

# 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*

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## WCSPC MILESTONES

*Jeff Hill, WCSPC's Executive Director, celebrates his 3 year anniversary of working with the coalition on May 20th.*



*Jeff Hill at the 2020 CADCA conference.*

*"Our greater glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail"*  
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting - Mondays 12:00pm, Wednesdays 7:00pm, Fridays 7:00pm*
- *Easy Does It Café - Mondays 6:00pm*
- *Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - Wednesdays 7:00pm*
- *Recovery Through Art - May 26, 6:30pm*

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- *The Silent Giant Presentation - May 3, 11:00am*
- *"Resilience" Documentary Showing - May 11, 3:00pm*
- *Youth Mental Health First Aid - March 15, 8:30am*
- *"Paper Tigers" Documentary Showing - May 31, 10:00am*
- *Community Empowerment - June 2, 12:00pm*

# IN THE COMMUNITY

*Last month, on April 5th, the WCSPC went to the Veterans Residential Services Wilson for their food drive through event. 197 prevention items were given out and are now being used in the community! Find more information about the VRSW on their website, [www.vrsw.org](http://www.vrsw.org). To learn more about the prevention items give us a call at (252) 991-7267!*



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Greetings, my name is Ashlie Smith. I have always had a desire to work with youth in various capacities. Currently, I am the Youth Grant Coordinator for the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant at the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition. The purpose of the SPF Grant is to prevent the onset and reduce the evolution of substance misuse among youth on a community and state level.*

*My alma maters are Mount Olive College and Liberty University. I received my undergraduate degree in Clinical Psychology and my Master's in Human Services Counseling with a concentration in Military Resilience. Over the last ten years, I have worked in the capacity as a tutor, substitute teacher, classified teacher assistant as well as an Expectational Children's teacher. In my leisure time, I enjoy spending time with my family, reading and going to the beach.*



*Ashlie Smith*



# PARTNER PORTION

Hi! My name is Melissa and I am one of the health educators at the Wilson County Health Department. As a health educator we help to promote the free or low-cost services that the health department offers to the community. The Wilson County Health Department offers many services such as:

- Primary Care
- Child Health
- Family Planning
- Maternal Health
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program
- Immunizations
- Communicable Disease
- WIC
- Nutrition
- Health Education
- Care Management
- Environmental Health

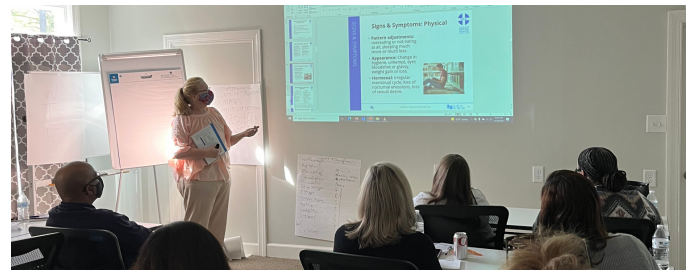
We also offer several different educational programs, at no cost, to our community to help bring awareness to overall health. One of the areas that I focus on is substance use. At the health department, we mainly focus on harm reduction through our Syringe Services Program. This program offers free HIV and Hepatitis C testing, referral to substance use disorder treatment and recovery services, and free sterile needles and other supplies for people who use IV substances. We also supply participants, their families, and the community with free Narcan. Participants can come to the health department or use our mobile unit for any of these services. Soon, RC3 will also be a site where participants can visit for our Syringe Services Program. The Wilson County Health Department works closely with other community organizations to address substance use in our community by providing prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery opportunities.



Melissa Haynes and two other Wilson County Health Department employees, Theresa Ellen and Jill Tarleton, posing for RC3's "Jeff on a Shelf" campaign in December 2021.

# DATA VISUALIZATION

Since October 2021, a total of 31 people have been trained/certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid at RC3. Trainers from NCDHHS come down to train community members on this. This course teaches skills for providing help to youth with mental health and substance use disorders or challenges. Another class will take place on May 25th, contact us for more information.



Picture from a past YMHFA training.

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