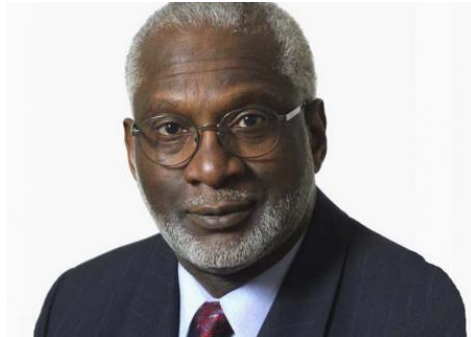


Speaker Biographies

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. David Satcher

Sworn in on February 13, 1998, Dr. David Satcher became the second person in history to ever simultaneously hold the positions of Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health simultaneously. A recipient of more than 40 honorary degrees and numerous distinguished

honors, Dr. Satcher brought to the office a wealth of public health experience and encouraged public debate about such varied topics as mental health, bioterrorism, sex education, AIDS, suicide, cloning, and achieving a balanced community healthcare system.

Serving under both Democratic and Republican parties as Surgeon General, he led the Department's efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health. He also released Surgeon General's reports on tobacco and health, mental health, suicide prevention, mental retardation, sexual health and responsible sexual behavior, youth violence prevention, and obesity.

Prior to accepting his position as Surgeon General, Dr. Satcher served as director of the Centers for Disease Control and president of Meharry Medical College. He currently occupies the Poussaint-Satcher-Cosby Chair in Mental Health at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta and serves on the board of directors for Johnson and Johnson, MetLife, and the Kaiser Family Foundation. Most recently, Dr. Satcher teamed up with Fuel Up to Play 60, an in-school program dedicated to fighting childhood obesity by encouraging proper nutrition and exercise practices in schools.

Well-respected by the medical, business, and political communities, Dr. David Satcher continues to dedicate his life's work to promoting healthy lifestyles for all Americans.



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PLENARY SPEAKERS

Pamela E. Toohey

Pam Toohey received her Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Certification at San Diego City College and for over 16 years has worked as a substance abuse counselor and case manager within multiple systems including child welfare, criminal justice, and mental and behavioral health. Personal life experiences helped her to found and develop a San Diego grassroots peer run non-profit agency the "Birth Parent Association" that provides advocacy and peer support for at risk parents and their families within the child welfare system. Ms. Toohey's passion and life's work to erase stigma connected with mental health, substance abuse, the criminal justice, and promoting trauma informed practice in those systems brought her to Oklahoma. Last year, Ms. Toohey accepted a position as Coordinator of Child Trauma and Resilience with the Department of Hope and Resilience and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Ms. Toohey still remains a consultant for San Diego's Rady Children's Hospital Chadwick Center for Children and has sat on the San Diego Children, Youth and Family Behavioral Health Systems of Care Council, the Southern Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils Coalition, Chadwick's Trauma Informed Systems Project National Advisory Committee, and the National Child Traumatic Stress Network's Parent Trauma Committee, Child Welfare Committee and the Military and Veteran Families Collaborative Group.

Michael Snowden

Michael Snowden is a thirty year veteran of Oklahoma Law Enforcement and currently serves as the Agent in Charge of the Human Trafficking Division for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Evan Floyd, Ph.D.

Evan Floyd is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of Oklahoma, College of Public Health. He is focused on improving worker protection through advancements in field assessment techniques and bringing laboratory technology into the field. Recently he has become involved in e-Cigarette research with an OTRC funded project characterizing exhaled vapor (secondhand) and its deposition on surfaces (thirdhand vapor). Evan has worked as an analytical chemist with Battelle in the chemical weapons disposal program where he learned GC, GC/MS and thermal desorption techniques and has also worked as an Industrial Hygienist for an environmental lab. In this role Dr. Floyd performed personal exposure assessments for varied insults (aerosols, vapors, gasses, fibers, noise) and became experienced in compliance monitoring, waste water and drinking water permitting.



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GUEST SPEAKER



Terry L. Cline, Ph.D

Oklahoma Commissioner of Health Secretary of Health and Human Services

Terry L. Cline, Ph.D., began his tenure as Oklahoma's Commissioner of Health effective June 30, 2009. Dr. Cline was appointed to this position by the Oklahoma State Board of Health and he is the 20th State Health Commissioner to serve since the position was first created in 1907. In February 2011, Gov. Mary Fallin appointed him to serve concurrently as Oklahoma's Cabinet Secretary of Health and

Human Services.

Dr. Cline previously completed a post as Health Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, where he advised the U.S. Ambassador, the Iraqi Minister of Health, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on health-related challenges in Iraq. Dr. Cline served in this capacity under the Administrations of both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. Prior to that position, Dr. Cline served as Administrator for the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) from 2006-2008, a position for which he was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Dr. Cline has extensive experience in overseeing health and human services at the state level as well. In 2004, he was appointed by Gov. Brad Henry as Oklahoma's Secretary of Health. At the same time, he served as Oklahoma's Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, a position he held since January 2001.

Dr. Cline has also served as a local provider through an earlier post as the Clinical Director of the Cambridge Youth Guidance Center in Cambridge, Mass., and as a Staff Psychologist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. In addition, his professional history includes a six-year appointment as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Chairman of the governing board for a Harvard teaching hospital in Cambridge, Mass.

A native of Ardmore, OK, Dr. Cline attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1980. He then received both a master's degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University. Dr. Cline has involved himself in community service, including membership on a number of local, state and national committees and boards with a focus on improving the overall health of the community and the nation.



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CERTIFIED HEALTHY OKLAHOMA SPEAKERS

Amanda James

Amanda James is a native Oklahoman. She holds a bachelor's degree in community health from New Mexico State University. Mrs. James is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist. Amanda has worked as a Health Educator and Public Information Officer in the Cleveland and McClain County Health Departments for over 8 years. She works extensively with community health planning and implementation. She is also very active in the Cleveland and McClain County Turning Point coalitions, addressing community health-related issues through collaboration.

Judy Williamson

Annisa Chadick

Kim Olson

Kim has worked in healthcare for 20 Years in rehab therapy recruitment and staffing; marketing and management for home health and hospice services in the metro area. Kim has been with Integris for 5 years and is currently the System Tobacco Treatment Coordinator for the Integris Health System and has recently earned the distinction of Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist from the Mayo Nicotine Dependence Center. The Integris model of tobacco treatment was planned and implemented through a partnership with The Oklahoma Hospital Assn. The program has been featured in national publications three Times since 2010 and is looking for a fourth this year in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Amanda Parsons

Amanda Parsons, MA, RD/LD is a Sr. Dietitian at Chesapeake Energy. Her primary areas of focus are creating corporate health initiatives and education opportunities involving nutrition, physical and mental health for employees and their families. Amanda has been with Chesapeake since 2005 and continues to enjoy providing guidance and support to employees working to create long-lasting behavior changes.

Suzy Harrington

Dr. Harrington is currently the Chief Wellness Officer for the Oklahoma State University. She previously held the position of Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness at the American Nurses Association. Other positions held by Dr. Harrington include the Director of Education at the Central Colorado Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Denver, Manager of Clinical Services in Baltimore, and Outcomes Management Project Director for an Army Congressional grant in Maryland. Her nursing experience includes critical care, community health, nurse recruiter, school health, radiology, course development, and military nursing. She has also taught online health care management and health promotion courses at several online universities and is also a free-lance healthcare writer. Dr. Harrington concentrated her Rush University Doctorate of Nursing Practice in healthcare business and management, and health promotion, earning the College of Nursing Dean's Award and the Rush Nurse Alumni Association



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Award. She received her Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) in 2001 after graduating with her Master of Science in Health Sciences, and was one of the first to receive her master's certification, or MCHES in 2011. Her baccalaureate in nursing is from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

SECTION/CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING SPEAKERS

Maria Alexander, MHR

Maria Alexander has been with the Oklahoma State Department of Health for over ten years. Beginning her tenure with the Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPRS) division, Maria now serves as a Regional Health Director for six counties located in Northeast Oklahoma. Maria is a retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant; having served 26 years divided between the Military Police Corp and the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense. As well, Maria served 22 concurrent years in the Law Enforcement arena and left law enforcement as the Chief of Police in Owasso, Oklahoma (a suburb north of Tulsa). Maria has a Master's Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and her Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP) from FEMA. On a personal note, Maria is married and she and her husband JB live in Owasso and have a son and three beautiful grandgirls.

Pam Archer, MPH

Pam Archer serves as the Director of the Office of Scientific and Research Integrity at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. She is responsible for providing consultation and technical assistance to OSDH staff in the development and review of annual reports, grant applications, and other documents. She served as a co-chair to develop the state plan, Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse in Oklahoma. She also staffed the Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Workgroup. Ms. Archer received a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Linda Byrd, B.S.

Linda Byrd, Project CORE Director, has worked for Little Dixie CAA for 10 years, aiding with various programs including the Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs, AmeriCorps, Rural Housing and Economic Development, and the Accounting Department. Byrd has also served as Communities Empowering Youth Program Director and Second Chance Mentoring Program Director. In 2005, Byrd received the Hugo Area Chamber of Commerce Hats Off Award for her work on the Main Street Project in Hugo. She was also considered instrumental in the formation of the Boys and Girls Club of Choctaw County. Byrd holds an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Information Technology from Murray State College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Byrd currently serves as Secretary of the Choctaw County Turning Point Coalition and is a Badged Oklahoma Department of Corrections Volunteer.

Briana Brumfield

Beverly Bynum, BSN, RN

Beverly Bymun, RN, BSN has worked at the Cleveland County Health Department for 34 years. She is currently the District Nurse Manager for Cleveland and McClain Counties. She graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1977, spent a couple of years in ICU and Surgery before landing her dream job in Public Health. During her career in Public Health, she has been a speaker for the TQM process and completed the OPHLI program in 2007. Beverly is married and lives in Moore. She has one daughter living in California. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting, looking for antique sewing machines, and her St. Bernard, Booh.

Sara L. Cole, Ph.D., MCHES

Sara L. Cole is an Associate Professor of Community/Public Health in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma. Sara earned her Ph.D. in Health Behavior, with a focus on Health Promotion and Human Sexuality, from Indiana University. Dr. Cole was among the first cohort to earn the Master Certified Health Education Specialist credential. Dr. Cole's research agenda primarily focuses on sexual health. However, she is also passionate about community-based participatory research to address health inequities. In addition to teaching and scholarship, Dr. Cole enjoys service activities.

Kristi Combes, MHR

Kristi Combes is the Program Coordinator for the Communities of Excellence in Nutrition and Physical Activity Program in Carter County. She is housed at the Carter County Health Department. The Nutrition and Physical Activity Program is funded by the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), and is geared toward decreasing adult and childhood obesity rates by focusing on environmental and policy change. Kristi has a Master's Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Currently she works with schools, businesses and communities in Southern Oklahoma, providing technical assistance in wellness policy development and implementation. Kristi specifically focuses on nutrition & physical activity policy elements that ensure access to healthy foods and provide opportunities for physical activity. Kristi is married and has two children. She enjoys riding motorcycles and spending time at the lake with her family.

J. Sunshine Cowan, Ph.D., MCHES

Bruce D. Dart, Ph.D.

Dr. Dart has served 5 local health departments in 3 states during his 33 year career in public health. Currently, he is the director of the Tulsa City/County Health Department (THD), a local public health agency serving over 600,000 people in Oklahoma. Dr. Dart serves in a leadership role as a member of several National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) work committee's and is a NACCHO Past-President and

former Board member. He serves on the CDC's OSTLT Advisory Committee and is on the Public Health Accreditation Board's (PHAB) Accreditation Review Committee. He is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and former Nebraska Environmental Health Administrator of the Year. He is a Year 15 graduate of the National Public Health Leadership Institute and his team was honored as co-winners of the Martha Katz award for best project. He was honored in 2010 as the recipient of the Public Health Association of Nebraska President's Award. He has received an appointment as a Visiting Associate Professor in the Oklahoma University College of Public Health and is active in numerous local health and human services organizations serving on the board of directors for various community non-profit organizations. He received his BA in Biology from Drury University (MO) in 1977, his MS in Administration (Health Services) from Central Michigan University in 1989 and his Ph.D. in Health Services from Walden University (MN) in 2005.

Rachel Deaton, MSW

Rachel Deaton is the current Project Director for "Tulsa 180," a Small Community Transformation Grant through the CDC. The Tulsa 180 Project is a partnership with the YMCA of Greater Tulsa and the Alzheimer's Association of Oklahoma. Prior to her work at INCOG Area Agency on Aging, Rachel graduated from OU-Tulsa with a Master of Social Work degree.

Julie Deerinwater-Anderson

Ms. Deerinwater-Anderson currently works for the Cherokee Nation Health Services, in the Community Health Promotion Program and serves as the Project Coordinator for the Community Transformation Grant-Small Communities Program. She has been with the Cherokee Nation Health Services for 17 years working on a variety of community and school health programs focusing on the promotion of physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco prevention. Julie is from Tahlequah, Oklahoma and is a proud citizen of the Cherokee Nation. She is a graduate of Northeastern State University and received her Masters of Public Health in Health Promotion Sciences from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Public Health.

Curtis DeLapp, J.D.

Hon. Curtis DeLapp is the District Court Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District Court of Oklahoma. Judge DeLapp graduated from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Law in 1991. He served in the Washington County District Attorney's Office as a prosecutor from 1991 until 2007 when he was elected as the Associate District Judge. Judge DeLapp became the District Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District in 2007 and continues to serve in that role today. Judge DeLapp serves on the Run the Streets Board as well as on the board of the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club. He and has been a mentor in Run the Streets for the past eight seasons.

Jessica Hawkins, BA

Jessica Hawkins is the Director of Prevention Services for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. In this role, she oversees the state's prevention portion of the federal substance abuse block grant as well as other federal prevention grant programs. Ms. Hawkins has been with the Department for 8 years. Prior to joining the Department, she served as a prevention and mission integration manager with the California Division of the American Cancer Society. Ms. Hawkins began her career in prevention 15 years ago in San Diego, California developing with a focus on underage drinking prevention, prevention policy, and youth leadership development.

Gayle Jones

For 12 years, Gayle Jones served the Oklahoma State Department of Education as Director of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities federal program where she presented health/safety and violence prevention workshops for schools, parents and the community. Since her retirement, she consults and serves as a resource and presenter to Oklahoma schools and community organizations. Mrs. Jones also works as a Grief and Loss Support Group Facilitator in schools for the Calm Waters Center for Children and Families. She assists the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education's safety office on a suicide prevention grant for Oklahoma college and university staff and students and is a certified QPR program trainer.

Whitney Kemp, B.S., MREMT-P, CHES

Whitney Kemp is the Education Coordinator for the Oklahoma Poison Control Center. She implements education and outreach services for the general public, as well as clinical education for EMS and fire departments. Whitney holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Health from the University of Central Oklahoma and is a Certified Health Education Specialist. In addition to her position at the Oklahoma Poison Center, she is a spokesperson for the American Association of Poison Control Center. Whitney is also a Nationally Registered EMT-Paramedic and has worked on the ambulance since 2006.

Hailey Larkin**James E. Leone, Ph.D., MS, ATC, CSCS, *D, FMHI**

Dr. James Leone is an Associate Professor of Health in the Department of Movement Arts, Health Studies, and Leisure Studies at Bridgewater State University. Dr. Leone's academic interests include: male health, body image, drug abuse epidemiology (androgenic anabolic steroids), celiac disease, and issues in professional development. He has written several chapters for various textbooks in addition to his own book on male health titled, *Concepts in Male Health: Perspectives across the Lifespan*.



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Jeanene Lindsey

The last 10 years of my career have been my absolute favorite so far! I have traveled all over the U.S. and I never cease to find healthcare professionals who are looking for quality training in geriatrics and gerontology. As a healthcare professional for the last 20 years, I have the unique ability to take what I have learned on the frontlines of care in geriatric settings and apply it to the educational activities I facilitate. I weave my own stories into what I teach with humor and heart, it's always fun to learn while you laugh! My goal as a healthcare educator is to give the learner tools that can be used in their healthcare setting to improve their competency in geriatric care. There is nothing more frustrating in my book, then taking a day out of a busy career to attend a training that you glean nothing from. As a healthcare professional, it is important to have updated information on clinical competences, assessments, resources and research. The healthcare education I provide is evidence based best practices. By using case studies, experiential learning and facilitated discussion people are engaged while learning new skills and information.

Lindsi Lemons, MPH

Lindsi Lemons graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelors degree in Community Health and from the University of Oklahoma, College of Public Health with a Masters in Public Health. Lindsi is the Program Director for Schools for Healthy Lifestyles, a statewide school health program reaching 59 elementary schools. She started as a program intern in 2005 and was hired full time in 2008. She has served as the Program Director for three years. During her time with SHL, she has increased school participation, implemented a tiered program structure, worked to build and maintain community partners and presented both locally and nationally regarding SHL. It is her goal to make sure schools participating in the SHL program are offered the best opportunities and resources available. Lindsi is a member of the Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Education Honor Society.

Mac McCrory, Ed.D.

Mac McCrory received his Doctor of Education degree in Health Science from Oklahoma State University. He graduated with honors and is a member and past President of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. Mac serves as Executive Director of Schools for Healthy Lifestyles, committed to improving the health and well being of Oklahoma's elementary school children. SHL serves 60 schools around the State. Mac has authored or co-authored over 25 professional publications. He has spoken at over 250 state and national conferences. His new book is [Fight the Good Fight: a practical guide to resolving life's everyday disputes.](#) Dr. McCrory is a motivational speaker on a variety of topics, including Wellness, Customer Magic, Leadership and Team Building, Communication Excellence, Conflict Management, Time Care, Ethical Practices, and Stress Ease. He and his wife, Dana, live in Oklahoma City with son, Ethan. Mac has three grown children and four grandchildren. He and Dana have 3 special needs cats and 2 blind dogs. He enjoys travel, golf, and most anything outdoors.



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Sheryl Mapes, MPH

Sheryl A. Mapes is the Associate Director for the Oklahoma Geriatric Education Center with the D. W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She has a graduate degree in Public Health from the University of Oklahoma and has worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the American Lung Association of Oklahoma as a health educator. She worked for many years as a respiratory care practitioner and developed a long-standing interest in geriatrics and end-of-life issues while treating chronically and critically ill older adults. She presently coordinates the OkGEC's educational activities, develops curricula for health care providers and other aging services professionals, acts as Liaison with the OkGEC Consortium and serves on various planning committees to develop educational events.

Jennifer Morphis, BS

Jennifer Morphis, Project CORE Outreach Specialist, has worked for Little Dixie CAA for 7 years, 6 of those being with the Head Start program. With that program she worked as a family advocate helping families to raise healthy children. Jennifer has an Associate and a Bachelor of Science Degrees in Agricultural Economics. Jennifer has been instrumental in the formation of the Hugo Farmers Market, and serves as the McCurtain County Turning Point Coalition Secretary. For Project CORE, Jennifer plays a significant role in record keeping and tracking for grant reporting. She also works with businesses, schools, and organizations to implement wellness policies, as well as maintaining social media pages.

Claire Nguyen, MS

Claire Nguyen is the Injury Surveillance and Prevention Program Epidemiologist for the Injury Prevention Service at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. She coordinates the unintentional poisoning and burn-related injury surveillance systems, and assists in other statewide injury surveillance systems, including a recent evaluation of the injuries and deaths that occurred as a result of May 2013 tornadoes. Claire co-coordinated the Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program, a statewide smoke alarm installation program that involved working with fire departments across the state to install smoke alarms in thousands of Oklahoma homes. Claire received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from the University of Oklahoma in 2006, and a Master of Science degree in Biostatistics from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 2008. Claire received the 2011 Community Service Award of the Year for OSDH and is a 2012-2013 Oklahoma Public Health Leadership Institute Fellow.

Germaine L. Odenheimer, MD

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Young Onuorah, MPA, CPS

Young has a Master Degree in Public Administration and 20 years of management experience including implementation of strategies for improved public health in Africa and US. He is the Oklahoma Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Manager and former project director of the State Prevention Enhancement Grant, Oklahoma Meth Prevention Initiative, and Crystal Darkness Phase 2 campaign. A Trainer of Trainers in Cultural Competency, Meth Prevention, and Sustainability, Young is a Certified Prevention Specialist and Preventionist of the year 2010 as awarded by Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselor Association.

Jamie Piatt, MPH

Jamie Piatt has a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in epidemiology. She has served in the public health sector as an epidemiologist for more than ten years. Her research and publications have included substance abuse and prevention, mental health, child and adolescent health, infant health, Down syndrome, infectious diseases, chronic diseases, and minority health. She is currently the epidemiologist and State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup Coordinator for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Avy Redus, M.S.

Avy Redus earned her Master's of Science in Wellness Management with an emphasis in health studies from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2011. She is a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) at the 200-hour level, specializing in Samatva Yoga. Avy currently works in the Injury Prevention Service at the Oklahoma State Department of Health where she is the Project Coordinator for the Unintentional Poisoning and Older Adult Falls Prevention Programs.

Jennifer Roach

Jennifer Roach is the Director of Child Nutrition for Ardmore City Schools in Ardmore, OK. She came to Ardmore from San Antonio, TX where she served as a Cafeteria Manager for 5 years. Jennifer has worked in child nutrition and hospitality for the past eighteen years in various positions including General Restaurant Manager and Training Coordinator. She was named Director of Child Nutrition for Ardmore City Schools in February of 2011. Jennifer has two daughters, Cheyenne and Arrah.

Michael J. Rovito, PhD, MA, FMHI

Dr. Michael J. Rovito is the Founder/Chairman of the Men's Health Initiative and a Lecturer in the Department of Health Professions at the University of Central Florida. His work specializes in health behavior change, men's health, health communication, and community interventions. His original research created the "Control Identity" Personality Typology that aims to assist health education and intervention efforts for tailoring messaging strategies. He has published work on topics including perceptions of testicular and prostate cancer, masculinity/machismo, and roles of men in society. Currently, he is authoring a piece that details MHI's "Go On, Touch Yourself!" health



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education and awareness campaign. Dr. Rovito is a Fellow of the Men's Health Initiative, the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making, the Albert Schweitzer Foundation. He currently serves as a Committee Member of the American Public Health Association's Men's Health Caucus.

Scott Schaeffer, RPh, DABAT

Scott graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in 1992, and after working in the hospital setting followed his interest in toxicology by obtaining a position at the Oklahoma Poison Control Center. He's been working in the field of clinical toxicology for nearly 20 years, and received board certification in Applied Toxicology in 2007. In addition to his position as Managing Director of the Oklahoma Poison Center, he serves on several state and national committees related to drug abuse and toxicology. Scott has particular interest in the areas of health literacy and drugs of abuse.

Charles Spencer

Charles Spencer represents Mercy Hospital-Ardmore in the role of Director of Guest Services as well as Executive Chef. I have been with Mercy for 7+ years in this role. Prior to Mercy, I was in the restaurant industry for 20 years in Dallas/Ft Worth and Ardmore. One of my hobbies is food. Not many people have their hobby as their profession but I do. I view food as an art form. I take great pride in my knowledge of food. I am not professionally trained, but I have worked with and been mentored by some incredible chefs who to this day provide resources when my services are requested. I love to do fine dining. I love the challenge of preparing rare items. I live in Ardmore. I have three children, an 18 year old daughter that will be a freshman at OSU this fall and two sons that are 12 and 11 and both attend Ardmore Schools. We love sports, music and movies.

Bryan Stice, Ph.D.

Dr. Bryan Stice is a licensed psychologist in clinical practice in the suicide prevention program of the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center. He has served on the Oklahoma Suicide Prevention Council since 2009 and has served as Chair of the council since 2011. Dr. Stice also holds a faculty appointment as a volunteer clinical assistant professor at the OU Health Sciences Center, in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Thomas A. Teasdale, DrPH

Thomas A. Teasdale, Dr. P.H., FGSA is Professor and Vice Chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine, Director of the Oklahoma Geriatric Education Center, and Associate Director of the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative, all at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He is an educator with 30 years in the field of geriatric medicine and gerontology. His research interest is on development and evaluation of geriatric medicine education initiatives. He has a welcomed ability to develop partnerships that advance geriatrics competencies in

health care providers as well as overall public health for older adults. Dr. Teasdale has authored over 50 publications/chapters, plus has developed a number of educational products in geriatrics and gerontology that are used by hundreds of clinical educators worldwide. In the last few years, he and his team have created training kits based on simulation of health conditions and symptoms that challenge high quality of life in affected older adults. The kits offer experiential engagement by learners with follow-up training on evidence based approaches to geriatric care.

Pam Waugh

Pam Waugh, Project CORE Outreach Specialist, has worked for Little Dixie CAA for 14 years. This includes working with the Head Start Program and with the Healthy Marriage Program. As a Head Start Specialist Pam helped manage several Head Start facilities and their activities, this included family issues. She worked with families to enroll their children in Head Start program, and to understand it. Pam also worked for Little Dixie's Healthy Marriage Program, this program worked with singles and couples that had Head Start eligible children on creating a Healthy family environment. This program lasted 5 years and was a huge asset to our community. Pam works with businesses, schools, and organizations to implement wellness policies. She also works with local media to keep them informed about Project CORE's accomplishments. Pam is also instrumental in keeping active relationships with our community partners.

Bob Williams, B.S.

Bob Williams is a juvenile probation officer in Washington County, Oklahoma and has worked for the Office of Juvenile Affairs for 13 years. Bob founded the Run the Streets Mentoring Program in 2009. He serves on the Run the Streets Board, has been a mentor in the program for all nine seasons of the program and has been voted Mentor of the Season by the RTS youth on three occasions. Bob has a B.S. in Psychology from NWOSU.



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