

# PRS Community Event + Job Fair

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**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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# Event Agenda

## **9 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

Registration // Auditorium Lobby

## **9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Job Fair - Room 1A

Background Checks - Room 1B

## **10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Opening remarks - Lisa Allison // Auditorium

## **10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

Keynote - Allen Lovelace // Auditorium

## **11 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.**

Breakout Session #1 // Room 3A

### **"Hiring with Heart: Embracing the Whole Self in Peer Recovery"**

Join us for a session where HR professionals will demystify the PRS hiring process, providing clarity and practical insights. This conversation is designed to make the process more transparent and less intimidating for peers.

Speakers:

Angela Stewart from Maryhaven

Deidra James from The P.E.E.R Center

Melissa Miller from Southeast Healthcare

## **11 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.**

Breakout Session #2 // Auditorium

### **"Crisis Management Workshop"**

Learn practical strategies to assess and respond to crises with confidence and care. This interactive workshop covers de-escalation techniques and safety best practices.

Speaker: Mike Gersz

## **12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Lunch - Blue Bow Tie // Auditorium Lobby/Auditorium

## **12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

Peers of the Year Awards // Auditorium

Robert Munnerlyn, Southeast Healthcare

Faith Sharp, Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs

Lisa Burgess, Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs

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# Event Agenda Cont.

## 1 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Sponsor Spotlight: Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs

## 1:35 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Breakout Session #3 // Room 3A

### "Storytelling Workshop: Recovery Capital for Growth"

This workshop will help others transform their lived experiences into sources of strength, empowerment, and education. "Our stories—especially the vulnerable parts—shouldn't be hidden in shame, but shared with purpose." Through compassionate guidance and creative expression, this workshop will empower individuals to use their recovery capital gained in lived experience not as weaknesses, but as powerful tools for connection, advocacy, and personal growth.

Speaker: Kim Flynn

## 1:35 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Breakout Session #4 // Auditorium

### "Boundaries in Peer Support"

Learn how to set and maintain healthy boundaries in peer support roles. This workshop covers common challenges and practical tools to support ethical, respectful relationships.

Speaker: Jackie Doodley

## 2:35 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Raffle: Lisa Allison // Auditorium

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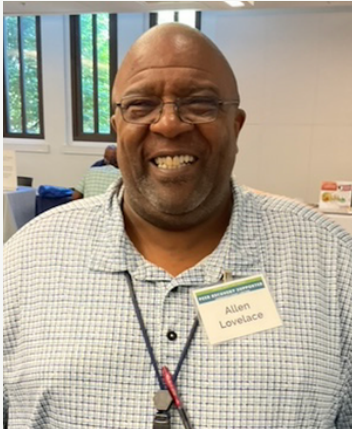
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# Our Keynote Speaker



## Allen Lovelace

Allen Lovelace grew up in Dayton, Ohio, where he lived with his mother and sister in a single-family home. After graduating from Dunbar High School in 1983, his life was filled with challenges and triumphs that eventually shaped him into the person he is today. A pivotal turning point came in 2010, when Allen embraced a substance-free lifestyle and began dedicating his life to helping others. His journey from struggle to service has been nothing short of inspirational, leading him to a career that focuses on transforming lives and uplifting communities.

Today, Allen works as a Therapeutic Community AOD Counselor at Madison Correctional Institution, where he helps individuals overcome addiction and substance abuse. His passion for making a positive impact has been recognized through his roles at Southeast Healthcare Inc. and as a Peer Supporter, where he received the "Knock Your Socks Off" award for saving a client's life. An avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and admirer of Michael Jordan, Allen draws inspiration from sports legends as he inspires others to live substance-free, fulfilling lives, giving back to the community he loves.

# Our Workshop Speakers



## Breakout #1: Angela Stewart

Angela Stewart is the Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity Development at Maryhaven, where she has provided executive-level leadership for 19 years. She oversees HR strategy, talent acquisition, leadership development, compensation, benefits, and employee safety and well-being. Angela is an active leader in workforce development and diversity initiatives. She is a member of the

ADAMH Workforce Development Council and serves as the Chair of Maryhaven's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council. Before joining Maryhaven, Angela was the Director of Human Resources at North Central Mental Health Services. She also held administrative roles at the Southeastern Public Service Authority in Virginia and the Ohio EPA.



## Breakout #1: Melissa Miller

Melissa Miller joined Southeast Healthcare in May of 2002 as the Chief Human Resources Officer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Washington and Lee University and a Juris Doctor from The University of Cincinnati College of Law. At Southeast, her scope of duties includes overseeing all Human Resources functions, ranging from workers compensation and unemployment to recruitment, training, and benefits administration, as well as working on corporate legal matters.



### **Breakout #1: Deidra James**

Deidra James is the Assistant Director of The P.E.E.R. Center (Peers Enriching Each others' Recovery) in Columbus. As one of the original staff members, Deidra played an instrumental role in the development of what would later become The P.E.E.R. Center. She oversees the programming and supervision of the Center, and continues to strive to ensure that the Center meets the needs of those who come through the door. Being a person in recovery herself, Deidra is passionate about her work and believes it has meaning and purpose. Deidra has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the Ohio State University and is an Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Supporter.



### **Breakout #2: Mike Gersz**

Mike has worked in the behavioral health field since 2007 and currently holds the license of LPCC-S and LICDC-CS along with his gambling endorsement. He currently serves as the Director of Outpatient Services at Maryhaven, where he manages outpatient treatment and prevention services in Franklin County. Mike currently serves as an adjunct instructor at Columbus State Community College and Capital University.



### **Breakout #3: Kim Flynn, CEO. CPSS**

Kim Flynn is a peer at heart with an exceptional story of lived experience. She founded a faith based 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, Overcomers on the Move, that specializes in peer support and peer-led recovery housing. Kim advocates for change through writing, speaking and empowering peers to foster recovery capital. She began her professional experience in the chemical dependency field 2009, is a Certified Peer Support Specialist Supervisor, and serves as an Anti-Human Trafficking Specialist. In January 2024 Kim received an honorable award from the State of Ohio Governor's Office for her work with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Human Trafficking Strategic Planning Committee.



### **Breakout #4: Jackie Doodley**

Jackie has been in long-term recovery since 1993. Her recovery journey led her to begin working in 1994 with individuals facing homelessness, substance use disorders (SUD), mental health challenges, and justice involvement. In 2011, she became one of Ohio's first Recovery Coaches trained in the national CCAR model. Her career spans prisons, community mental health, and substance use programs at both state and local levels. She is an Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Supporter with deep knowledge of state systems and experience supporting adults with SUD/MH in diverse settings. A strong advocate of "nothing for us without us," she has championed Big "A" advocacy on Capitol Hill. At home, she practices little "a" advocacy in a regional psychiatric hospital, helping patients be heard and exercise choice. Her journey has been shaped by the quote from Henri J.M. Nouwen: "The main question is not how we can hide our wounds... but how can we put our woundedness into service for others?" At her best, Jackie is a force used by her Creator to serve others.



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