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 May 11, 6:30pm
- Recovery Through Art May 25, 6:30pm

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment) May 11-12
- Youth Mental Health First Aid May 22, 9am
- Adult Mental Health First Aid June 28, 8:30am

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." ~ William James

PARTNER PORTION

Wilson County Public Library engages the community and enhances the minds of all ages with programs, lectures, classes, and entertainment. The library system consists of a Main Library in downtown Wilson and five branches located in Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Stantonsburg, and Wilson. The library also has a Bookmobile, which travels to weekly stops in Rock Ridge, Sims, Bridgersville, White Oak, and at Vick Elementary. Remote book lockers, with 24/7 access, are installed at the Elm City and Stantonsburg Branches with additional locations coming soon to Sims and Saratoga.

Wilson County Public Library is led by Director Molly Westmoreland under the advisement of a Board of Trustees and the Wilson County Board of Commissioners. The Library is made up of several departments, led by professional librarians, to better serve Wilson County!

The staff of Circulation Services are the first point of contact when entering the Main Library. Circulation staff greet customers that enter the library, check books in and out, assist in finding reading materials, shelve books, and manage meeting room reservations. Youth Services staff assist in finding materials geared toward juvenile through middle school audiences. They plan storytimes for diverse audiences, including Bilingual Storytime and Signing Storytime, and host STEAM and LEGO Nights. Youth Services staff also take programs and storytimes to daycares, schools, and community events.

Adult Services includes Teen Services and Local History and Genealogy. Adult Services staff assist adults and teens with research, technology assistance, job applications, study room reservations, and Makerspace equipment, including a 3D printer, sewing machine, Cricut, and laminator.

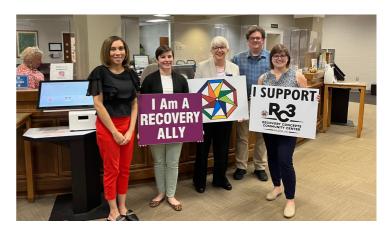
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Staff also plans programs for adults and teens, including digital literacy classes, crafts, mental health, small business, and workforce development, and conducts outreach in the community.

Library materials are selected by librarians across the system, with input from library customers and frontline staff. Technical Services staff place materials orders from library vendors, then catalog and process these new materials to prepare them for checkout across all locations. These staff also repair damaged materials when possible and remove items that are unable to be repaired or that have been superseded by newer purchases.

Extension Services includes the five library branches, the Bookmobile, and the book lockers. Branches are staffed by Branch Librarians and Branch Assistants. Branch staff provide monthly storytimes and programs for teens, adults, and families. Outreach and Bookmobile staff make weekly visits to homebound customers, assisted living facilities, organizations for differently-abled adults, and community events. We are also awaiting the arrival of a new Bookmobile midyear, which will allow outreach services to expand further!

Library staff is working on several grant-funded initiatives on topics of food literacy, digital inclusion, and assistive technology, which support our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. Visit www.wilsoncountypubliclibrary.org to learn more about the library's programs and services or call us at 252-237-5355.



Library staff posing for RC3's Recovery Ally Campaign

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITY

On April 20th, we had our Full Coalition Meeting at the Wilson County Agricultural Center.

We were able to honor our previous Hope Alliance Coordinator, Shannon Nichols, who retired in March. Shannon has been an integral part of MANY initiatives and life-changing/saving efforts within our community over her last 30+ years of service. We are extremely grateful for everything she has done for our community and so thankful we were able to honor her at this meeting.

Also during the meeting, our Executive Director, Jeff Hill, and the Wilson County Manager, Ron Hunt, were able to discuss the Opioid Settlement money plan. (You can learn more about that at www.wilsoncountync.gov/departments/county-manager/opioid-settlement-funds-resources)

We were also able to distribute 57 Lock Your Meds materials to the attendees, and Wilson Professional Services trained attendees on Naloxone and distributed over 70 boxes of Naloxone!

Special thanks to the community partners: Wilson County Health Department, Carolina Family Health Centers, Wilson County Department of Social Services, Wilson Professional Services, who were able to come and set tables up at the meeting.







Pictures from the Full Coalition Meeting.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Hi, my name is Cinnamon Narron, Health Director for the Wilson County Health Department. I became Health Director effective January 2023; prior to that, I served as the Assistant Health Director for 12 years. My professional experience includes working at the local level in DSS, and several years at the state level working with the Division of Social Services and then with the Division of Medical Assistance (now Division of Health Benefits).

I attended East Carolina University where I received my bachelor's degree in political science and my master's degree in public administration. I live in Kenly with my husband of 29 years, Berry. We have two children, Olivia and Ty. I love spending time with my family and look forward to Summer. I am a warm weather person.

I am honored to serve on the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition Board and look forward to working together.



Cinnamon Narron and her family

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