dr. Jack Turban**

Stanford University School of Medicine

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