

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) Anna Davis, Pamela Letchworth, Ashlie Smith, Jeff Hill, Morgan Miller

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Recovery Through Art** - November 9, 6:30pm
- **Expungement Clinic** - November 16, 11:00am
- **WCSPC Full Coalition Meeting & Open House** - TBA
- **Christmas Food & Toy Drive** - TBA
- **Recovery Through Art** - December 12, 6:30pm

“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.”
- C.S. Lewis

PARTNER PORTION

This months Partner Portion is the newest WCSPC Board Member, Melissa Reese, from Eastpointe! Learn more about Melissa below!

I've been in this field for 22 years starting out as a 1:1 staff in the group homes. After moving to NC, I worked 1:1 with consumers in there home and community. Once I received my degree I was hired by Wilson-Greene as a case manager. After working in the private world as a case manager I came back to The Beacon Center as and Advocate. Now that I'm a Community Relations Specialist I can help to educate the community & stakeholders and help to break the stigma.

- I have a Bachelors in Science
- Majored in Psychology & Human Services
- Certificate in train the trainer for Adult & Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Certificate in train the trainer for QPR (Question.Persuade.Refer)
- Certificate in Trauma & Resilience

My total number of years with Eastpointe including those employed with The Beacon Center and Wilson/Greene MH/DD/SAS:
17 years

My most frequent job duties:
Assist in the development and implementation of preventative, wellness/recovery, educational and outreach programs. Establish and facilitate Community Collaborations and Coordination with local stakeholders and Community Partners, general education to the community and outreach activities to un-served and under-served populations.

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Provide professional advocacy to include empowerment and support for members, ctivities. family members, and others seeking services or assistance with behavioral health needs. Responsible for facilitating interagency coordination and collaboration through formal processes as well as for an annual community assessment plan of a Liaison with community agencies such as schools, law enforcement, courts, human service agencies, advocacy organizations and others.

How my job helps consumers, providers or other stakeholders:

Engage provider agencies, advocacy groups, members, family members and other stakeholders in the community collaborative process. Work with advocacy groups to identify areas of interest and concerns for members, families and other stakeholders. Attend community meetings and culturally representative group meetings to gather information and data about cultural diversity and competency needs. Provide linkage to the Member Call Center or appropriate resources for members, family members, community members, stakeholders, and others in need. Advocate for general behavioral health needs and awareness while serving as the MCO designee on boards and committees.



Melissa posing for RC3's Recovery Ally campaign!

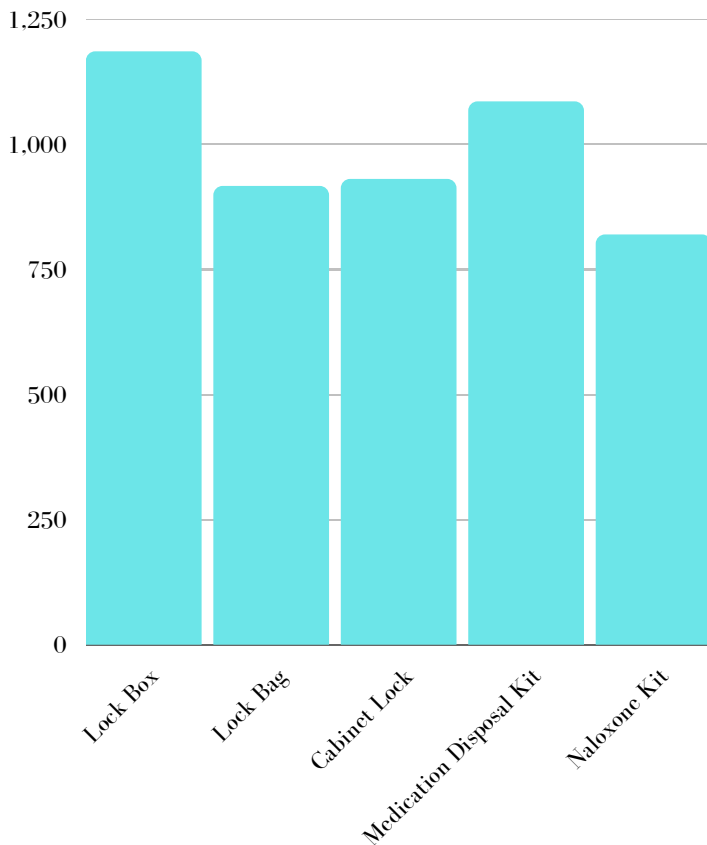
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid** - November 29, 8:00am

DATA VISUALIZATION

The WCSPC provides many free prevention resources to Wilson County residents. This includes medication lock boxes and bags, cabinet/refrigerator locks, medication disposal kits, and Naloxone kits. From January to October of this year we have given out 4,935 resources that are actively used in our community!

If you or someone you know would be interested in obtaining any of these FREE materials, feel free to contact us today at (252) 991-7267!



HIGHLIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITY

During Red Ribbon Week, the WCSPC was able to talk to many students about substance misuse and prevention! We were able to go to 5 schools and present to 1,372 students!

The National Family Partnership started Red Ribbon Week after the death of DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who was brutally tortured and murdered in 1985 by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico. After his death, people started wearing red ribbons to honor Kiki’s sacrifice. Today, millions of people celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, participating in community anti-drug events, and pledging to live drug-free lives.



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