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# **Erie County Drug and Alcohol Coalition**

The Erie County Drug and Alcohol Coalition is a committee of human service agencies, health professionals, school personnel, parents, business and community leaders, clergy, elected officials, police, tenant groups, recovering persons, retirees and others concerned with the development of an integrated and coordinated comprehensive drug and alcohol education, prevention, and treatment delivery system.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Coalition is to reduce substance use in Erie County by improving the awareness of the problem in the citizenry by enhancing education about prevention, intervention and treatment of the problem; by improving the communication network and the coordination among related public and private agencies and individuals; by supporting and recognizing service providers; and by identifying needs and advocating legislation and strategies to meet those needs.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jessica Barr - Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.

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# **2025 Conference Agenda**

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Opening Board Members & Recovery Hub

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

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER - DR. TED PARRAN** 

Glenbeigh "Evolution of Drug Trends & Detox"

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Leslie Eckert: "Mobile MAT Unit"

or

Savage Sisters (VIRTUAL)- "Overdose Reversal, Drug Trends & Harm Reduction"

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Eaton: "Emergency Response Dogs"

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. BREAK

2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Attorney Celena Sidun: "Case Law Update"

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Miriam Brisley: "Trauma and Victimization"



Assisting individuals suffering from substance use disorder by introducing them to treatment.

No wrong door to ask for treatment services.

LETT is a law enforcement led policy through the county district attorney's office.

**REDUCE** deaths, overdoses, and crime associated with drug addiction by getting individuals into treatment.

**END** stigma associated with substance use disorder.

**STRENGTHEN** police-community relationships by encouraging individuals to seek help from law enforcement as well as the community.

**TRAIN** individuals and law Enforcment officers in how better to help individuals suffering from a substance use disorder.

**CONNECT** individuals with organizations that are ready, willing and able to provide help.

**ANYONE** can be a referral into treatment with a DA led LETI policy.



# Erie County Office of Drug & Alcohol Abuse: 814-451-6877

Anyone can contact them if they are needing assistance with a substance use disorder.



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# **Keynote Speaker**



# DR. PARRAN

Dr. Ted Parran, born and raised in Cleveland Heights, is a 1978 graduate with honors in History from Kenyon College and a 1982 graduate from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the Baltimore City Hospital of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Following his residency, Dr. Parran was selected to be the Medical Chief Resident and in 1987 he received the Outstanding Faculty Teacher Award from the Department of Medicine. In 1988 he returned to Cleveland and the faculty of CWRU School of Medicine.

Dr. Parran pursues several areas of special interest in medical education including: Doctor–Patient Communication and the development of Professionalism, Faculty Development, Continuing Medical Education, and Addiction Medicine.

In addition, Dr. Parran is board certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine, and his group practice provides medical directorship services to several Substance Abuse treatment programs in northeast Ohio. He is widely published and has been an invited speaker at national and international conferences for the past three decades.

He established the Addiction Fellowship Program at CWRU School of Medicine in 1994, is a core faculty member in the Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship at University Hospitals and the Addiction Medicine Fellowship at MetroHealth Medical Center. Dr. Parran, currently the medical director at Glenbeigh, has also served as the co-director of the Tuesday Seminars Program since 1994, the Communications Skills Curriculum co-director since 1992 and the medical director of the Program in Continuing Medical Education since 1994 - all at CWRU School of Medicine. In 2023 he was appointed as the co-director of the School of Medicine's new Addictions Pathway. In 2007 he was named as the inaugural Isabel and Carter Wang Professor and Chair in Medical Education, and in 2018 received the School of Medicine's outstanding pre-clinical faculty teaching award.



## **DR. YVONNE EATON-STULL**

Dr. Yvonne Eaton-Stull is an Associate Professor of Social Work at Slippery Rock
University (SRU) in Pennsylvania. She teaches several courses in animal-assisted social
work and coordinates the SRU animal-assisted social work certificate. She is also a
licensed clinical social worker who specializes in crisis intervention, forensic social work,
and animal-assisted social work and has provided clinical intervention to children and
adults for many years. She has provided animal-assisted crisis response for many years
including disasters such as the Virginia Tech shooting, Indiana Tornados and Washington
D.C. Navy Yard shootings. Her recent research has included implementing animalassisted interventions in state prisons and jails to address trauma, stress and anxiety,
self-harm, and grief and loss.



## **BRANDY CORTES, M.S.**

Brandy Cortes serves as the Lead Project Coordinator of the ECDA Regional Recovery Hub, a Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs (DDAP)-funded initiative that is the first of it's kind in Erie County and one of only nine Regional Recovery Hubs across Pennsylvania.

The Hub's mission is to identify, assess, and strengthen recovery support services for individuals, youth and families throughout the community.

With a career spanning nearly three decades, Brandy has provided social services, case management, counseling, and assessment services across Erie County since 1995. Her work has centered on supporting individuals with mental health conditions,

developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders.

Brandy holds both a Bachelor of Science in Mental Health Counseling with a minor in Social Work and a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology with a certification in Secondary Guidance, all from Gannon University. In addition to her professional and community work, she serves as an adjunct professor at Gannon University, where she teaches courses in Social work and Psychology.

Brandy is also a dedicated community leader. She serves on the board of the Erie Latino Leadership Association (E.L.L.A.), the region's only Hispanic/Latino nonprofit organization.

She is a County Commissioner for Diverse Erie and the founder of Erie's first Hispanic/Latino Advisory Council to the Mayor of Erie.



## **LESLIE ECKERT**

Leslie Eckert is a highly skilled, compassionate and dedicated healthcare professional with a diverse and accomplished career in nursing, leadership,

substance use disorder treatment and mental health services.

Leslie earned a Certificate in Practical Nursing from the Schuylkill Training and Technology Center, gaining foundational skills in patient care. Motivated to expand her knowledge, she later completed a Bachelor's Degree from Alvernia University, helping shape her understanding of healthcare management and leadership.

Leslie has a diverse and extensive medical background including inpatient rehabilitation and coordination of a detox program. Building on her expertise, Leslie took on the role of Program Director and later Senior Director of Mental Health Housing, where she was responsible for overseeing housing programs tailored to individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. Currently, Leslie is the Program Director for Gaudenzia's Driving Recovery PA, overseeing individuals receiving MAT (medication assisted treatment). Leslie's leadership played a crucial role in developing and managing programs that helped individuals achieve stability, wellness, and long-term recovery.

Leslie proudly served in the United States Navy Reserve for 10 years as a Hospital Corpsman, providing vital medical support to military personnel.

Leslie enjoys spending time with her family and friends as well as being an avid movie buff, she enjoys reading, hiking and swimming.



## **CHARLIE NOLAN**

Charlie is the Community Healthcare Specialist for Savage Sisters Recovery. His duties include providing wound care for our participants, doing street outreach, and providing harm reduction education to the community at large. As a person with lived experience, he has a passion for engaging with PWUD and tirelessly advocating for their rights.

## **DESTINIE CAMPANELLA**

Born and raised in South Philadelphia, Destinie has been a dedicated harm reductionist with over a decade of experience. She previously directed and lead a statewide harm reduction program providing services in Philadelphia, the surrounding counties, and virtual oversight in Pittsburgh. Prior, Destinie served as the harm reduction coordinator for the Philadelphia department of public health where she launched the city's first formal fentanyl test strip training and spearheaded their fentanyl test strip campaign. Destinie provides trainings on overdose prevention and reversal, harm reduction, current drug trends, and how to use drug testing strips. She graduated from West Chester University's bachelor of social work program.

## **SARAH LAUREL**

After recovering from substance use disorder, Sarah sought to offer resources to women like herself.

What began organically grew into a program providing housing, street-based outreach and nationwide training. Sarah uses her lived experiences to serve others and stay relatable to those still struggling. She leverages her corporate background to lead the Savage team thoughtfully, productively, and sustainably. Sarah is the recipient of several awards, including a Congressional Medal of Honor. She was featured on two Emmy award-winning episodes of Vice News and CBS News with Jessica Kartalija. Additionally, she created the first Xylazine training, delivering it both locally and nationally. Her advocacy for people who use substances, harm reduction, public health, and social justice has been consistent and groundbreaking.



## **ATTORNEY CELENA SIDUN**

#### **Employment History:**

July 2019 - March 2020: Law Clerk for the Honorable Marshall J. Piccinini

March 2020 - February 2024: Assistant Public Defender, Erie County Public

Defender's Office

February 2024 – Present: Attorney at MP2 Placidi & Parini

March 2024 - Present: Conflict Counsel for County of Erie

### **Educational History:**

2015 – graduated from Mercyhurst University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, a minor in Psychology of Crime and Justice, and concentration in Law Enforcement.

2019 - graduated from Duquesne University School of Law, JD



## **MIRIAM BRISLEY, LPC**

Miriam is a licensed therapist at the Crime Victim Center in Erie, PA, with degrees in counseling. She has spent most of her career in inpatient drug and alcohol rehab in Kansas City and Erie. Twelve years ago, she shifted focus to work with victims of crime and addiction. Miriam provides one-on-one counseling at a local rehab, addressing how victimization impacts addiction. Her work with men has grown significantly, including at drug rehab centers, the Erie County Prison, and Back on Track. She also spent a year working with PREA at Albion Prison. Additionally she created an eight week group on Trauma and Addiction that is taught at several locations in Erie.



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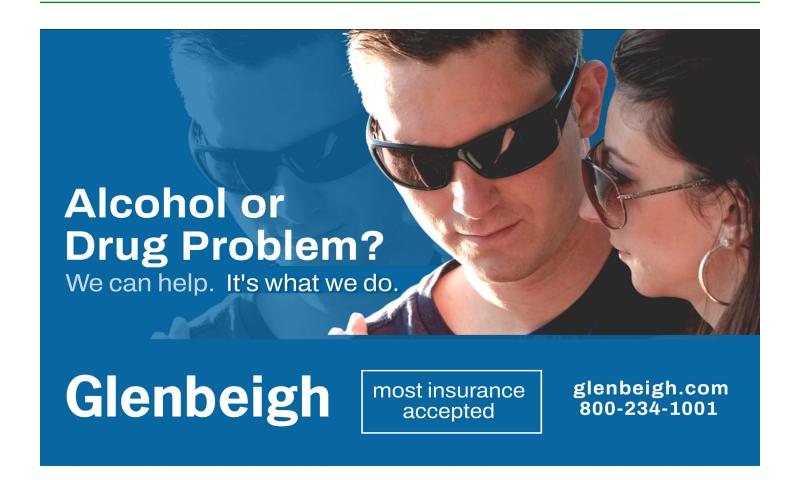
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- Hosts special recovery events
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#### **Community Service**

- Scarves for those in need (Jan)
- Flowers for Seniors (Feb)
- Presque Isle Clean Up (Apr)
- Food Drive (Nov)
- Hide painted rocks
- Cookies for 1st Responders (Dec)

#### Educate (ourselves and others)

- Retreats
- Conferences
- Day at the Capitol (Harrisburg)
- Presentations in schools
- Hidden In Plain Sight Trailer (Adults)

#### **Participate in Events**

- Celebrate Erie Chalk Walk (Aug)
- Discover Presque Isle (Jul)

#### **Encourage Smart Choices**

- PROMise Roses (May)
- Red Ribbon Challenge (Sep/Oct)
- Encourage friends (always)

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