

# WILSON COUNTY SUBSTANCE PREVENTION COALITION

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## WCSPC HISTORY

*The Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition was established in April 2007. The coalition is organized for the charitable purpose of reducing substance misuse by addressing factors in the community that increases the risk of substance misuse and promoting the factors that minimize that risk.*

*Recovery Concepts Community Center (RC3) is a community recovery center and an initiative of The Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition, created in 2017. This community center is for those working to sustain and maintain their recovery from substance use disorders can visit the center to take part in educational opportunities, group meetings, social events, or just to hang out in a place that is recovery informed, friendly, and healthy.*



*Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition staff picture*

*(from left to right) Jeff Hill, Pamela Letchworth, Ashlie Smith, Anna Davis, Jennifer Lane*

*Success is not final;  
Failure is not fatal;  
It is the courage to continue  
That counts.*

*~Winston Churchill*

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT RC3

- *Adult Mental Health First Aid - April 12, 8:00am*
- *Intro to the Housing Authority - April 14, 10am*

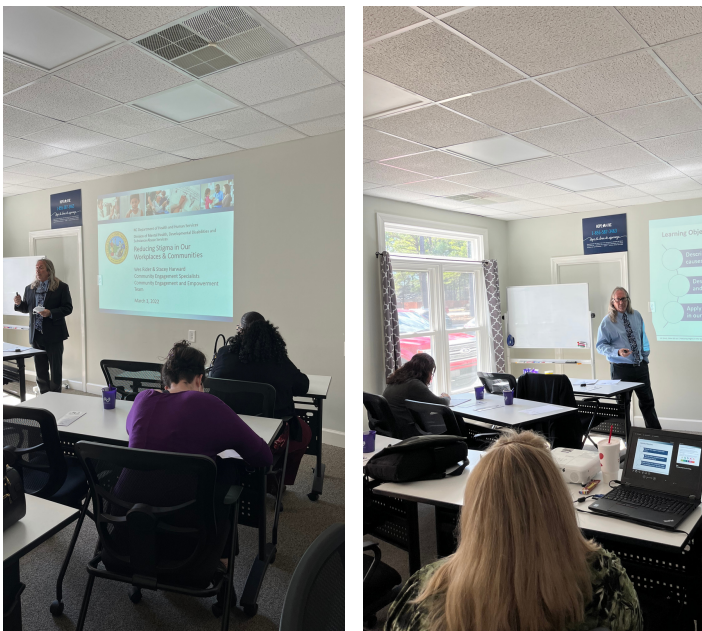
# UPCOMING EVENTS AT RC3

- *Easy Does It Cafe - Mondays 6pm*
- *Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting - Mondays 12:00pm, Wednesdays 7:00pm, Fridays 7:00pm*
- *Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - Wednesdays 7:00pm*

# IN THE COMMUNITY

*On March 3rd a training was held called "Reducing Stigma in the Workplace." Trainers from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services came down to hold this training.*

*The training was geared towards those in leadership, such as Human Resources and employers. The training was about reducing stigma in the workplace. Several Wilson County workplace professionals came to RC3 for this training!*



*Pictures from the Reducing Stigma training.*

# WCSPC MILESTONES

*The Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition turns 15 this month. The Coalition was established in April 2007 and has been working towards making sure that every Wilson County resident is able to access comprehensive substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery resources quickly, easily, and without judgment.*



*Early members of the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition participating in a drug take-back event.*



*Community members signing a Red Ribbon week sign for the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition during Red Ribbon week in 2011.*



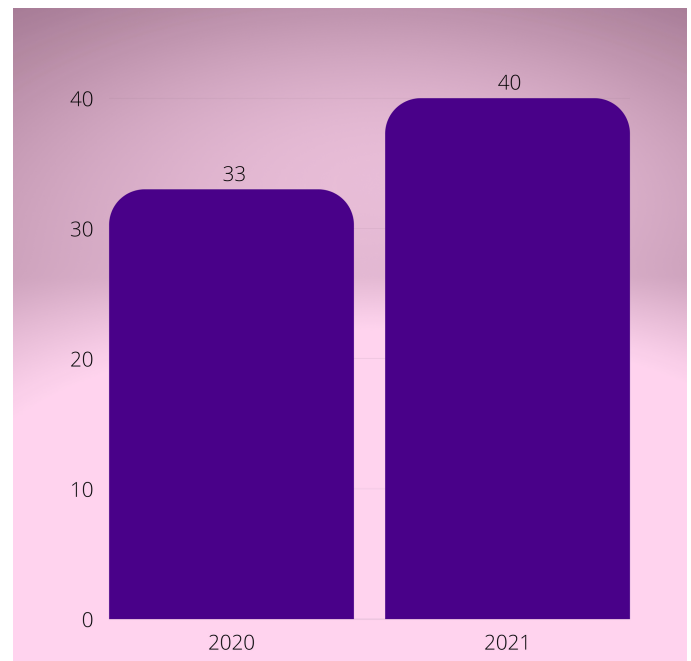
# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Hi! I am Colleen Raper and I currently serve as an at-large member of the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition. I received my Bachelor's degree in Psychology at UNCW and my Masters's degree in Counselor Education at West Chester University. As a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, I have worked with domestic violence, sexual assault, substance abuse, general mental health, and school counseling over the past 30 plus years. Even though I am now retired from full-time employment, I hold several part-time positions that keep me busy. In October of 2021, I was hired by Community Impact NC to help coordinate Handle With Care NC across the state. Additionally, I am a contract Substance Abuse Professional at PDSS in Wilson. Since retiring from Wilson County Schools, I have spent a large amount of time perfecting my hobby of baking by providing baked goods for WenDesigns as well as expanding my own business Colleen's Culinary Creations. My husband and I just celebrated our 27th anniversary. We are proud parents of two grown children (and a son-in-law) and two fur babies. But my FAVORITE job is now being Mimi to my two little grandsons who hold my heart. I have a passion for both the prevention and recovery fields and am honored to be part of the WCSPC Executive Board.*



*Colleen Raper and her family at the beach!*

# DATA VISUALIZATION



*This chart is a comparison of the total number of people the Hope Alliance was able to help in 2020 (33) and in 2021 (40)!*

*The Hope Alliance is a safe way to seek help for substance use disorders without fear of incarceration. The Wilson Police Department partnered with WCSPC to create the Hope Alliance in 2017. The Hope Alliance is a treatment access point that provides treatment access, resources, and gives hope for recovery.*

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