



# PENNSYLVANIA PSYCHOSTIMULANT SYMPOSIUM Overcoming Barriers & Making a Difference December 7 and 8, 2022 - VIRTUAL

#### **AGENDA**

	DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022		
OPENING PLENARY SESSION			
7:30 AM	Log-on to virtual platform and ensure connectivity		
8:00 AM	<ul> <li>Welcome and General Announcements, Kimberly Coleman, Chief of Staff PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs</li> <li>Message from Governor Wolf</li> <li>Opening Remarks, Jeremiah A. Daley, Executive Director, Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA</li> <li>Overcoming Barriers &amp; Making a Difference, Jennifer Smith, Secretary PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs</li> <li>Opening Remarks, Rahua Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP Director, White House Office National Drug Control Policy</li> </ul>		
8:45 AM	Traveler on the Continuum of Care – One Woman's Perspective Mary Roberson, Ed.D, Executive Director/Founder Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization Dr. Mary Roberson will share her personal and professional journey as a BIPOC, person in long term recovery, veteran, counselor, advocate, and not-profit leader in the field of behavioral health. She will cover challenges faced by some communities of color, veterans, and women, particularly, seeking substance use and mental health services as well as her spearheading the genesis and rise of a recovery community organization and the benefits of professional and community collaborations.		
9:15 AM	Upholding and Expanding Anti-Discrimination Protections for People Who Use Drugs Derek Carr, Legal Technical Advisor, States, Overdose Prevention Program, Vital Strategies Decades of stigma have led to continued and widespread discrimination against people who use drugs (PWUD), hampering efforts to reduce drug overdose deaths. Federal laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provide critical anti-discrimination protections to ensure PWUD can access health care and supportive services. However, these protections are underused, resulting in few legal decisions on the rights of people who currently use or previously used drugs. This session will discuss how federal civil rights laws apply in the context of substance use, highlight recent examples of enforcement actions and litigation involving discrimination against PWUD, and explore opportunities to challenge the discriminatory denial of care or services to people who use drugs.		
	BREAK: 9:45 – 10:00 AM		
10:00 AM	It Takes a Village Brianna Aletras-Dunn, Lead Certified Recovery Specialist, Treatment Trends Inc. Sgt. John Leonard, Allentown Police Department Lauren Kiffer, Case Manager, Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Julia Kocis, Director, Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center Joint efforts of the District Attorney, the Lehigh County Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center (RIIC), Police Departments in Lehigh County, and Lehigh County Drug & Alcohol form the "Blue Guardian" program. This program uses these existing relationships to assist individuals with accessing treatment. It also attempts to help families of those who have a SUD. Blue Guardian uses data obtained after an officer administers naloxone to reverse an overdose. The individual is then most likely transported to a local hospital for medical treatment and is connected to a warm hand-off program. If the person is not transported to the hospital or cannot be seen, a Blue Guardian referral is initiated. Blue Guardian is designed to include a home visit which occurs 48-72 hours after the initial		

overdose reversal. A uniformed police officer and a Certified Recovery Specialist go to the home and reengage the individual or family to provide resources. By joining law enforcement and treatment supports in meeting individual

and family members where they live, barriers and obstacles are lessened. Through this session, you can hear firsthand about this wonderful program from the individuals who make this all happen.

10:30 AM

Confronting Stigma
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Alex Shireffs, Technical Advisor-Harm Reduction, DDAP
Stigma is a barrier to care and prevents the effective use of tools and services that are participant-centered and grounded in health and dignity to reduce potential harm. This presentation will take a look at the history of how we

#### **REGIONAL BREAKOUTS (6) – REDUCING STIGMA**

#### 11:00 AM

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unknowingly perpetuated this deadly culture and look ahead to a hopeful future as we break down this barrier.

#### Learn from Harm Reduction Efforts in Philadelphia

#### -Destinie Campanella, Unity Recovery

Unity Recovery's Harm Reduction Program supports people who use drugs, people experiencing homelessness, and sex workers through community based harm reduction services throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. The HR program provides the community with wound care, Naloxone, fentanyl testing strips, care coordination services, and meals in collaboration with our community partners. The HR team educates the community on safer use practices, overdose prevention, and facilitates Naloxone and Fentanyl test strip trainings. Presenters will highlight their street and community based experience with people who use drugs, poly substance use, the effects of Xylazine, and the services being provided on a daily basis.

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#### **Community-Based Narcan Training**

#### -Daniel Kizale, Clinical Supervisor, CASA-Trinity

Learn how CASA-Trinity uses Community Based Narcan training to create open dialogue with members of the community, assemble details and statistics on overdose awareness, and provide the community with access to Narcan while continuing to break the stigma associated with substance abuse and overdose.

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#### Bridging the Gap: Reducing Stigma While Fostering Healthy Recovery-Ready Communities

#### -Megan Riley, Life's Work of Western PA

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AFTERNOON PLENARY			
1:05 PM	The National Stimulant Use Landscape: Reviewing Data and Trends John L. Eadie, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Emerging Threats Initiative A National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program Are fentanyl and stimulant combinations driving overdose deaths? What is happening in cocaine and methamphetamine trafficking? What affect did the COVID Pandemic have on drug seizures by law enforcement and on drug overdose deaths? Join this session and learn about these and other important drug trends.		
1:25 PM	Data Dashboard Jordan Lewis, Ph.D., Policy Director, DDAP Carrie Thomas Goetz, Senior Epidemiologist, Department of Health, Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention In this brief presentation, Carrie and Jordan provide an overview of several regularly-updated dashboards that provide SUD-related and overdose death data at the state and local levels.		
1:40 PM	Act Now Against Meth, A Model for Community Engagement Richard Zaldivar, Founder and Executive Director, The Wall Las Memorias Project Richard will share a model for creating a grassroots coalition in devising a platform on the prevention and treatment of methamphetamines. The session will provide details regarding how to mobilize the community to engage the public health sector in advocating for prevention and treatment services that address the needs of vulnerable populations.		

2:15 PM BREAK

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#### CBITS/Bounce Back: Implementing Trauma Peer Support Programs for Youth

- -Kate Porter, Prevention Program Manager, Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Program
- -Lisa Stofko, Director of Community Outreach, The Learning Lamp
- -Nicki Sliko, M.S., CBITS & Bounce Back Coordinator, The Learning Lamp

Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) is a multi-session group intervention that aims to reduce youth's post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms, as well as anxiety and depression resulting from exposure to violence, through child, parent, and teacher educational sessions. An adaptation of CBITS, the Bounce Back program helps school-based clinicians work with children in kindergarten through fifth grade. CBITS and Bounce Back have been successfully used in Cambria County in both a school and community setting to address trauma and to move prevention efforts upstream.

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CLOSING PLENARY			
3:35 PM	Stigma, Science and Stimulants Mishka Terplan, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG, FASAM Medical Director/Senior Research Scientist Friends Research Institute We will first discuss the "trust gap" in medicine, which is more pronounced in addiction medicine. From that context we will critically review the literature on stimulant use, outcomes, and care considerations in pregnancy and postpartum. Finally, we will close with concrete recommendations to address mistrust and improve care.		
4:15 PM	Day 1 Closing Remarks Kimberly Coleman, Chief of Staff PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs		

#### **ADJOURN**

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022		
LOG-ON		
7:30 AM	Log-on to virtual platform and ensure connectivity	
	OPENING PLENARY	
8:00 AM	Welcome and General Announcements	
	Kimberly Coleman, Chief of Staff PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs	
8:05 AM	Improving Outcomes for Justice-Involved People with Substance Use Disorders: Perspectives from	
	Pennsylvania's County Probation and Reentry Overdose Reduction Pilot Program	
	Michael Lesiter, Re-Entry Coordinator and Samantha Koch, Sr. Project Manager PA Commission on Crime	
	and Delinquency; Kate Boulton, Sr. Legal Technical Adviser, Vital Strategies; (panel members to be added soon)	
	This panel presentation, co-facilitated by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and	
	Vital Strategies, will highlight the efforts made by local communities to reduce overdoses and improve	
	outcomes and supports for justice-involved people with substance use disorders. Panelists will share their	
	experiences with identifying and advancing changes at the policy and practice level, including successes,	
9:00 AM	challenges, and lessons learned.  Racial and Urban Trauma, Healing, and Culture Change	
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	There is a critical and urgent need to provide additional support around and respond to disproportionate	
	exposure, use and fatality rates impacting the lives Black and African American individuals and their families.	
	Dr. Ashley Stewart's work centers on addressing institutionalized forms of identity-based oppression. In this session, she will discuss urban and racial trauma and healing and steps toward sustainable culture change	
	within institutions, corporations, and organizations.	
	BREAK	
9:45 AM	Break	
	PLENARY	
10:00 AM	Polysubstance Use and Emerging Trends	
	Michael Lynch, MD FACMT, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology, UPMC	
	Psychostimulant use has been on the rise in Pennsylvania. At the same time, we have also observed an	
	increase in overdose deaths. Many overdoses involving stimulants also include other substances and many people who use drugs report the use of multiple substances. This presentation will discuss emerging	
	substance use trends in Pennsylvania including novel stimulants, prevalence of mixed illicit drug use,	
	prescription medications, and adulterants including xylazine. Overdose presentation resulting from mixed	
	drug intoxication will be discussed as will the treatment of acute toxicity and withdrawal.	
PLENARY		
10:45 AM	Substance Use and Transition to Housing	
	Kate Gleason-Bachman, RN, BSN, MPH, Clinical and Quality Improvement Nurse Manager, and Courtney Pladsen, DNP, FNP-BC, RN, Clinical Director	
	National Health Care for the Homeless Council	
	Panel Members: Jennifer Bloodworth, Administrator, Onala Recovery Center	
	Darren Fickes, Lead Certified Recovery Specialist, Franklin/Fulton Counties	
	Clementine Foulkrod, BS, CADC, Manager, Northern Tier Counseling of the Drug and Alcohol Program	
	Amanda Hitz, MHA, Case Mgmt. Supervisor, Pennsylvania Counseling Services  This presentation will provide background information on the drivers of methamphetamine use,	
	methamphetamine use trends both nationally and locally in PA, and how methamphetamine use can impact	
	housing status and experiences of homelessness. We will present strategies for supporting people who use	

	methamphetamine to enter and maintain supportive housing and will identify how service providers from varied disciplines can play a part in supporting people who use methamphetamine. The presentation will include a panel discussion with PA providers and residents who bring lived experiences in direct service, homelessness, and substance use.
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	PLENARY IV
12:50 PM	RISE From the Ashes: The Commonwealth's Response to the Overdose Epidemic Jordan Lewis, Ph.D. Policy Director PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs As Pennsylvania grapples with a rise in stimulant usage and fentanyl-related overdose deaths, we must continue to respond nimbly to the ever-changing landscape. In this session, Jordan will provide state-level updates on overdose death and treatment admission trends, updates on key statewide projects and initiatives, legislation and federal action the commonwealth is tracking, and past and future funding opportunities to address substance use disorder (SUD) in Pennsylvania.
Ri	EGIONAL BREAKOUTS (6) – Strengthen Treatment System/Empower Sustained Recovery
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	ATLAS Tips and Tricks -Angad Buttar, Senior Director of State Engagement, Shatterproof In 2021, we introduced you to the Addiction, Treatment, Locator Assessment Standards (ATLAS) Platform in Pennsylvania. In this session, Angad will tell you how this new tool can assist you and how others in the professional world are utilizing the platform. You will also see how ATLAS is expanding and what's new for the platform in 2023. Lots of great changes coming!
	Overview of SkillUp™ PA -Stephanie Perry, Special Project Director PA Dept. L&I Bureau of Workforce Partnership and Operations Learn about SkillUp™ PA, a Governor Wolf-supported statewide initiative that was launched in August of 2021 by the PA Dept of Labor & Industry with the primary goal of upskilling by expanding the reach of workforce development by offering a flexible, self-directed, and user-friendly online learning platform at no cost to the residents of Pennsylvania.
	Second Chance of PA  -Becca Moyer BSW, CRS, CRSS, Director of Specialty Programs, Blueprints for Addiction Recovery  Second Chance of PA is an interdisciplinary team of addiction treatment professionals, law enforcement and government officials, advocates, and citizens with the goal of addressing the addiction issues and concerns

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#### **ATLAS Tips and Tricks**

#### -Angad Buttar, Senior Director of State Engagement, Shatterproof

In 2021, we introduced you to the Addiction, Treatment, Locator Assessment Standards (ATLAS) Platform in Pennsylvania. In this session, Angad will tell you how this new tool can assist you and how others in the professional world are utilizing the platform. You will also see how ATLAS is expanding and what's new for the platform in 2023. Lots of great changes coming!

#### Overview of SkillUp™ PA

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#### PA Dept. L&I Bureau of Workforce Partnership and Operations

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#### Case Management Program Innovations

#### -Daniel Kizale, Clinical Supervisor, CASA-Trinity

Hear how CASA-Trinity has adapted a Center of Excellence program into their outpatient programing. The Center of Excellence along with in-house case management services offers a bridge to services that may not be available without this programming. The case management team works alongside local hospitals, legal teams, county-based organizations, and makes direct contact to individuals who present with case management needs. The programs offer case management services to every individual that walks into our clinic and also meeting individuals in the community with our ability to be mobile with our case management services.

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#### Blue CARES

#### -Brian Kammerer, Drug and Alcohol Program Specialist

#### **Council on Chemical Abuse**

Blue CARES (Cops Assisting in Recovery Engagement and Support) is a collaborative program between Berks County Law Enforcement and the Council on Chemical Abuse that encourages individuals to seek treatment for addiction after being revived with NARCAN® Nasal Spray by a police officer. Following an overdose, a Berks County law enforcement officer and a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) visit the home of the overdose survivor and family. Together, they engage with the survivor, offering to help them access treatment and/or support services. If the individual accepts help, an immediate referral is made for appropriate services. If no one is home during a Blue CARES visit, the police officer and CRS leave their contact information along with literature about substance use disorder which includes treatment options, and other harm reduction resources.

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#### Family Recovery Program

#### -Melanie Sparks and Valentyna Parutina, Family Services & Children's Aid Society

This presentation will discuss how a clinical team works with clients and their families to strengthen the person in recovery's ability to succeed by strengthening the family unit. Learn about the key components of the program, as well as its outcomes. The Family Recovery Program uses strength based Ecosystemic Structural Family Therapy (ESFT) Model and combines the traditional drug and alcohol models of Motivational Interviewing, 12-step recovery model, and Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. The Family Recovery Program follows the principles of structural family therapy and is provided by a team of two therapists who receive intensive training and supervision through The Philadelphia Child and Family Therapy Training Center.

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#### **Next Steps:** A Program to Recovery

#### -Laura Zales, Regional Director of Operations

#### **EDSI Solutions**

EDSI's Next Step Program is a comprehensive training and awareness program designed to educate and train individuals in recovery from an SUD, helping them to find sustainable employment while simultaneously helping local employers to better maintain a workplace that is open to those in recovery. This session will highlight EDSI's program outline and provide information on how to move towards employment by removing the stigma of SUDs.

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#### **Closing Remarks**

Jennifer Smith, Secretary, PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

#### **Closing Instructions**

Kimberly Coleman, Chief of Staff, PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

#### **ADJOURN**

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