

2024

# REGIONAL RECOVERY HUB CONFERENCE

**Region 6** ARMSTRONG, BEAVER, BUTLER, CAMBRIA, FAYETTE, GREENE,  
INDIANA, SOMERSET, WASHINGTON, WESTMORELAND

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ICEBREAKER

9:30 AM-10:30 AM: TRAINING SESSION  
MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING  
Dr. Kelley McNichols

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM: BREAK/VENDOR VISITS

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM: PANEL DISCUSSION  
Becky Perkovich, Curtis Rodgers  
Chip Franklin, Rachel Rock

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM: LUNCH/VENDOR VISITS

12:45 PM - 1:30 PM: NETWORKING ACTIVITY

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM: TRAINING SESSION  
UBUNTU RECOVERY  
Laurie Johnson-Wade

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM: AWARDS CEREMONY

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM - CONCLUSION

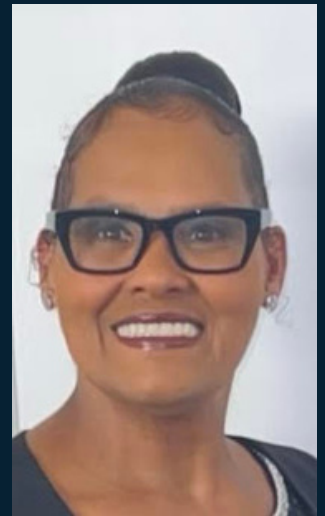


# MEET THE PRESENTERS



**Dr. Kelley McNichols** earned an undergraduate degree in Criminology and Pre-Law from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Science in Education with a concentration in Community Counseling from Duquesne University, and a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Duquesne University. Dr. McNichols is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), National Certified Counselor (NCC), Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC), Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional (CCDP), and Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP). She holds a certificate in clinical supervision for addiction professionals obtained through the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC). Dr. McNichols has an extensive work history in community behavioral health. She is an advocate for marginalized and underserved groups, as evidenced by her active involvement in medication for opioid use disorder treatment expansion efforts for justice-involved individuals. Dr. McNichols currently serves as the Assistant Director of Graduate Counseling programs, Assistant Clinical Coordinator, and Assistant Professor at Waynesburg University.

**Laurie Johnson-Wade** is the Co-Founder of Lost Dreams Awakening (LDA) Recovery and Wellness Center, a registered 501c3, in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Laurie is an Advanced Implementation Specialist (AIS) and DEI Team Member for the Opioid Response Network (ORN); a Steering Committee Member for the Peer Recovery Center of Excellence (PRCOE) Workforce Development Core Team; and an adjunct faculty member of Faces and Voices Recovery Training Institute (RTI). Laurie is a Certified Behavioral Consultant (CBC), an Advanced Recovery Coach Professional (ARCP); a Forensic Peer Specialist (FPS); a Recovery Coach Professional Facilitator (RCPF); a Certified Community Resiliency Model Teacher (CRMT); and has a degree in Health Administration. Laurie brings 33 years of lived SUD recovery experience (Established May 30, 1991), to the revolutionary and rewarding work of Recovery Support Services and Recovery Coaching.



Laurie is a facilitator of all CCAR Trainings, a facilitator of the PA Family Support Alliance (PFSA) Recovering Families Program; the PROACT Family Education Series, and a Certified Teacher of the Trauma Resource Institute (TRI) Community Resilience Model (CRM). Laurie was named the 2020 Recovery Advocate of the Year by the Pittsburgh Recovery Walk. Ms. Johnson-Wade serves on the Board of Directors of Faces and Voices of Recovery - Chairing the CAPRSS Committee, as well as serving on the F&V DEI Committee. Laurie is a proud member of Black Faces Black Voices (BFBV) and seeks to integrate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) within all systems of care - spanning Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Recovery. Laurie is the founder of LDA Ubuntu Recovery and LDA Ubuntu Recovery Circles - a community-based Recovery Pathway, based on the ancient African Philosophy of Ubuntu.

# MEET THE PANELISTS



**Becky Perkovich** has lived in Indiana County for most of her life. She enjoyed a career in event planning/management for 20+ years until she lost her only child, Jacob Kallal, to SUD in 2012. In her journey through grief, Becky has developed a passion for raising awareness and educating society about the disease of addiction. Becky is President of the grassroots, 501c3 non-profit organization called Blairsville Support Group Against Drugs, where family education support groups are offered in Indiana County. Becky also coordinates the patented Reality Tour program. In 2015, Becky created the Annual Indiana County Overdose Awareness Vigil under the annual International Overdose Awareness Day global event. She enjoys attending, collaborating with, and participating in local and regional events and trainings that aim to raise awareness and educate our communities about this devastating crisis. Becky holds hope for the day when harm reduction is embraced by society as necessary healthcare, that saving human lives becomes a priority over profit, and that people in all forms of struggles and recovery are given the love, dignity, and respect that they deserve.

**Curtis Rodgers** is the Director of Addiction Intervention at Dreamlife Recovery. He works directly with the clients in regard to behavioral modification. Curtis also works with the families of those clients to educate and coach them to implement the same behavioral modification tactics when their loved one leaves treatment.



**Chip Franklin** is the Senior Program Implementation Specialist/Trainer responsible for the SCOPE Statewide program. He has over 30 years of experience in Emergency Medical Services and has been involved in the Mobile Integrated Health movement as a Community Paramedic.

**Rachel Rock** is the Senior Program Implementation Specialist/Trainer providing technical assistance, training, and implementation support for various first responder projects within Community Health Initiatives (CHI). She has 12 years of experience working in allied healthcare as a medical assistant/biller/coder and over 14 years working in post-secondary education as faculty, campus leadership, and corporate registrar.



# AWARD RECIPIENTS

## RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR



**MARK ST CYR**

Mark St Cyr, as President of Club Serenity, stands out as a pivotal figure and an exemplary Recovery Advocate. His leadership has transformed Club Serenity into a vital support hub for individuals in recovery that has broadened the scope of recovery support.



**LAURIE JOHNSON-WADE**

Laurie Johnson-Wade lives, breathes, and walks Advocacy - 24/7. Laurie goes the extra mile with and for anyone needing support. Whether she is in New Kensington, Harrisburg, or Washington, DC, Laurie is an advocate among advocates who exemplifies servant leadership.

## RECOVERY FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

**SPHS**



Southwestern PA Human Services (SPHS) showcases an unwavering commitment to foster a supportive and inclusive environment for employees navigating their recovery journey from substance use disorders. SPHS has proactively implemented a range of policies, programs, and initiatives designed to support and empower its workforce in their personal and professional development post-recovery. SPHS has established a workplace culture that prioritizes mental health and well-being, ensuring that employees in recovery feel valued, understood, and supported.

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



**BARB MIKLOS**

Barb Miklos has wholeheartedly invested herself, her time and countless amounts of energy into providing comprehensive case coordination support to individuals affected by substance use disorder in Armstrong, Indiana and Clarion counties for more than 20 years. Barb is a passionate advocate, ingenious problem-solver and an empathetic role model for many who goes above and beyond to overcome barriers and ensure that individuals' needs are met.



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