

PreventionFIRST! 2022 Coalition Academy

Building Equity in Prevention

Coalition Academy Presenter Bios



Mary Roary, Ph.D., Director, Office of Behavioral Health Equity, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Workshop Title: **Building Equity in Prevention**

Dr. Mary Roary is a public health epidemiologist who focuses on infectious and chronic diseases. She is also an Adjunct Professor at The Catholic University of America. She has worked across government, academia, and the private industry.

Dr. Roary has worked in two components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 2013 as a Program Director and Officer. At NIH, Dr. Roary was responsible for Health Promotion, Disease Prevention, Environmental Influences, Health Disparities, low resources in the "IDEA States" and Child Health portfolio. Dr. Roary has developed national funding opportunities, overseen complex budgets, mentored

investigators in developing project grants, and disseminated research findings to stakeholders.

Dr. Roary previously served as the data lead for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health Committees on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Healthy People 2020, and Environmental Justice. She was the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator for multiple community-based participatory research grants at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Arizona.

Dr. Roary earned her Ph.D. in Epidemiology and was an Epidemiology and Biostatistician CDC fellow at the University of Arizona.



Nigel Wrangham, CADC-II, CPS, Nigel Strategies

Workshop Titles:

Beyond Adulthood and Tokenism

Authentic Youth Engagement – From the Inside Out

Nigel Wrangham has been a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor level II and a Certified Prevention Specialist since 2000. He has been a preschool teacher, a group manager in a halfway house for federal prisoners on parole, a parenting educator for families experiencing homelessness, and the National Youth Coordinator for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

For 15 years, Wrangham taught university courses in the science of addiction, the history of drugs in America, community organizing, and self-discovery through activities and play. When he worked in Uganda as a photographer documenting

the behavior of wild chimpanzees, he also taught forest conservation to young people in local villages.

Wrangham has been in private practice as a workshop facilitator and trainer since 2003. His passion is supporting young people to discover and use the tools they need to build the equitable, just, and healthy society they deserve. He works with groups across the United States, sharing skills in prevention, social justice, brain development, and youth leadership.



Joey Taylor, *BeSpoken Live*
Workshop Title: Story in Process

Joey Taylor is the Director of BeSpoken Live, a storytelling, story-listening, and mindfulness program designed to create space for people to find their voice together.

With experience in interfaith engagement and community development in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Cincinnati, his commitment to developing community through story began when he was encouraged to develop youth programming in the face of political and religious polarization and social isolation. He holds a MA in Intercultural Studies.



La Shanda Sugg, LPC, *Labors of Love Counseling & Consulting, LLC*
Workshop Title: Story in Process

La Shanda Sugg, LPC is a Trauma-Specializing Therapist and Liberatory Coach. Her trauma expertise and ability to make complex concepts easy to understand make her work accessible. Her authenticity and transparency as a trauma survivor make people want to listen. La Shanda founded Labors of Love Counseling and Consulting, LLC to help organizations understand trauma and the traumatic stress of racism and other forms of oppression and help them move towards Cultural Humility and Somatic Abolitionism.

As a therapist, she helps relationships and communities Move from Coping to Healing. As a coach, she helps others through her podcast, The Labors of Love Podcast, Sugg and her guests invite people into a world of healing, wholeness, and

mental wellness. For more information about Labors of Love Counseling and Consulting visit www.thelaborsoflove.com.



Joshua Egeland, BA, LSW, *David's Place at Daybreak Dayton*
Workshop Title: LGBTQIA+ Terminology 101

Josh Egeland serves as the LGBTQ+ Program Manager at David's Place, an LGBTQ+ Safe Haven at Daybreak Dayton. Within this role he has overseen the development and implementation of behavioral health programming at David's Place, served in community collaboratives to address social determinants of health, and conducted trainings in Cultural Humility and Trauma-Informed Practice throughout the Miami Valley region.

His professional passion involves fostering a more inclusive and welcoming community experience for individuals of all identities—through programming, educational outreach, awareness-building, and collaborative efforts.



Kim Linkel, MLD, CPP, GPC, Batesville Prevention Coalition
Workshop Title: World Café

Kim Linkel is the Director for the Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville in Batesville, IN and is part of the CADCA Coalition Development Team.

She has over 20 years of experience in coalition development specifically focusing on substance abuse prevention. Linkel holds a master's degree in Leadership Development from Saint Mary of the Woods College. Over the years, Linkel has held a variety of positions within several coalitions both locally, regionally, and statewide. Her experience is concentrated on providing technical assistance to both Drug Free Community grantees as well as community coalitions.



Jen Bierer, BA, PreventionFIRST!
Workshop Title: Amplify Your Message: Introduction to Communication Strategies

Jennifer Bierer is the Manager of Communications at PreventionFIRST! She is responsible for implementing marketing strategies and coordinating prevention efforts around prescription drug misuse and problem gambling.

Jennifer has over 20 years of public health experience in health promotion, education, and prevention focusing on chronic diseases, obesity, traffic related deaths/injuries, mental health, and substance use/misuse.

Additionally, she has developed marketing strategies and branding for several startup businesses. Jennifer has a BA in Communication & Public Relations from Xavier University.



Derek Longmeier, MBA, OCPC, ICPS, The Problem Gambling Network of Ohio
Workshop Title: Get Set and Know What to Expect Regarding Sports Betting and Your Community

Derek Longmeier, MBA, OCPC, ICPS joined Problem Gambling Network of Ohio (PGNO) as Executive Director in 2016 after serving for many years on the Board of Directors. With over 20 years of experience in the behavioral health field, Longmeier is a passionate voice for problem gambling support and prevention services in Ohio.

In addition to his work with PGNO, Derek is very involved with gambling support services at the state and national level. With the National Council on Problem Gambling, he serves as the Treasurer on the Board of Directors, serves as the Ohio representative for the NCPG Affiliates, and is a member of the NCPG membership committee. Longmeier is a member of the Statewide Prevention Coalition Association Advisory Board, serves as co-chair of the Infrastructure & Policy and Strategic Planning Committees for the Problem Gambling Advisory Board, and is a member of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and the Ohio Prevention Professionals Association.



Jen Schneeman, MBA, C-IAYT, CDCA, Real Human Performance

Workshop Title: Everyday Resilience: Reset Throughout the Day

Jen Wright Schneeman is a co-founder of Real Human Performance in Cincinnati, Ohio. Schneeman is a trauma-informed nervous system and movement specialist instructing stress management, performance optimization and posttraumatic growth by focusing on mind-body resilience training.

Schneeman dedicates 18 years to health & human performance. Ironically, after experiencing toxic stress-burnout in a post-9/11 environment, Schneeman committed to the training, research and application of mindfulness, breath work, therapeutic yoga, meditation, vagal toning, psychodynamics and somatic experiencing for nervous system regulation and capacity restoration. From this work and with grants from state and private health foundations, Jen created, tested, and

directed the Self-Care and Resilience (SCAR), a mind body program for health professionals at risk from organization stress, capacity breaches, compassion fatigue, burnout, and secondary trauma.

Since 2011, she has launched mind body therapeutic programs within VA medical centers, treatment courts, addiction treatment centers, two NFL teams, and four military branches. This work is featured across local and national news outlets and the data outcomes presented at the *American Academy of Health Behavior* and *International Society of Traumatic Stress*.



Tim Vogt, Starfire

Workshop Title: Healing Our Culture & Ourselves

Vogt lives in Bellevue, Kentucky and has worked at Starfire, in Cincinnati, Ohio since 2000. Under his leadership, Starfire built award-winning segregated day programs and outings for hundreds of people with disabilities. In 2009, he led the staff and Board on a learning journey to face the hard truth of Starfire's role in perpetuating social isolation. For the next seven years, Starfire transformed all of the values, structures, mindsets, programs, and policies in order to help people with disabilities, their families and their communities tell a better story around creative inclusion and relationships.

Vogt is currently working on how to authentically address the issues of scale, sustainability and equity that pop up when segregation is no longer a program

design option. In particular, he focuses on helping organizations change their programs, and supporting people with disabilities and their families in leading hyper-local community-building efforts in their neighborhoods.



Bridget Vogt, Starfire

Workshop Title: Healing Our Culture & Ourselves

Bridget Vogt serves as Community Connector at Starfire. She earned a Special Education degree from Xavier University and has over 25 years of experience in the field to support people with disabilities. In 2017 she was recognized by the state of Ohio for outstanding service to people with disabilities.

Bridget Vogt has worked in a variety of positions to support people with disabilities and their families. She has been a part of training Starfire staff as well as presenting to various organizations worldwide. She is passionate about people recognizing and using their gifts to connect with people in their communities.