

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 Harris, Ashlie Smith, Daequon Currie, Pamela Letchworth, Yolanda Outlaw, Cordain Dancy.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

In February our staff had the opportunity to attend CADCA's 35th Annual National Leadership Forum & SAMHSA's 21st Prevention Day!

On Capitol Hill Day, we were able to meet Congressman Don Davis as well as Senator Thom Tillis and Senator Ted Budd's staffers! We talked to them about the substance use prevention work we are doing in Wilson County and gave each of them a ONEbox, thanks to West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute! We are so thankful to have leaders in Washington who are committed to standing alongside organizations like ours to combat the addiction crisis taking place within our communities.

Photo with Congressman Don Davis



FENTANYL POISONING: PEARSON'S STORY

In August 2022, Pearson Moore tragically lost his life to fentanyl poisoning at just 21 years old. He unknowingly ingested the drug after someone brought it into his apartment. Just one encounter was enough to take him from this Earth and subsequently change the lives of his friends and family forever.

Our family will never be the same, and the pain of losing Pearson will never go away. Unfortunately, each day, more families are being shattered by this epidemic—grieving loved ones who, like us, never thought this could happen to them and never asked to become a part of the fight against fentanyl.

We can never bring Pearson back, but we can use his story to prevent further tragedy by educating others about the dangers of fentanyl.

Fentanyl poisoning is not an overdose—it's a silent, lethal threat that can happen to anyone. This synthetic opioid is frequently mixed into counterfeit pills and other substances, often without the user's knowledge. A dose as small as a few grains of salt can be fatal.

While Pearson unfortunately died alone and did not have a chance at revival others can prevent further tragedy by learning how to recognize fentanyl poisoning or other drug overdose symptoms and be prepared to respond in an emergency.

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Harm reduction efforts, such as widespread access to Narcan (naloxone) and training on how to use it, can save lives. No family should have to endure this kind of loss.

Pearson's story is not an isolated tragedy. It's a wake-up call. Fentanyl is claiming lives across all backgrounds, ages, and circumstances. Awareness, education, and harm reduction are critical in preventing more heartbreaking losses. Please talk to your loved ones, spread the word, and help save lives.

Pearson is the son of Paul and Beth Moore of Wilson and brother of Wright Moore and Elizabeth Moore Fogelman.



Photos of Pearson with his mom, dad, and siblings.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training** - March 19, 8:30am
- **QPR Training** - March 20, 10:00am
- **Full Coalition Meeting @ Wilson County Agricultural Center** - April 7, 10am

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Greetings! I'm Daeqwon Currie and I serve as the Youth Engagement Specialist for the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition (WCSPC). As of February 2020, I have the thrill of serving communities throughout Eastern North Carolina as a licensed Real Estate Broker. My greatest joy is waking up everyday as a husband and father to 3 amazing children. For the past several years I've had the liberty to coach little league soccer and tee-ball with Wilson Parks and Recreation. Serving as an adult leader for the Youth Group within my church is equally as fulfilling! I possess an ever increasing passion to see young people grow into the best possible version of themselves. Wilson has been my home for the past 30 years. As this city continues to evolve, my relentless love and appreciation for Wilson keeps me at the edge of my seat, awaiting an opportunity to provide value as a citizen however I am able.

My motivation to join forces with WCSPC derives from having spent at least 10 years bound by the chains of addiction to drugs and narcotics. As an adolescent who was beginning to integrate with the chaotic, treacherous, and ruinous world of drug addiction; I had no knowledge of any sort of awareness or "prevention" that could have spared me from years of destroying my body. Navigating through losing childhood friends to drug overdoses and living through a nonfatal overdose myself, allows me to relate to the individuals who are caught in the crosshairs of this epidemic from personal experience.

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If there is a chance that the work we are doing will save just one life, that to me is worth a lifetime of devotion to the mission of WCSPC.

Photo of
Daeqwon
Currie



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Recovery Through Art** - March 6, 6:30pm
- **Recovery Through Art** - March 18, 6:30pm
- **Recovery Through Art** - April 10, 6:30pm
- **Recovery Through Art** - April 29, 6:30pm
- **Live Life In Color Run** - September 6
- **Easy Does It Café** - Mondays 6:00pm
- **Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting** - Wednesdays 7:00pm
- **Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting** - Saturdays 10:30am

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