

Advancing Peer Support & Lived Experience Leadership

2021 UPWARD SPIRAL SUMMER SUMMIT

**SUMMER SUMMIT (VIRTUAL)
KICK-OFF EVENT
MAY 27@1PM-3PM**

**HISTORY OF PEER SUPPORT:
WHERE ARE WE HEADED NEXT?**

**MODERATED BY:
Chyrell Bellamy**

**FEATURING:
Larry Davidson &
Phil Valentine**



Chyrell D. Bellamy, PhD, MSW is an Associate Professor of Yale School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, Program for Recovery and Community Health (PRCH) and serves as the Director of Peer Support Services and Research and the Director of the Yale Lived Experience Transformational Leadership Academy (LET(s)Lead). Dr. Bellamy also serves as the Interim Director of the Office of Recovery Community Affairs, Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services. She has experience as a frontline service provider, community educator and organizer, community and academic researcher, and as a person with lived experience of trauma, mental illness and addictions. Her expertise includes developing and conducting peer support and community-based research initiatives. Dr. Bellamy's research examines sociocultural experiences and pathways to wellness and recovery in prevention and treatment. She has received various federal and state grants for her research and programs addressing health care and health outcomes for people with mental and physical health conditions and to develop and study peer and community-based approaches. She is known nationally and internationally for her work in developing, implementing and disseminating peer support approaches for organizations and communities. Dr Bellamy is a proud 2013 recipient of the Pearl Johnson Advocacy Award from the National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy.



LARRY DAVIDSON, PHD, IS A PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT YALE, AND ALSO SERVES AS THE SENIOR CLINICAL OFFICER AND MENTAL HEALTH POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES. HE IS DIRECTOR OF THE [YALE PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH](#). HIS TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND POLICY INTERESTS FOCUS ON THE INTERFACE BETWEEN RECOVERY IN PSYCHIATRIC AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETY. HE HAS INVESTIGATED PROCESSES OF RECOVERY IN PSYCHOSIS, USING PEER SUPPORT AND OTHER SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS AND/OR WHO ARE HOMELESS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITATIVE AND PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH METHODS, THE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF INNOVATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS, AND THE PROMOTION OF COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.



PHIL VALENTINE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY (CCAR). HE HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT IN THIS RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SINCE JANUARY 1999. AN ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR, TRAINER AND PRESENTER PHIL IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS LEADER IN THE NEW RECOVERY ADVOCACY MOVEMENT. PHIL IS KNOWN TO CARRY THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY THROUGH STORYTELLING, HUMOR, AND WIT. IN 2006, THE JOHNSON INSTITUTE RECOGNIZED HIS EFFORTS WITH AN AMERICA HONORS RECOVERY AWARD. IN 2008, FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY HONORED CCAR WITH THE FIRST JOEL HERNANDEZ VOICE OF THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY AWARD AS THE OUTSTANDING RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY. IN 2009, THE HARTFORD BUSINESS JOURNAL NAMED HIM THE NON-PROFIT EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR. HE APPEARS IN THE DOCUMENTARY "THE ANONYMOUS PEOPLE", A GROUNDBREAKING VIDEO THAT CCAR HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SUPPORTING. IN 2015, PHIL THRU HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, A JOURNEY OF 2,189 MILES AND CARRIED THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY THE ENTIRE WAY (#AT4RECOVERY).

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Summer Summit
May 27th Event
via Eventbrite:

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Future Webinar
Dates:
June 9th 1-3pm:
Chris Hansen –
Intentional Peer
Support

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