



ROOTS SUMMIT 3.0

DEEPENING NETWORKS AND ALLIANCES ADDRESSING
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN UNION COUNTY

MEET YOUR

SPEAKERS

KELLY TEAGUE



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BIO:

Kelly joined Community Impact NC (CINC) in 2018. CINC has provided over 35 years of service to North Carolina and is one of NC's leading organizations committed to preventing alcohol and other drug harms in our communities. Kelly is the Western Regional Coordinator under the Division of Coalition Support. She received a B.S. in Business Administration from Western Carolina University and started her first 501(c)(3) in 1996 to address physical fitness and family wellness in her county. During this time, she received training in adolescent mental health from SAMHSA and certification in Therapeutic Child Care. Her position at Haywood Community College started in 2002 and she assisted her department in securing a grant to pilot an andragogical contextualized instruction program for parents of young children. She is a Certified Grant Writer, CGW© and moved into the grant writer and grant manager position under the president at Haywood Community College. Kelly became a coalition coordinator in 2013 and received the National Coalition Academy training through Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. She has provided training for grant writing, Strategic Prevention Framework, and coalition development at the state and national level. She is a native of Haywood County and is married to her high school sweetheart, Steve. They have two grown children.

DR. SHANTA DUBE



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BIO:

Dr. Shanta Dube is a Professor and Director of the Master of Public Health Program within the Levine College of Health Sciences at Wingate University. Shanta has an MPH in Epidemiology from The George Washington University and a PhD in Health Promotion and Behavior from the University of Georgia. Shanta's 20+ year career in public health started in 1999 at the CDC as a Preventive Medicine Fellow where she served as one of the early investigators on the landmark CDC-Kaiser Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. Her early research documented the contribution of ACEs on alcohol and drug use disorders across the lifespan. In 2006, she led the development of the first ACEs module for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, which has since been administered by over 48 states and DC, including North Carolina in 2012. In 2007, she joined the Office on Smoking and Health, CDC, where she led a national tobacco control and prevention surveillance program. Hallmarks of Shanta's leadership include the very first data reports documenting increases in e-cigarette use among adolescents and adults, as well as a call to action for states to address the mental health needs of persons who use tobacco. In 2014, she joined the School of Public Health, Georgia State University. Following her passion and work on ACEs, Shanta has been commissioned by state agencies and community-based organizations to build awareness, acceptance and adoption of the ACEs and resilience science through the delivery of her training The Why and How of Trauma-Informed Care®. With over 100 publications, Shanta is a nationally and internationally recognized scholar on ACEs, substance use disorders, and resiliency. Shanta was invited by the California Surgeon General Office to contribute on the first ever Surgeon General's Report on ACEs and Resilience which was released in 2020. Shanta practices and teaches mind-body medicine in the Ayurveda tradition. Her "away from it all" includes exercising and being in nature. She is married and has a grown daughter.

WESLEY KEZAIH



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BIO:

Wesley Keziah is a Union County resident, born and raised in Monroe NC. He is currently a Pastor, public speaker, and the Executive Director of Ground 40 which is also located in Downtown Monroe. He has helped build and shape the 6 property Ministry of Ground 40 since taking the role of Executive Director in 2018. Ground 40 is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides practical, and spiritual guidance to men who are transitioning out of addiction, homelessness, and even Incarceration. Along with taking the position of Director at Ground 40, Mr. Keziah has also successfully founded and planted 4 other successful addiction ministries in both North and South Carolina (i.e., Thirst Quenchers). Thirst Quenchers is a family focused meeting series occurring three times a week at four different locations. Coming from the background of addiction, he carries unique insights on helping others that struggle with substance abuse.

RON CLARK



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BIO:

Ron Clark is a proud Air Force veteran! He's also a North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist and Facilitator, a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Advanced Level Facilitator, a QPR Suicide Preventative Instructor, and a facilitator of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). Ron joined Camino Health Center in 2021 as their Community Services Manager and works in the Camino's Behavioral Health Department, Camino Contigo, as well as Camino University. Ron brings with him a wealth of knowledge and lived experience in both Substance Use Disorder, and Mental Health recovery. Before transitioning to Camino, Ron worked for Cardinal Innovations Healthcare where he educated stakeholders, providers, and members about the myths and facts about people like himself. Prior to Cardinal, Ron worked as a Specialist of the Displaced Homemaker Program with the Domestic Violence Unit of the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission, and is a member of the North Carolina State NC Strive-Steering Committee, where he guides military men and women leaving active duty. Ron serves on the board of directors of the Charlotte National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) and the board of directors Roof Above that serves Charlotte's unsheltered population. He is a member of Mecklenburg County Homeless Service Network Advocacy committee along with supporting the Mecklenburg County Encampment (Tent City) homeless initiative and is also a facilitator with the Mecklenburg County Jail Re-entry Program where he teaches WRAP to the detained residence. Ron is also a member of Alliance Health Care, MCO, Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) where he advocates for services for individuals with Substance Use Disorders, Mental Health Challenges, as well as Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, IDD. Lastly, Ron serves on several local - city/county committees such as Mecklenburg County Continuum of Care Steering Committee and the Lived Experience Advocacy Committee. Ron's primary purpose in life is to carry a message of experience, strength, and hope to all that he encounters, as we all strive to build a strength base community.

RENEE HASTINGS. & DAUGHTER JOHANNA



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Renee joined the faculty of the Biology Department at Wingate University in 2019. She has been an educator for over 25 years with the last 15 years in higher education. She received a B.S. degree in Biochemistry from Clemson University and continued there to earn a M.S. in Zoology while attaining a teaching certificate simultaneously. She is patient and passionate about science education and believes in continual training and education.

Renee has three children from her first marriage; Lonnie (23), Johanna (20) and Alec (18). Both sides of their family have a strong presence of addiction as well depression and anxiety. She has been open and cognizant of this addictive lineage with her children. In middle school Johanna displayed concerning characteristics which progressed through high school. Renee initiated steps for treatment and both Renee and Johana will speak about their experiences with SUD services in the Charlotte Mecklenburg area.

DR. REV. HARRY WORKMAN



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Dr. Workman's experience of growing up in a small town and, in fact, a subset of a small town called a mill village, formed within him a passion for community and compassion for those who have been historically disenfranchised. Serving underprivileged people has been the touchstone of his journey, including those struggling with SUDs. His work has been about serving students, colleagues, and ultimately the community in his 23 years of full-time ministry as a Methodist pastor and his foray into full-time work in higher education. Unlocking potential is his passion and as a faith leader in our community, Dr. Workman will share his perspectives on caring for the whole person when addressing SUDs. Dr. Rev. Workman is a Wingate University Staff Alumni and is currently serving as the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wadesboro, NC.