



Addressing SUD within BIPOC Communities

The BJA COSSUP TTA Center on Access and Recovery

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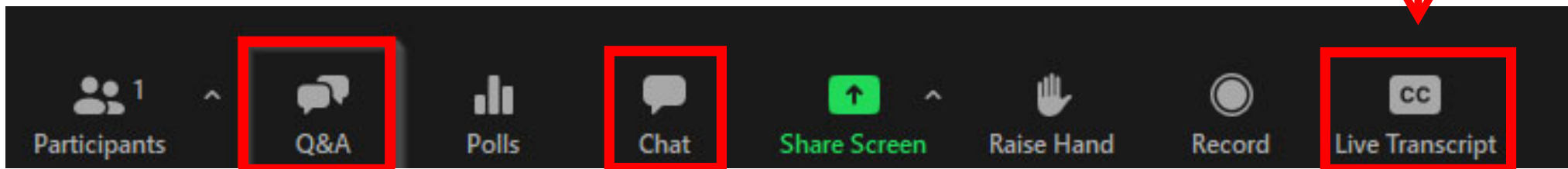
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Opening Remarks



Tim Jeffries, MSW
Senior Policy Advisor,
Bureau of Justice Assistance

- 22 years of policy guidance and program assistance
- Assist states, locals, and tribes with Housing and Urban Development
- Coordinate treatment services and drug interventions within the criminal justice system
- Provided treatment and counseling services to disadvantaged youth

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Panelist



Kimberly Govak, NCPRSS, CPRS
Program Manager,
Faces and Voices of Recovery

- National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (NCPRSS) and a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS).
- Program Manager for Faces and Voices of Recovery's Council on Accreditation of Peer Recovery Support Services (CAPRSS)
- Awarded the NCADD-NJ Advocacy Leader award and the Courage and Compassion Outstanding Peer Leadership award from the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addictions Agencies (NJAMHAA).
- Board of Directors member for the National Center for Advocacy and Recovery for Behavioral Health (NCAAR-BH) and a founding advisory board member of the New Jersey Coalition for Addiction Recovery Support (NJCARS).

Panelist



Casandra Huggins, MSW
Outpatient Federal Clinician,
Community Assessment and
Treatment Services

- An experienced clinician with over five years of experience
- Work with individuals that are affiliated with The Federal Probation Department and Bureau of Prisons.
- In 2022, while in her Bachelor Program, she was inducted into the Social Work honor society.
- In December of 2022, she received a BSW degree.
- In May of 2024, Casandra received her MSW degree from The University of Akron.

Panelist



Daryl McGraw
Founder/ CEO,
Formerly, Inc.

- Holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership, both from Springfield College.
- Certified Addictions Counselor, Recovery Support Specialist, and Criminal Justice Professional.
- Over 10 years of lived experience and expertise in urban trauma, addiction recovery, and community reintegration.
- An expert in the field of Criminal Justice Reform.
- Works in policy development, contract management, and project coordination and collaborates with grassroots peer-advocacy agencies and Departments of Corrections.

Panelist



Philip Rutherford

Strategy Lead for Substance Use,
National Council for Mental
Wellbeing

- Rutherford has managed strategy and operations for several recovery-focused organizations.
- A member of committees at the National Institute of Health, the FDA, and other Federal agencies.
- Serves on several nonprofit boards including Serve Minnesota, the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, and the Police Treatment and Community Collaborative.
- Prior to the nonprofit world, he spent most of his career at Microsoft, Micron Electronics, and the Taylor Corporation.



Panel Discussion

Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) Resource Center

The screenshot shows the homepage of the COSSUP Resource Center. At the top left is the COSSUP logo, which consists of a blue square with a white grid pattern and the text 'COSSUP' in white, with 'Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program' in smaller text below it. To the right of the logo are four navigation links: 'Program', 'Topics', 'Learn', and 'Resource Library'. The main content area features a large background image of a diverse group of people smiling. Overlaid on this image is a dark blue call-to-action box with the text 'I want to ...' and a dropdown menu showing 'Find Learning Opportunities' with a downward arrow. Below this is a yellow 'Get Started' button. To the right of the call-to-action box is a white 'Subscribe' button with a bell icon. At the bottom of the page are two white buttons: 'Site-Based Grants' and 'Request Assistance'. The text 'DISCOVER IMPACTFUL RESPONSES TO THE OPIOID CRISIS' is written in large, bold, blue letters on the left side of the main image.

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COSSUP Resources

Tailored Assistance—The COSSUP training and technical assistance (TTA) program offers a variety of learning opportunities and assistance to support local, tribal, and state organizations, stakeholders, and projects in building and sustaining multidisciplinary responses to the nation’s substance abuse crisis. ***You do not need to be a COSSUP grantee to request support.*** TTAs are provided in a variety of formats, including virtual and in-person training events, workshop and meeting presentations, and online resources. Request TTA to support your activities at <https://www.cossup.org/Program/TTA/Request>.

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