

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, Anna Davis, Pamela Letchworth, Morgan Miller, Ashlie Smith, Jennifer Lane.

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UPDATE FROM THE WCSPC

On July 25th-29th, the WCSPC & RC3 staff attended the North Carolina Foundation for Alcohol & Drug Studies (NCFADS) summer school conference!

We were able to learn so much and develop more knowledge in the work that we do to better help our community. We also created new relationships and gained partners in prevention, recovery, and treatment!

The WCSPC & RC3 staff always appreciate learning and development opportunities. We are grateful for NCFADS!



A picture from NCFADS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Stretching For Health** - Mondays 9:00am (pre-walk at 8:15am), Tuesdays 5:30 pm (starting 8/23), Thursdays 9:00am (pre-walk at 8:15am)
- **Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting** - Mondays 12:00pm, Fridays 7:00pm
- **Easy Does It Café** - Mondays 6:00pm
- **Veteran's Expression Support Group** - Wednesdays 7pm
- **Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting** - Wednesdays 7:00pm
- **Live Life In Color Run** - September 24, 8:00am

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Adult Mental Health First Aid** - August 17, 8am
- **Overview of Substance Use Disorders** - August 23, 11am

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITY

On July 21st, the WCSPC went Buff City Soap for their grand opening event. At the grand opening, the Coalition was able to distribute: 59 Medication Lockboxes, 39 Medication Locking Travel Bags, 59 Cabinet/Refrigerator Locks, & 118 in-home Medication Disposal Kits for a total of 275 prevention items that are now actively being used within the community!



Photos from the grand opening event.

PARTNER PORTION

Hello! I am Claudia Baker and I am blessed to serve as the Executive Director of Veterans Residential Services of Wilson. We are a private non-profit 501C3 who work with homeless and at-risk Veterans in Wilson and the surrounding counties. We have been in existence for 10 years and have worked with 787 Veterans.

Mission Statement:

Veterans Residential Services of Wilson's mission is to provide quality support and services to it's low-income and at-risk Veterans and to empower them to realize the goals of residential stability in the community.

Services:

Housing needs and making a stable home environment is often difficult. VRSW serves Wilson and other surrounding counties to try to eliminate these difficulties. VRSW aims to make a difference in the lives of Veterans in the community. We offer help with the following services:

- Food
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Household items
- Case management

We work to connect our Veterans with other agencies that can help them meet whatever need they have. We work closely with the Veterans Administration as well as other independent agencies. To receive help from our agency all a Veteran would need is his DD214 and a picture ID. The Veteran has already served our country so now it is our time to serve them!

RC3's "Recovery Ally" campaign photo at the VRSW in September 2021.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

I am Pamela Letchworth, the Data Collector and Evaluator for WCSPC. I will be celebrating my third year anniversary at WCSPC on September 1. I was a National Board Certified mathematics teacher for 29 years and maintain my teaching license with the state of North Carolina. In June 2019, I retired from Fike High School in Wilson, with the intent of exploring other interests. My desire has always been to make a positive impact in my community by involving myself in existing programs and organizations that actively fulfill their vision and mission. Accepting the position as Data Coordinator for WCSPC has helped me do that. As an active member of Impact Church of Wilson, I retired as youth minister in February 2021 after 24 years of service to pursue other ministry opportunities. In addition to serving my church, I also serve as a volunteer and church liaison at Choices Women's Center in Wilson.

One of my biggest joys is being aunt to my many nieces and nephews and being dog mom to Pearl and Penny, the cutest cocker spaniels you will ever meet. My hobbies and interests include healthy living, most any outdoor activity, creating products from essential oils, gardening, beaching, cooking, baking, dancing, and making people smile with random acts of kindness.

At WCSPC, I assist with many community events, RC3 events and teach the Stretching for Health class. However, I am primarily responsible for collecting, reporting, analyzing and evaluating data for the HRSA RCORP Implementation Grant. The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high risk rural communities.

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Currently, data is being collected by community partners who have joined our Data Sharing Community of Practice. They report data to WCSPC and it is shared in our data repository and LiveReports on our website via LiveStories, Inc. in Seattle, Washington. Our data repository and LiveReports can be found under Community Data on our website menu.



Pamela Letchworth

*“There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.”
~Mister Rogers*

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