

# THE RECOVERY VOICE



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## Latest TARCP Recovery Podcast



Please go to the below link to listen to Marie Crosson as she chats with Bryan Owens with the Shelby County General Sessions Recovery Court (Memphis) about how CrossFit and Yoga were implemented for their participants. In the interview, Bryan mentions a group called The Phoenix, which is a National Sober Active Community. While Shelby County did not exactly replicate what The Phoenix has nationally executed, the idea is the same: to provide a safe space for people with substance use disorder to work out, connect, and thrive.

You can find all podcasts at [A Recovery Court Podcast](#). If you have an idea for a podcast topic, please reach out to Marie Crosson at [marie.crosson@tarcp.org](mailto:marie.crosson@tarcp.org)

## Work-Life Balance in Recovery Courts



A professional TARCP series  
beginning January 2022



## Supporting Resiliency Together TARCPCON 2021

Everyone was excited to meet in person for the 2021 TARCP Annual Conference at Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center from December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup> in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Over 400 attended and the camaraderie among the communities of recovery courts was noticed by many. In-person conversations, meetings, and networking with like-minded professionals can never be replaced by virtual meetings. While thankful to have virtual meetings during COVID, we were all the more grateful to see one another's faces and experience our exchange of ideas in the same room and among friends.

The conference kicked off with welcoming remarks from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Tennessee Association of Recovery Court Professionals.



Rebekah Provost-Emmons  
Director, Office of  
Criminal Justice Services,  
TDMHSAS



Commissioner Marie Williams, TDMHSAS



Marie Crosson  
Executive Director,  
TARCP



Judges from our Tennessee Recovery Courts with Director Deborah Tate, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Director Tate was honored at the conference for her work with TARCP and her dedication to help individuals and families struggling with addiction.





## Supporting Resiliency Together TARCPCON 2021 Speakers, Presenters and Honorees



The Conference Awards Luncheon was made all the more meaningful with Governor Bill Lee taking time to support our recovery courts, speaking to guests and honorees.



Chief Justice Roger Page of the Tennessee Supreme Court spoke to attendees.



Judge Duane Slone introduced Chief Justice Roger Page.



Dr. Ken Robinson  
Co-creator of MRT



Dr. Bridgett E. Ortega, Associate Dean of Career Services and Professional Development, John Marshall Law School and a Senior Organizational Consultant and Trainer for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, American University's Justice Program Office, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence

Judge Jimmy Smith  
recognizing Director  
Tate's dedication  
and achievements







## Supporting Resiliency Together TARCPCON 2021 Speakers, Presenters and Honorees

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Judge Seth Norman, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Criminal Court and Davidson County Drug Court presented Jeri Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Nashville Recovery Court Support Foundation, with the Christy Vernon Spirit Award.

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Judge Andy Myrick with his team after receiving the Judges Make a Difference Award

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Judge David Allen with his team after receiving the Judges Make a Difference Award

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## Supporting Resiliency Together TARCPCON 2021 Speakers, Presenters and Honorees



Representative Michael Curcio received the Rod Bragg Recovery Hero Award with Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Lockert-Mash and Kevin Batts, 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District County Drug Court.



Judge Don Elledge  
addressing conference attendees



Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC  
Project Manager, Great Lakes ATTC, Illinois



TARCP Board members  
recognized newly retired  
Seventh Judicial Judge Don Elledge.



## With Much Appreciation



Brian Edens, Jennifer Walsh and Mandy Davis

A thank you goes to all things registration, which was only possible due to the hard work of volunteers Brian Edens, CFSS, Sumner County Recovery Court; Jennifer Walsh, Recovery Court Program Manager, TDMHSAS; Mandy Davis, Recovery Court Program Manager, TDMHSAS; Jill Barrett, Recovery Court Administrator, State of Tennessee; and Jackie Rodriguez, Redline and Clearinghouse Coordinator, TAADAS.

As we thank Jill Barrett for volunteering to help make the conference a success, we also want to congratulate her on becoming our statewide Recovery Court Administrator. Jill previously served as the Director of the 10th Judicial District Recovery Court.



### *TARCP Annual Conference Planning Committee*

Jill Barrett, Recovery Court Administrator, State of Tennessee

Dereck Bodiford, McNairy County Recovery Court

Brian Edens, Sumner County Recovery Court

Haley Geeslin, City of Jackson Recovery Court

Janet Hobson, Davidson County Residential Drug Court

Connie Martin, 21st District Recovery Court

Rian Massie, Hope Restored Counseling

Rebekah Provost-Emmons, Tennessee Department of Mental Health  
and Substance Abuse Services

Barry Rast, Knox County Juvenile Court

Dustin Roberson, Hardeman County Recovery Court

Mary Linden Salter, TAADAS

Walter Williams, First Step Recovery Centers



## Commissioner Marie Williams Appointed Advisory Board Chair of the Council of State Governments Justice Center

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Commissioner Marie Williams, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, presently serves as the Advisory Board Vice Chair for the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and will now serve as the organization's Advisory Board Chair. Her knowledge will assist CSG Justice Center with their efforts to develop research-driven strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

CSG Justice Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, national, membership organization that represents state officials in all three branches of government. The association utilizes its expertise in research and policy to apply available data to not only improve safety and justice, but to also advance health, opportunity, and equity.

Justice Michael P. Boggs, who serves on the Georgia Supreme Court and served as Advisory Board Chair prior to Commissioner Williams' appointment, said, "During my tenure as Advisory Board chair, justice professionals across the country sought new ways to responsibly reduce the rates of incarceration, strengthen community supervision practices, and to safely keep more individuals in their local communities in response to the realities of a global pandemic. I'm proud of the work we did to provide empirical data and proven strategies to states and municipalities that formed the basics for many timely and responsible criminal justice reforms. Now, I can think of no better person to lead our work than Commissioner Williams. She brings invaluable experience and proven leadership in behavioral health services and criminal justice reform and is well prepared to guide the work of the CSG Justice Center during the next phase of responsible reforms. I'm excited about the future of our work under her leadership."

"It is such an honor to be able to be part of this amazing group of changemakers from across the country. My time on the CSG Justice Center Advisory Board has been enlightening and impactful, and going forward together, we are truly shaping a future for our communities, our states, and our nation that is innovative, collaborative, and restorative." said Williams.

Commissioner Marie Williams, LCSW, was appointed by Governor Bill Haslem in October 2016 and reappointed Commissioner of TDMHSAS by Governor Bill Lee in January 2019. She oversees an annual budget of over \$500 million and leads 1,849 full-time employees, who assist individuals and families with securing behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery services.

To read the complete article on Commissioner Williams' new appointment, please go to [Chair of the Council of State Governments Justice Center Advisory Board](#).



## 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Court and Veterans Treatment Court



District Attorney General  
Bryant C. Dunaway



Governor Bill Lee with graduates of the ceremony  
for which he served as keynote speaker

The Facebook page of the Office of the District Attorney General Bryant C. Dunaway had a great post covering the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Court and Veterans Treatment Court graduation ceremony held on November 22, 2021.

The 13th Judicial District Recovery Court and Veterans Treatment Court held a graduation ceremony tonight to honor those who have successfully completed the Recovery Court program. Many gathered to help us celebrate. Governor Bill Lee, Senator Paul Bailey, Rep. Ryan Williams, TN Supreme Court Justice Jeff Bivens, Sheriff Eddie Farris of Putnam County, Sheriff Steve Page of White County, Mayor Randy Porter, District Attorney Bryant C. Dunaway, Public Defender Craig Fickling, Judge Gary McKenzie, Chancellor Ron Thurman and many others.

Over the last two years, these Recovery Court participants, who have battled addiction, have fulfilled the requirements of a program that has prepared and equipped them to live "their Best Life". What does that look like? Their "best life" is substance free. It requires personal responsibility, holding a steady job, taking care of their children and family, paying their bills and satisfying their financial responsibilities. This graduation is a beginning. We pray that they take this opportunity to carry on and stay accountable.







## DeKalb County Recovery Court

We got some really great info at the TARCPCON2021 and brought it all back to the community we love!



DeKalb Recovery Court Christmas party was a night to remember and we could not have done it without our amazing community!!!! A huge THANK YOU to Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Church for cooking and serving the absolute best Christmas dinner!!! Another huge THANK YOU to Ascension St. Thomas Hospital and Shan Stout for the many gifts to all of our participant's children!!! WOW you all are amazing!!! And to top it all off we had 2 participants graduate! We are so very proud of you!







## Blount County Recovery Court and Veterans Treatment Court



5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Mike Flynn

The joint Blount County Recovery Court and Veterans Treatment Court graduation celebrated 7 new graduates with Judges Harrington and Gallegos presiding. In addition, 5th Judicial District Attorney General and TARCP Board Member, Mike Flynn, was surprised with an award for his many years of service and dedication to the recovery court.

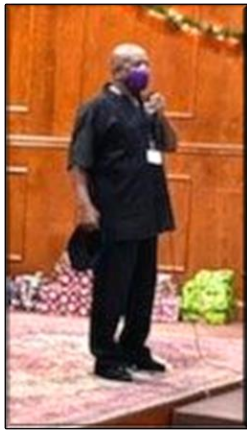






## Davidson County Drug Court

Each year, with the exception of last year (COVID 2020), DC4 has received donations from sponsors that provide Christmas gifts for our participants' children. All of the participants' children under the age of 12 are invited to attend the party and they all receive gifts and pizza for lunch. These are pictures from our December 11, 2021 Christmas party. The DC4 Program participants sing, dance and perform skits to entertain the children.



Dr. Janet Hobson opened the event.



Participants made a sign for Judge Smith's desk.



The nativity scene was made by participants for the event. Participants also made a wreath for Dana George.





## 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Court Hardeman County Recovery Court

Having the desire to provide a safe, fun-filled evening for Recovery Court participants and their families, Hope Restored Counseling hosted a free evening at the movies in Atoka (Tipton County) and Bolivar (Hardeman County) for participants of the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Court and the Hardeman County Recovery Court. The stated purpose of this event was to strategically provide Recovery Court participants an opportunity to spend time with their families and Recovery Court team outside of the judicial environment.



Hope Restored Counseling rented the Cinema Planet in Atoka on Monday, September 20, 2021 and saw 31 individuals attend the evening. On Thursday, September 23, 2021, Hope Restored Counseling was able to rent the Historic Luez Theatre and had 64 individuals join the event.

Both of these evenings were filled with fun, laughter, and relaxation for participants, their families, and staff. Not only did participants bring their families to this night of fun, but many participants brought children from their neighborhood who were also able to experience a positive and nurturing atmosphere. Participants and their families were greeted by their Recovery Court Coordinator, Director, Case Managers, Counselor and support staff.



## Training Opportunities

### TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series

January 26, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CT

ADCBPX: Evaluation and Monitoring with Shannon Carey

Presented virtually, please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

February 23, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CT

The Stigma of Addiction and Criminal Involvement with Dr. Kelly Moore

Presented virtually, please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

April 27, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CT

Recovery Housing Servicing Individuals on MAT with Justin Coggins

Presented virtually, please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

May 25, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CT

TBD

Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) for scheduling updates

June 29, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CT

Revisiting Recovery Court Phases with Marie Crosson

Presented virtually, please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) to register.

July 27, 2022

No training scheduled due to the NADCP Conference in Nashville, TN

August 31, 2022

TBD

Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) for scheduling updates

September 28, 2022

TBD

Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) for scheduling updates

October 26, 2022

TBD

Please go to [TARCP Lunchtime Learning Series](#) for scheduling updates

*Please note that there are no sessions in March, July, November, or December. TARCP is a NAADAC approved provider. CEUs are available and we will apply for CLE approval.*



## TAADAS Training Opportunities

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### **Incorporating a Trauma-Informed Approach to Working with People Impacted by Incarceration**

**Brenda Ingram, Ed.D., LCSW**

January 21, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT

This presentation will review the neurobiology of trauma and the ways trauma affects people during and after their time in custody. It will include material on Adverse Childhood Experiences, as well as discussion on trauma-informed care and self-care. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

### **ASI Online Training and Learning Lab Virtual Meetings**

**Thomas Coyne, Ed.D., LCSW**

January 26-March 31, 2022

The Addiction Severity Index (ASI) is a standardized, semi-structured, multi-focused screening and assessment instrument used to establish the nature and severity of a substance abuse addiction and its impact on a person's life. Clinicians, researchers, and program developers may find this tool helpful in the field. This course explains how to use the ASI and use it to form diagnoses, level of care recommendations, and treatment plans. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

### **Cultural Humility**

**Brenda Ingram, Ed.D., LCSW**

February 4, 2022

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. CT

Cultural humility was introduced as a tool to educate physicians to recognize that cultural competence is an elusive outcome for a process-related endeavor. It means that one can never be fully competent in everyone's culture but can be open to learning from the individuals about their experiences and integrate those learnings into practice with service recipients from marginalized and under-resourced communities.

Participants will learn how to integrate the Cultural Humility model into their service delivery approaches. This involves self-reflection on implicit bias and stereotypes, addressing interpersonal power and privilege, and understanding the impact of social inequality and inequities. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

### **Planning and Implementing Youth Cannabis Prevention Strategies in an Era of Commercial Cannabis**

**Scott Gagnon, MPP, PS-C**

February 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.-Noon CT

Across the country, rapid changes in cannabis policy have created a constantly changing landscape for the planning an implementation of youth prevention strategies. The commercialization of cannabis in many U.S. states has escalated the evolution of cannabis products available both in legal and black markets. As prevention professionals, we need to know the latest information when it comes to cannabis and how changing cannabis policies, namely commercialization, can impact our work. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).





## Training Opportunities

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### Case Management: Problems Don't Ride Solo, Neither Should Solutions

James Campbell, LPC, LAC, MAC, AADC

March 29, 2022

9:00 a.m.-Noon CT

Problems tend to travel in packs, and challenges tend to cluster together. People entering treatment of recovery rarely face just one difficult scenario or decision. This is where case management can be a tremendous help! Effective case management assists clients in navigating their diverse needs and often-fragmented community supports.

This training introduces the fundamentals of case management, discussing primary functions and offering practice in applying these functions to case studies. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

### Motivational Interviewing Training

Alan Lyme, LISW, MAC, CCS

March 31-April 1, 2022

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CT

This training series offers frontline staff core, booster, and advanced training towards competency in Motivational Interviewing (MI). Coding of recording work and individual coaching are integral components.

Participants will review the four processes utilized in MI, explore the contrast of sustain- vs. change-talk, discuss concrete strategies for addressing discord in conversation, and demonstrate how to elicit change-talk and provide empathic reflective statements. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

### Bullying: Many Pathways

Rodger Dinwiddie, M. Ed.

May 13, 2022

9:00 a.m.-Noon CT

Whether bullying occurs in schools, community organizations, on sports teams, online or in the workplace, it is everyone's responsibility to get involved. To eliminate bullying, no matter what the form, everyone must take an active role.

This session explores the differences between bullying and normal conflict, and the associated legal issues. It will provide a clear definition of bullying and explore important safety precautions and empowerment techniques to assist students, families, and employees. Register at [TAADAS Training and Education](#).

Stay tuned  
for  
more details!

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**December 7-9, 2022**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Murfreesboro, TN**  
**TARCPCON2022**



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Be sure to confirm that your email address is current with membership to receive this new series and to qualify for our monthly drawing to win one of the new TARCP YETI tumblers!



TARCP YETI tumblers are not for sale and are only available through our monthly drawings.

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