

2025 Coalition Academy *Staying Anchored in Prevention*

Presenter Bios

Nicole Schiesler, MEd, MCHES, OCPC, ICPS, President & CEO, *PreventionFirst!*

Welcome & Conference Kick-Off

Nicole Schiesler is President and CEO at PreventionFirst! She has worked in the prevention field since 1997. She is professionally credentialed as an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC), an International Certified Prevention Specialist (ICPS), and Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES). Nicole has a Bachelor of Science in community health from Ohio University and a Master of Education in health promotion and education from the University of Cincinnati. She is a graduate of the Community Leaders Institute (CLI) and the Nonprofit Leadership Institute of Greater Cincinnati (NLIGC.) EXCEL Leadership Program XIV. Nicole is also a BOLD 7 graduate and Leader Circle member — both programs of the Leadership Council for Nonprofits. She is on the Steering Committee of the Hamilton County Addiction Response Coalition (HCARC) and serves as co-chair of the coalition's prevention committee. She is on the Advisory Council for the One Source Center. She is a master trainer for SAMHSA's Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST).

Kristina Clark, BS, President & Founder, *KM Clark Consulting Group*

Workshops: Aligning for Sustainable Impact & Sustainability in Times of Change

Kristina Clark is a nationally recognized expert in coalition building, nonprofit sustainability, and substance use prevention. As the President and Founder of KM Clark Consulting Group, she works with organizations across the country to enhance their capacity, improve their impact, and secure long-term sustainability. Her innovative strategies and evidence-based approaches empower communities to achieve transformative change. With over 15 years of leadership in public health, prevention, and nonprofit management, she is a trusted national trainer for CADCA, where she has guided hundreds of coalitions. Her work equips communities with the tools to prevent substance misuse and address public health challenges effectively. Under her leadership, the Coffee County Anti-Drug Coalition achieved national acclaim, including multiple years of Drug-Free Communities funding and the prestigious National Got Outcomes! Coalition in Focus award. Her ability to mobilize communities and influence policy led to measurable reductions in substance use behaviors and the creation of sustainable prevention efforts. Kristina is the co-creator of the groundbreaking Count It! Lock It! Drop It!® initiative, a prescription drug prevention campaign that has been adopted nationwide as a model for addressing prescription drug misuse. This program exemplifies her commitment to scaling local solutions for national impact. In addition to her consulting and training work, Kristina serves on the executive board of the Prevention Alliance of Tennessee, advocating for policy changes that strengthen prevention efforts statewide. She is also a board member of The Healing Trust, a foundation dedicated to addressing health disparities and advancing equity in Tennessee.

Maggie Lutterus, OCPSA, Public Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, *Prevention Action Alliance*

Workshops: The State of Prevention: A Legislative and Budget Landscape Overview

Maggie Lutterus (she/hers) joined Prevention Action Alliance (PAA) in 2023 as the Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator. Maggie received her bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University with a psychology major and political science minor. Her passion for mental health and addiction initiatives started during an internship with the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark-Greene-Madison County. She then went on to be a case manager at a community psychiatric facility in Columbus, Ohio. With this role, she found a passion for advocacy and policy change. This led her to spend four years in the Ohio General Assembly as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives and a senior legislative aide in the Ohio Senate. She was formerly the Program Director of the Pickaway Addiction Action Coalition (PAAC), a role she began at the start of 2022 and was tasked with the implementation of the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant.

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Kim Linkel, MLD, CPS II, GPC, Principal, *KM Clark Consulting Group*

Workshops: **Aligning for Sustainable Impact & Sustainability in Times of Change**

Kim Linkel is a seasoned nonprofit and public-sector leader with over 25 years of experience advancing prevention, coalition building, and organizational development across diverse communities. As Principal of KM Clark Consulting Group, Kim guides nonprofit organizations, community coalitions, and government partners in achieving sustainable impact through strategic planning, grant management, and capacity building. Linkel brings a wealth of experience as former Director of the Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville, where she led cross-sector initiatives, secured federal and state funding, and empowered youth through innovative engagement strategies. She serves as a consultant on the Coalition Development Support Team for CADCA, coaching coalitions nationwide on implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework and systems-level change. She is also a consultant with the Opioid Response Network, offering an array of technical assistance on substance misuse prevention and response. A Certified Prevention Specialist II and Grant Professional Certified, Kim is known for her ability to blend practical leadership with data-driven strategies. Her expertise includes project management, sustainability planning, public relations, and community mobilization - especially in rural and underserved regions. She is also a recognized trainer and speaker, frequently presenting at local, state, and national conferences. Linkel holds a Master's in Leadership Development from Saint Mary of the Woods College and a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Administration from Franklin College.

Andrea Hoff, MPA, GPC, OCPC, ICPS, Owner & President, *YouThrive Training & Consulting*

Workshops: **Leading for Change: How Coalitions Can Champion What Really Works In Their Communities**

Andrea Hoff is the Owner & President of You Thrive Training & Consulting, LLC, a company that provides training and consulting services in the areas of behavioral health prevention, nonprofit leadership, and grant writing. Andrea has worked in the behavioral health field for 30 years, is certified in Ohio as a behavioral health prevention consultant (OCPC) and international behavioral health prevention specialist (ICPS) and is a certified QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Instructor and Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) Instructor. She uses the Gallup CliftonStrengths assessments in her coaching work. Andrea is also a certified grants professional (GPC) with extensive experience in grant writing. She is a Past President of the Miami Valley, Ohio, Chapter of the Grant Professionals Association (GPA) and is an approved GPA speaker. During her career, Andrea raised over \$53 million to support a variety of behavioral health services. She graduated summa cum laude with her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Dayton.

Deb Robison, LSW, MA, Director of Outreach & Collaboration, School-Based Center of Excellence for Prevention & Early Intervention, *Miami University*

Workshops: **Anchoring Local Prevention in Student Assistance Programs**

Deb Robison is the Director of Outreach & Collaboration for the Ohio School-Based Center of Excellence for Prevention & Early Intervention at Miami University. She works with schools around the state of Ohio to implement evidence-based mental health & substance misuse prevention policies, programs, and practices. Formerly, Deb was the Supervisor for Family & Student Services for the Norwood City Schools. She led multiple community collaborations including the Norwood Community Coalition, Drug & Alcohol Coalition, and Norwood Ready Kids. Her prior experience includes work with children in foster care, residential treatment, wraparound, and family preservation. Deb is a licensed social worker. She received her BA in psychology and sociology from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University and her MA in Pastoral Family Studies from The College of Mt. St. Joseph.

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Jessica Muhlenkamp, OCPS, Project Administrator, School-Based Center of Excellence for Prevention & Early Intervention, *Miami University*

Workshops: [Anchoring Local Prevention in Student Assistance Programs](#)

Jessica Muhlenkamp, OCPS, is a Project Administrator with the Ohio School-Based Center of Excellence for Prevention and Early Intervention at Miami University. She works with schools throughout the state of Ohio to implement school-based mental health programs focusing on increasing mental health awareness and mental health access. Previously, she taught evidence-based prevention curriculum in schools with Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS) in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties. Her work with schools' centers around evidence-based strategies including Student Assistance Programs, universal prevention programming, and data-informed interventions including student screenings. Focusing on prevention education, she received her Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Credential in 2022 and continues to work with the Young Prevention Professionals Cohort to increase the number of certified preventionists in Ohio. She has worked with the Auglaize County Suicide Prevention Coalition using local data to inform prevention strategies in her community. Her prior experience includes work with community organizations including the United Way and economic development initiatives. She received her BA in French with Minors in Education and International Studies from The Ohio State University in 2009.

Amy Hamilton, MPA, OCPS, Consultant, *You Thrive Training & Consulting*

Workshops: [Beyond the Sign-Up Sheet: Cultivating Lasting Coalition Commitment](#)

A dynamic professional with a profound commitment to community well-being and organizational excellence, Amy blends a rich academic background of social work, nonprofit and community leadership, public administration, and gender & diversity studies with extensive hands-on experience to drive impactful changes in the realms of nonprofit management, behavioral health, and community development. Amy specializes in trauma & resilience, suicide prevention, coalition building best practices, strategic planning, and volunteer management. She is a certified instructor for Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid, QPR, PAX Tools, Social Resilience Model, SAMHSA's Ethics in Prevention, OMHAS's Trauma Informed Approaches, and is certified as an Advanced National Organization for Victim's Assistance Responder. Amy currently works for You Thrive Training and supports over thirty-four prevention coalitions across the State of Ohio in developing foundational processes to support maximum community impact and the reduction of mental illness and substance misuse. She is a professional trainer and content developer and loves supporting professionals in their prevention journey.

Lake Miller, OCPC, ICPS, Director of Education, *Nurturing Community Cultivating Justice*

Workshops: [AI for Prevention Professionals](#)

Lake Miller is the Director of Education at The National Conference for Community & Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ). Since 2018, he has overseen NCCJ's youth programs, including Anytown Youth Leadership Institute, Police and Youth Together, and school-based programs. Lake believes in the power of conversation and creating safe spaces for individuals to engage in meaningful conversations. Lake is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC) and is a certified QPR instructor. He also works to educate other preventionists on how to be more inclusive and equitable in their prevention practice. Lake served on the National Leadership Team for Scouts for Equality, a nationwide non-profit working to end discrimination in the Boy Scouts of America. As an Eagle Scout, Lake utilized his knowledge and interest in Scouting to assist in advocating for a national campaign that successfully resulted in policy change at the national level. Lake is also a Volunteer Trainer with 4 Paws for Ability where he assists in training service dogs to be placed with children & veterans who have disabilities.

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Sarah Sawmiller, MPS, MCHES, OCPC, Senior Director of Data Integration, *PreventionFIRST!*

Workshop: Determining Readiness in School Setting

Sarah Sawmiller is the Senior Director of Data Integration at PreventionFIRST! She is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC) and a Master's Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES). Sarah oversees the implementation of the biennial PF! Student Survey, all assessment and evaluation-related strategies, and many of PreventionFIRST!'s prescription drug misuse prevention programs. She is an Ohio Coaching and Mentoring (OCAM) Network trainer, a provisional trainer for Sources of Strength Secondary, and a PAX Partner. Sarah has a Bachelor of Science in health education with a focus in public and community health and a Master of Public Health with a concentration in biostatistics, both from the University of Cincinnati. She is a 2019 graduate of the Community Leaders Institute (CLI). Prevention Team Lead, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.

Hailey Sullivan, MS, CDCA, Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator, *PreventionFIRST!*

Workshop: Determining Readiness in School Setting

Hailey Sullivan is the Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator currently supporting Delhi Middle School. She has a Master of Science in health promotion and education from the University of Cincinnati. Additionally, she has her Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) certification and is getting her Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant (OCPSA). Her role is to assist in improving access to and increase availability of evidence-based behavioral health promotion, prevention, and early intervention practices. She also coordinates efforts to plan for, implement, and sustain a Student Assistance Program and staff wellness framework.

Rachel Miller, M.Ed., LSW, OCPC, ICPS, Prevention Services Supervisor, *Greene County ESC*

Workshop: Determining Readiness in School Setting

Rachel Miller currently works at the Greene County ESC as the Prevention Services Supervisor. Rachel is both an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant and a Licensed Social Worker. Rachel earned her Bachelor's Degree of Science in Social Work from Bowling Green State University, and her Master of Education in School Counseling from Wright State University. Rachel has over ten years of experience working in the prevention field and has spent the majority of her prevention career serving Greene County. Rachel is the co-chair of the Greene County Suicide Prevention Coalition. She has delivered training and education sessions on topics including suicide prevention, life skills, and substance use prevention. Rachel has also sat on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Prevention Professionals Association since 2020. She is passionate about helping build the capacity of prevention professionals across the state.

Christi Valentini-Lackner, BS, OCPC, Chief Program Officer, *PreventionFIRST!*

Workshop: Determining Readiness in School Setting

Christi Valentini-Lackner is the Chief Program Officer at PreventionFIRST! She is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC) who has worked in the prevention field for over 20 years. Christi has a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Ohio University. Christi is an Ohio Prevention Professionals Association board member and serves as Vice President and Education & Training Team Co-Chair. In 2016, she received the ADAPAO Advocate of the Year Award. Christi is an Ohio Coaching and Mentoring (OCAM) Network coach and mentor. She is co-author of the low-risk drinking course for adults, Minimize Risk-Maximize Life.