

Virtual Spring Prevention Conference

April 2, 2021

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Welcome & Opening Remarks 8:30-9:00 am

Keynote Address 9:00-9:45 am

**Dawn Thomas, Ph.D., M.Ed., OCPC, ICPS, Prevention Systems Manager
OhioMHAS**

“Can You See It Now? A Closer Look at the Social Determinants of Health”

Dr. Dawn Marie Thomas is currently a Prevention Systems Manager with the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and has more than 25 years of public service that has focused on prevention, training, mental health, and other social services programming for adults as well as students. She is highly experienced in event planning, program development, coordination and implementation as well as fostering and promoting close working relationships between state, county, and local social service systems/agencies. Thomas previously served as the Project Director for Ohio’s Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) State and Tribal Initiative Grant. This \$8 million grant focused on expanding the prevention infrastructure within Ohio’s rural and Appalachian populations by building workforce capacity that will lead to an increased use of evidence-based programs, policies, practices, and strategies to impact individual and community level change. She also served as Project Director for Ohio’s \$10 million Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG).

Thomas is passionate about working with underserved communities that experience health disparities and learning best practices, policies, and strategies for providing culturally appropriate services to achieve health equity. She is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC) and earned a Ph.D. in Health Promotion and Education from the University of Cincinnati in 2017. Although Dawn currently resides in Columbus, she is originally from Cleveland and loves all things Cleveland including the Browns, the Cavs, and Lake Erie.

Breakout Session I 10:00-11:15 am

**M. Dolores Cimini, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist
Director of the Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research**
“Peer Education in College Prevention: Consideration for Effective Practices”

While evidence-based peer education programs can be an effective component of a comprehensive campus strategy addressing topics related to alcohol and other drugs, it is critical to consider the foundations and infrastructures on which these programs are developed, implemented, and evaluated. This workshop will engage participants in an honest examination of the benefits & costs of making the decision to integrate a peer education program into a comprehensive campus alcohol and other drug prevention strategy. Facilitators, barriers, and ethical concerns in the areas of program scope, training, supervision, evaluation, & liability will be explored.

Kristen Harper, M.Ed., Recovery Specialist, Project Amp Implementation Coordinator

“Uncovering & Understanding Community Assets that can Propel Our Mission Forward.”

Participatory Asset Mapping is a process where community members collectively create asset maps by identifying and providing information about their own community’s assets on a map, including citizen associations and local institutions. During this plenary, participants will learn the basic asset mapping framework as well as how to strategically organize the resources collected into categories that will help to propel strategic planning, program implementation, and sustainability planning.

Afternoon Keynote Address 11:45-12:30 pm

Mary Roary, Ph.D., Director OBHE, HHS, SAMHSA
“Office of Behavioral Health Equity, Culture as a Risk & Protective Factor of Behavioral Health”

Dr. Roary is currently the Director of the Office of Behavioral Health Equity (OBHE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). 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, & disseminated research findings to stakeholders.



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Breakout Session II 12:30-1:45 pm



Cindy Clouner, MPH, LSW, Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist
Managing Director- Higher Education Center for Alcohol & Drug Misuse Prevention & Recovery
“Environmental Strategies for Prevention”

Amelia Arria, Ph.D.

Director of the Center of Center on Young Adult Health and Development at the University of Maryland
School of Public Health & Professor in the Department of Behavioral & Community Health
“Prevention Strategies to Address Nonmedical Prescription Stimulant Use Among College Students.”



In this session, participants will learn to understand the multiple factors that contribute to the onset and escalation of substance use, particularly among college students. Information will be provided to help participants provide accurate information about prescription stimulant use and misuse. A variety of prevention strategies will be reviewed to address prescription misuse. Participants will learn to appreciate the importance of stakeholders in addressing nonmedical prescription stimulant use.

Breakout Session III 2:00-3:15 pm



Joan Masters, M.Ed., Missouri Advanced Prevention Specialist
Project Director of Missouri Partners in Prevention
“Using SPF to Drive Outcomes & Build Partnerships in Prevention.”

Attendees will be able to describe the five phases of the Strategic Prevention Framework and how Missouri Partners in Prevention institutions have implemented SPF. Attendees will be able to apply each of the phases of the SPF to campus prevention work and recite examples of prevention activities to conduct during each of the five phases of the SPF. Attendees will be able to identify critical partners for prevention work, based on the capacity building framework available in the SPF.

Richard Lucey, MALS, Senior Prevention Program Manager
DEA’s Community Outreach & Prevention Support Section

“DEA’s Strategic Planning Guide for Preventing Drug Use Among College Students.”

The Strategic Prevention Framework is a widely used planning process to guide the selection, implementation, and evaluation of effective, culturally appropriate, and sustainable prevention activities. This session will feature an overview of drug use rates among college students, including marijuana, vaping, and prescription drug misuse; an overview of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s new strategic planning guide to preventing drug misuse among college student; and resources from DEA to support your prevention efforts. The session will provide ample time for attendees to interact with the presenter and ask questions.



Partner Panel Discussion 3:25-4:00 pm

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