# 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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### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Adult Mental Health First Aid July 26, 8:30am
- Recovery Coach Academy August 7-11
- SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment) - August 15-16
- Youth Mental Health First Aid August 29, 8:00am (registration coming soon)

"You cannot always control what goes on outside. But you can always control what goes on inside." ~ Wayne Dyer

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

My name is Jeff Hill and I serve as the Executive Director of the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition. My passion to reach our community with prevention tools and methods comes from my own lived experiences. My wife (Christina) and I were recently married in February of 2021 and now reside in Goldsboro with our dogs, Champ (Lab) and Olive (Corgi), but Wilson is definitely home to us. Christina and I are both devout Christians who attend The Bridge Church in Princeton, NC and we're forever grateful for the life that the Good Lord has blessed us with.

In my professional life, I have experience serving vulnerable at-risk populations experiencing substance misuse and other challenges. I have worked with impoverished demographics within the Wilson County limits for the past two years, serving populations ranging in various ages, ethnicities, and education within a non-profit (501c3) work environment. My areas of proficiency include educational development, workforce-related training, and personal/behavioral skills training/counseling. In September 2017, I became certified to implement a behavioral risk/need assessment known as the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) by the Alma Institute and was later certified as a Recovery Coach via the **Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery** (CCAR) in October 2018. I was also certified to implement and train others on a screening tool known as SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) in October of 2021.

In my current position as Coalition Director, I oversee several grants that span from the state, local, and federal level which allow us to supply our great community with medication lock boxes/disposal kits, naloxone kits, and education for prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. I have also been fortunate enough to work alongside many local partners to secure the Coalition's first multi-year federal funding opportunity via HRSA's Rural Communities Opioid Response Implementation Grant, which I felt has been one of our greatest accomplishments to date.

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I've also recently been fortunate enough to work with our local county government to establish a plan that will use our county's Opioid Settlement Funding to address gaps/barriers as it relates to the continuum of care, which includes prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services respectively. The fact that our organization was tabbed to aid in these efforts is truly one of the biggest complements we could receive, and I'm grateful to work in a community who truly believes that recovery works and supports those who find themselves dealing with the disease of addiction.

In my spare time, I enjoy taking day trips with my wife and our pups to visit our Nieces, Hannah (16), Hadley (11), and Maddie (8), or to spend a little time in our "happy place" down in Emerald Isle. I'm an avid fan of watching sports, but in our house, we howl with the Wolfpack and love to sing "Sweet Caroline" with the "Fenway Faithful" up in Boston. I'm also a bit of a self-proclaimed "nerd", who can be found from time to time enjoying an episode of "Dragonball Z" or playing the newest version of "Pokemon"/"Zelda".

I have one favorite quote, that I feel sums up why I truly love the work we do and the opportunities we can hopefully provide for someone who may need it. My goal is to inspire change and to show the world that Prevention works and Recovery is Possible!

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." -Robert Frost

> Jeff Hill at a community event



## WCSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so excited to announce that RC3's 6th annual Live Life In Color 5k & 1 mile fun run color run will be in person on September 30th, as well as virtually from September 30th to October 8th!

This colorfully vibrant event celebrates healthiness, happiness, and individuality within our community.

The run begins at the Greater Wilson Rotary Park in Wilson, NC, and goes through the Cavalier Terrace Park. Registration is now open via Run The East. Come run, walk, crawl, or bike a 5k or 1 mile fun run to support our recovery support efforts taking place here in Wilson County! We welcome families, groups, and individual runners of all capacities. This event is also open to pets and strollers as well.

Register online at <u>https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/NC/Wilson/L</u> <u>IVELIFEINCOLOR5K1milefunrun</u>



Pictures from last years color run!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Recovery Through Art July 27, 6:30pm
- Expungement Clinic July 27, 11:00am
- WCSPC Full Coalition Meeting -September 28, 10:00am
- Live Life In Color Run September 30, 8:00am

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Since our last newsletter went out we have done several Naloxone (Narcan) administration trainings in Wilson County! We have gone to Higher Calling Baptist Church, the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina (Wilson office), Beddingfield High School, NAACP (Wilson, NC branch), and Chick-Fil-A!

We are so thankful to each person and organization willing to learn how to save a life with Naloxone and doing what they can to end overdose!

If you would like to go through a Naloxone administration training give us a call at 252-991-7267 and we can set up a time! We can train anybody in Wilson County at RC3 or at your place of business.



### PARTNER PORTION

Hello! I am Tammy and I honorably serve as the Executive Director of the Y.O.U.T.H of Wilson County. Our organization is excited to be celebrating our 40th year serving the youth, families, volunteers and the citizens of Wilson County this year!

**Y.O.U.T.H of Wilson** is a referral only agency that provides prevention and intervention services to youth ages 6 - 18. These services include Mentoring, Community Service/Restitution and Prevention Services. Referral sources include Division of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, Wilson County Schools, Law Enforcement Agencies, Teen Court and other youth serving agencies.

#### Volunteer Mentoring Program - MATCH

This program matches youth, ages 6-13 that are experiencing trying times with positive adult role models. The mentoring program is a prevention program that is designed to work with young people in 8 specific areas such as Character Development, Academics and Career Development.

The MATCH mentoring program provides 4 types of volunteer mentoring: Traditional One-on-One, Couple Mentoring, Group Mentoring and Team Mentoring. All volunteers must go through the volunteer application process and all parents/guardians and youth must go through parent/guardian and youth orientation/training. The volunteers spend a minimum of 8 hours a month with the young person for a minimum of one year.

#### Wilson County Community Service/ Restitution

This program is the only one that serves the Wilson County Juvenile Court, Law Enforcement and Teen Court for community service/restitution for youth 6-18. The youth are referred to this program from Juvenile Court, Law Enforcement and/or Teen Court to complete court ordered community service/restitution hours.

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The youth complete these hours through a wide range of projects such as Gang Graffiti cleanup, projects at Wilson County Schools, other nonprofits, Seniors' lawn care, Churches clean-up, food drives and other special projects, i.e. Adopta-highway.

#### Y.O.U.T.H of Wilson's mission includes

positively developing our youth to be successful youth today and as adults, rehabilitating youth offenders and compensating victims of juvenile crimes

Tammy Daniel posing for RC3's "Recovery Ally Campaign"



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