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Andrea Boxill, MA, LCDCII

Master Trainer and Consultant - Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Most recently, Andrea served as the Administrator for the Department of Addiction Services at Columbus Public Health in Ohio. During this period, Andrea was also the administrator for the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan coalition. Andrea has also served as the Deputy Director for the Ohio Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team and assisted in developing the policy to make Naloxone and developing the Overdose Surge Response Notification Process for the State of Ohio. Andrea holds a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and a Master of Arts in Counseling. Andrea has worked in the mental health and addiction system for over 30 years

Catherine (Cat) Mills CAC-I, CPS-AD, MATS

Director of Addictive Disease – Advantage Behavioral Health Systems

Catherine (Cat) Mills joined Advantage Behavioral Health Systems in 2008 and has worked in both substance abuse and mental health programs. In 2017, with funding from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, she began building Advantage's Opioid Treatment Program, PROUD (Peers in Recovery from Opioid Use & Dependence), in response to the national opioid epidemic. In 2011, Cat was recognized by the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse as a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist or CARES/CPS-AD. She became a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Professional (CPRP) in 2014 and a Certified Addictions Counselor in 2023. Cat also holds a certification as a Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist (MATS). She currently serves as the Director of Addictive Diseases for Advantage Behavioral Health Systems in Region 2 and makes her home in Athens, GA

Diana Kelly, LCSW

Master Clinical Consultant, Consulting and Training Solutions - Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Diana Kelly is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, (LCSW) Clinician, educator and Master Clinical Consultant at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and serves as an adjunct faculty member at the IU School of Social Work in Indianapolis Indiana. Diana's primary focus areas include inclusive group work, trauma informed and anti-oppressive clinical practices, and clinical work with Military Veterans and their families. Diana's direct practice experience involves work with Military Veterans, and those involved with the Justice System. Diana has a strong passion for trauma informed work with Women Veterans and advocating for the inclusive treatment of minority Veterans. Diana has a strong passion for teaching, mentoring, group facilitation and has a strong belief in the magic of group work! She is a graduate of the IU School of Social Work in Indianapolis Indiana.

Emily Brunner, MD, FASAM

Physician TTA Consultant, Consulting and Training Solutions - Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Dr. Brunner is board-certified in both family medicine and a distinguished fellow in the field of addiction medicine. She has experience treating addiction in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She is an experienced speaker and specializes in trauma-informed clinical treatment of substance use disorders with a comprehensive and compassionate approach.

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Dr. Brunner has been involved in leadership of the Minnesota Society of Addiction Medicine and is now on the national board of the American Society of Addiction. She is a passionate advocate for improving the care of patients with substance use disorder across the healthcare system, and specifically in advocating for increased utilization of medications for opioid use disorder across all levels of care. She has also been recognized as a Top Doctor for addiction medicine by Minnesota Magazine in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

JoAn Laes, MD, DFASAM, FACMT

Addiction Medicine Physician – Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Dr. Laes is an addiction medicine physician in Minneapolis, Minnesota, focusing on inpatient addiction medicine and toxicology consultation as well as experience in outpatient treatment of opioid and other substance use disorders. She is also a core medical toxicology faculty for the Minnesota Poison Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Medical Toxicology, and Addiction Medicine. She completed internal medicine residency at Hennepin County Medical Center and medical toxicology fellowship at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jonathan Barr, CADC-I, CPS-AD, MATS, FPM

Program Manager - PROUD Program

Jonathan Barr is a person in long term recovery, a returned citizen, and a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES). He graduated Hall County Drug Court in June of 2016. Jonathan then moved to Athens Georgia to help start Acceptance Recovery Center before ultimately making another move to help start a program to serve peers with opioid use disorder (OUD). He currently works at Advantage Behavioral Health Systems as the Program Manager for the Peers in Recovery from Opioid Use and Dependency (PROUD) program. Jonathan works daily with those seeking recovery to help them find freedom from substance misuse, an improved quality of life, and meaningful connection with others. Jonathan has been working in the field for over 8 years, is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC), a certified Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) instructor, a Forensic Peer Mentor (FPM), and is a Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist (MATS) through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia. He considers his work not just a job, but his calling and life's passion. Jonathan is currently attending Georgia State University and is studying social work. His long-term goal is to become a fully licensed clinician and to someday apply his skills and education on a macro state or national level.

Joseph Mathias, MD

Addiction Psychiatrist and Director of Outpatient Addiction Services - Emory Healthcare

Dr. Mathias is an Addiction Psychiatrist and Director of Outpatient Addiction Services at Emory Healthcare. He also serves as Associate Medical Education Director for the Addiction Alliance of Georgia. Dr. Mathias completed his training in General Psychiatry at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He started to develop an interest in addiction treatment during residency as his local community in Western Massachusetts suffered greatly due to the opioid epidemic. He served as Chief Resident his final year of residency and helped treat patients with opioid use disorder at Berkshire County's community mental health buprenorphine clinic. Following residency, Dr. Mathias completed his Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship at Emory University. Dr. Mathias has particular interest in the treatment and prevention of substance use disorders in adolescents/young adults. He is also actively involved in nursing student, medical student, residency and fellowship education.

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John Martin, LCSW, MAC

Director of Medical and Professional Education – Addiction Alliance of Georgia

John is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Master Addiction Counselor. John graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northeastern University in Boston, MA with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Organizational Communication. He graduated with honors from the Master of Social Work program at the University of South Carolina – Columbia, with a specialization in Health/Mental Health. John has worked in addiction and mental health since training at Willingway Hospital in Statesboro, GA in 2009. In 2013, he provided clinical addiction and mental health services at a men's detox and residential program in Boston, MA. Upon returning to Georgia, John provided family counseling, adolescent continuing care, and marketing for Bradford Health and Recovery Houses Services. After completing his graduate education, he began working as the Clinical Director at The Hale Foundation, a private non-profit organization specializing in addiction treatment services for the men's residential program. As the Clinical Director, he started the outpatient program and saw clients for individual and family therapy. John has also worked as a psychiatric therapist at Aurora Pavilion, behavioral health services program in Aiken, SC. Before joining Emory and the Addiction Alliance of Georgia, John was the Clinical Director at The Bluff Recovery Center, providing clinical oversight and program management for detox, residential, and outpatient services for individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders. As Clinical Director, he founded the outpatient program and provided individual, group, and family therapy to individuals in the community and within the program. John also founded a group private practice named Autumn's Harbor Psychotherapy, LLC.

Steve Delisi, MD

Chief Medical Officer and President, YourPath, Inc.

Adjunct Professor, Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies

Medical Trainer On-call, Hazelden Betty Ford

Dr. Delisi is board certified by both the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Board of Addiction Medicine. Before joining the YourPath team as CMO and President, Dr. Delisi had served as a psychiatrist for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation from 2005-2023. During his time with Hazelden, Dr. Delisi most recently served as Medical Director, Enterprise Solutions. Dr. Delisi continues as an Adjunct Professor at the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School and as an On-call Medical Trainer. Dr. Delisi is a nationally recognized leader, speaker, and consultant on the use of evidence-based, integrated treatments for co-occurring and substance use disorders, as well as the risk conferred by the epigenetic effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma.