

Experienced SUD Professionals Panel: Sharing Their Expertise, Wisdom, and Hope

October 22, 2025 \ 1 pm–3 pm

Live Webinar

Program Overview

Human service and community professionals often encounter clients/patients who present or have underlying Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). SUD professionals, who have worked in the field for decades, share their expertise, wisdom, and hope with professionals working with this population. This online 2-hour workshop consists of a moderator/panelist and 5 additional panelists.

The workshop is being presented in order to capture the history of the North Carolina SUD field from their diverse personal perspectives (e.g., gender; sexual orientation; race) and roles (e.g., administrator, supervisor, counselor, trainer). The last 45 minutes of the workshop will be a Q & A period.



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Register online at northwestahec.org

Who Should Participate

This workshop will be beneficial to health and human service practitioners, including psychologists, social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists, substance use and addictions professionals, clinicians and all others interested in this topic.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the history of the SUD field in North Carolina.
- Identify diverse perspectives based on personal characteristics and roles.
- Apply this information to their practice.

As part of our commitment to creating a space where all BELONG, Northwest AHEC provides education and encouragement for respectful care for all, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability, and age.

Provided by:

Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a program of Wake Forest University School of Medicine and part of the NC AHEC System.



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Cost and Registration

\$50 —Registration fee

Registration fee includes instructional and administrative costs, certificate of completion, and program materials.

Refund Policy— Cancellations received in our office at least two weeks (14 business days) before the activity will receive a 100 percent refund. Registrants cancelling between two weeks and five full business days prior to the first day of the event will be refunded at 70% of the registration fee subject to a minimum \$25 cancellation fee. The registration fee will not be refunded if a cancellation is received less than five days before the activity. Cancellations must be in writing (email). You may send a substitute in your place.

When planning for an educational activity, registration fees are not based on credit hours or agenda. Registration fees are based on expenses such as equipment, technology services, staff, etc., and are not adjusted by issues such as cancellation of speakers or other unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be given to ensure the activity is a success.

Credit

- 2.0 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC
NC Licensed Clinical Social Workers may use contact hours from Northwest AHEC for license renewal.
- Northwest AHEC is recognized by the North Carolina Psychology Board as an approved provider of (Category A) Continuing Education for North Carolina Licensed Psychologists. This program will provide 2.0 contact hours of (Category A) continuing education for North Carolina psychologists. No partial credit will be given.
- 2.0 NBCC Contact Hours.
Northwest AHEC has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5465. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Northwest AHEC is solely responsible for all aspects of the program.
- The North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board has approved this workshop for 2.0 Substance Abuse Specific hours, Approval #25-516-S.



Credit will be awarded based on participant selection at time of registration. Before selecting credits, please review our general [Credit Glossary](#) but note not all programs offer all credits.

Criteria for successful completion requires attendance for at least 90% of the activity and submission of the evaluation.

Registering for and attending this program authorizes Northwest AHEC/Wake Forest University School of Medicine to take pictures to be used for the Center's publications, website (including social media sites) and presentations.

For More Information and Assistance

If you need more information or have questions about registering for this activity, please contact Jasmine Mickens at Jasmine.Mickens@advocatehealth.org or call at 336-713-7757. If you need auxiliary aids or special services to attend, contact Jasmine Mickens least five working days before the activity.

Faculty

Geri Miller, Ph.D., ABPP, LP (NC), LCAS (NC), CCS (NC), MAC (NCCAP) is a Human Relations Trainer/Consultant. She taught in higher education from 1990 until she retired as Professor in 2022. Dr. Miller has worked in the mental health counseling field since 1976 and the SUD counseling field since 1979. In both fields she has been a counselor, educator, trainer, and researcher. She worked as a volunteer psychologist at the Watauga County Health Department for 25 years through December 2020. Since 2001, she has a history of working as a volunteer with the American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Services. Dr. Miller has published and presented research on counseling. She currently has a book in press with Wiley, Inc [Group Exercises for Substance Use Disorders (2nd ed.)] and in 2024 published a book with Cognella, Inc [A Practical Guide to Facilitating Substance Use Disorder Recovery]. She has also published these books: "Academic Violence and Bullying of Faculty" (2024) (Cognella, Inc) and 8 books with Wiley Press ["Incorporating Spirituality in Counseling and Psychotherapy" (2003), "Fundamentals of Crisis Counseling" (2011), "Group Exercises for Addiction Counseling" (2012), and "Learning the Language of Addiction Counseling (5th Edition)" (2021)]. She is a member of the American Counseling Association's divisions of the Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC) and the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors (IAAOC). Dr. Miller has served on the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board.

Panelists

Jesse Battle, MSMHC, LCMHC, LCAS, CCS

Senior Director of Community Partnerships, TROSA, Inc.

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Coach, Consultant, Counselor, and Educator, Feral Resiliency

Leslie D. McCrory, LPCS, LCAS, CCS

Retired Counselor

Paul D. Nagy, LCAS, LCMHC, MS

Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University School of Medicine

Daniel H. Wilemon, M.Ed., LCMHCS, LCAS, CCS

Director, Marriage and Family Enrichment Center, Western Avenue Baptist Church

Agenda

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

1 pm Overview and Introduction

1:05 pm Panelist Presentations

2:05 pm Q & A

2:55 pm Summary and Closing

3 pm Adjourn