



OCEACT First Annual Statewide Conference 2014 Presenter Bios

We are excited to have the following presenters at this year's conference:

George H. Brice, Jr., MSW

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Mr. Brice is an Instructor and Trainer in the Integrated Employment Institute (IEI) within the Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions of Rutgers University- School of Health Related Professions where he contributes to the Institute's training and consultation services. George has a Bachelors in Social Work in 1997 and Masters in Social Work in 1999 both from Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey. George works with peers, providers, families, and the system to focus on physical wellness and employment as key to recovery. Mr. Brice currently holds the position of Co-Chair of the New Jersey's Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma and Board member of Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services. George is both a recipient and provider of services helping to empower individuals living with emotional disorders and/or substance use disorders, and related health concerns to become contributing members of society.



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Benjamin Henwood, PhD

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Benjamin Henwood, PhD is a licensed clinical social worker who has served as an administrator, clinician and researcher for organizations serving adults experiencing homelessness and serious health conditions, including mental illness, physical disease and addiction. He helped start and served as the clinical director for Pathways to Housing, Inc., a Housing First agency in Philadelphia, where he also served as the principal investigator of clinical research that sought to develop more effective models of integrating primary and behavioral health care.

Henwood received a dissertation-training grant from the National Institute of Mental Health and is a co-investigator of the five-year, NIMH-funded New York Recovery Study of homeless adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse. He is also the lead evaluator of a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant to expand Housing First services in the state of Vermont. As an assistant professor at the USC School of Social Work, Henwood has continued his ongoing research agenda on the complex service environment for individuals with serious mental illnesses who have experienced homelessness. He is currently involved in the evaluation of Los Angeles County's integrated physical and behavioral health care initiative, where his task is to develop a measure of integration that can be used across diverse organizational settings.



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Maria Monroe-DeVita PhD

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Dr. Monroe-DeVita's expertise is in implementation and services research related to evidence-based practices for adults with serious mental illness, particularly the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model. She has served as the Principal Investigator on several projects with the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, including the development, implementation, and fidelity assessment of 10 new ACT teams, and several Illness Management and Recovery (IMR) and Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) pilots across the state. She is also in the process of developing and testing novel approaches to better serving people with serious mental illness. She received a collaborative R34 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to develop and pilot-test the integration of IMR within ACT teams and is working to better define and implement integrated primary care services within ACT. She is also the lead author of the new ACT fidelity tool – the Tool for Measurement of Assertive Community Treatment (TMACT) – which has been disseminated and pilot-tested in several U.S. states and countries (see Monroe-DeVita, Teague, & Moser, 2011). More recently, she has begun to work collaboratively with a team of researchers to better address staff burnout prevention and the linkage to client outcomes.

Dr. Monroe-DeVita received her undergraduate degree from Boston University, graduating with Distinction in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, and Phi Beta Kappa. She worked as a community mental health provider in Colorado, before pursuing her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and Certificate in Program Evaluation and Public Policy Analysis from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL). While at UNL, she received clinical and research training in psychiatric rehabilitation approaches and worked within the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services on implementation and evaluation of their ACT teams, as well as several key statewide mental health policy projects (e.g., integrated health, Medicaid managed care performance measurement). She completed her Residency in Clinical Psychology at the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2001 and completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Administration and Evaluation Psychology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2002.



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Darcy has been in the medical field off and on for 18 years. She began out of high school as a CAN, went to Pioneer Pacific College and received an Associate's degree in Medical Assisting in 2008. She has worked in the mental health field for 5 1/2 years have has been with Laurel Hill Center for over 4 years. Darcy was initially the Peer for the ACT team before moving to her current role on the medical team as Medical Assistant. She currently manages medications and pharmacy orders, assists with medical appointments and health organization, and coordinates with the team's RN and PMHNP.

Cory Suratt, CRC, QMHP

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Team Leader

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Cory has been the Team Leader for Laurel Hill Center's Assertive Community Treatment team since November of 2010. Previously, Cory was team leader for an ACT based program in Boston Massachusetts where he lived and worked for 7 years. Cory has worked in the field of human services as a supervisor and direct service provider in a variety of settings including outpatient mental health providers, residential programs, and a psychosocial rehabilitation Clubhouse model program. Cory received his Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling at Boston University in 2005, Bachelors of Science in biology at University of Oregon, and is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.



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Lori is working towards attaining a CADC 1 (Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor) certification. To date, she has completed the NAADAC courses necessary for the CADC 1 certification, and is in the process of compiling the thousand prerequisite (supervised) practicum hours required before certification testing can ensue.

Katie Sittler, LCSW, CADCI

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Katie Sittler has been part of Central City Concern's CORE ACT Team for 5 years. Katie has her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Theology from the University of Notre Dame and her Master's Degree in Social Work and Pastoral Ministry from Boston College. Katie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

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Megan Chaloupka is currently the Clinical Supervisor of Central City Concern's CORE ACT Team. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her Master's Degree in Art Therapy and Counseling from Maryhurst University. She has been with the CORE ACT team for approximately 7 years, serving as Team Lead/Clinical Supervisor for five and a half years. Megan is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.



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Andrew Buck, MA, QMHP

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Andrew holds a Master's degree in professional counseling and has worked with South Lane Mental Health for close to five years. He has supervised and led the ACT team for the last three years and was part of the initial development and implementation of the model at South Lane Mental Health. Prior to working with ACT, Andrew has experience working in secure and non-secure residential settings and has worked with supported housing as well. Andrew has over 10 years of combined experience in adult mental health treatment.

Marc V. Williams, MD

Deschutes County Behavioral Health
ACT Psychiatrist
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Dr. Williams has been a Psychiatrist at Deschutes County Behavioral Health for the past 13 years. His primary focus for the past four years has been as the psychiatrist for both the ACT team and Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) team at DCBH.

Sharla McKenna, PSS

Deschutes County Behavioral Health
Peer Support Specialist

Sharla has been a Peer Support Specialist at DCBH for the past year, within the ACT team as well as with the Health integration project with Mosaic Medical.



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Tina Busby, MD

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Dr. Tina Busby, MD, is board certified in Family Medicine. Dr. Busby developed a passion for under served populations at a young age by interacting with her own family physician growing up on a farm in northern Idaho. Dr. Busby earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Idaho and following graduation spent several years working as a research assistant in a molecular genetics laboratory. She graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine and completed her residency at Bayfront Family Practice Residency. Following graduation she worked in an inner city free clinic in Tampa, Florida and then a rural practice in Bigfork, Montana. She joined Mosaic Medical in May of 2003 and has worked at both the Prineville and Bend clinics.

Chad Scott

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Chad Scott is an operations and policy analyst for the division of medical assistance programs focusing on behavioral health programs. Prior to his work in policy, Chad was an ACT team clinician. He is attending the conference to answer questions about billing Medicaid for ACT services.

Bridget Brown

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Bridget Brown has over fifteen years of in-depth experience advocating for individuals with special needs, with comprehensive expertise with program planning, monitoring and evaluation. As an educator, Bridget has taught students ages three to adult. Bridget currently works at the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness in Enterprise, OR as the team lead for the ACT program.



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