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## 2021 Arkansas Peer Conference: Peer Evolution September 8-10, 2021

Free, Live, In-Person Conference  
Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in Little Rock

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### Wednesday, September 8, 2021

**9:00-9:10 a.m.**

Welcome with Monte Payne, PRPS

**9:10-9:30 a.m.**

The Future for Peers with Kirk Lane, Drug Director, State of Arkansas

**9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Peer Evolution in Arkansas with Jimmy McGill, PRPS, State Recovery Manager, Arkansas Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Criminal Justice Peer Support Panel with Josh Ramsey; Marguerite Taggart, PR; Tosha Wilson, PR; and Sean Willits

**12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch (on your own)**

**1:00-2:30 p.m.—Breakout Sessions**

- Peer Supervision with Casey Copeland, PRPS, and Les Cupp, BS, ADC, CS, PRPS
- Cultural Diversity with Melisha Montano, CPSW, Peer Director, State of New Mexico

**2:30-4:00 p.m.—Breakout Sessions**

- Peer Support in a Hospital Setting with Misty Evans, PRPS, and Kyle Brewer, BS, PRPS
- Self-Care with Patti Yager, PR, and Sophia Dugwyler, PR

**4:00-7:00 p.m.—Dinner (on your own)**

**7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Recovery Community Organizations by John Shinholser, Co-Founder, McShin Foundation

## **Thursday, September 9, 2021**

### **9:00-10:30 a.m.**

NAADAC Arkansas Peer Specialist Program with Kyle Brewer, BS, PRPS, Peer Specialist Program Manager

### **10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

SAMHSA Region VI Peer Recovery Leaders Panel with Jimmy McGill—Arkansas, Noah Abdenour—Texas, Melisha Montano—New Mexico, Tony Stelter—Oklahoma, and Ricardo Williams--Louisiana

### **12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch (on your own)**

### **1:00-2:30 p.m.—Breakout Sessions**

- Peer Support in Psychiatric Facilities with Noah Abdenour, Peer Director, State of Texas
- LGBTQIA+ communities with Timothie Smith, Recovery Support Service Training Specialist

### **2:30-4:00 p.m.—Breakout Sessions**

- Multiple Pathways to Recovery with Tony Stelter, Peer Director, State of Oklahoma
- Recovery Out Loud - Social Media with Ashley Costa, PR, Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services

### **6:30-8:30 p.m.—Awards Banquet**

Hosted by Deborah Motley Bledsoe, MS, LADAC, Director of Substance Abuse Treatment, Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services, and Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, BSW, NCAC II, CDC III, SAP, Executive Director, NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

## **Friday, September 10, 2021**

### **9:00-10:30 a.m.—Breakout Sessions**

- Ethics, Part 1, with Tojuana Greenlaw, PR; Bonnie Stribling, BS, PRPS; and Mike Little, PR
- Faith-Based Recovery with Blake Polston and Paul Stevens

### **10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Breakout Sessions**

- Ethics Part 2, with Greg Hogan, PR, Ashley LeHue, PR, and Kyle Brewer, BS, PRPS
- Hot Topic Roundtable, facilitated by Mikaila Wingfield, and Ashley Costa, PR

### **12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch (on your own)**

### **1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Finessing the Brain with Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, BSW, NCAC II, CDC III, SAP, Executive Director, NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

### **2:30-2:45 p.m.**

Closing Remarks with Tammy Alexander, Psy.D., Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services

**Registration:** This conference is free. Register at:

<https://www.midsouth.ualr.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?&course=R22CE002>

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