

Community Collaborations & Response Webinar

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Presenter Bios

Tiffany Hunsley is living a life of long-term recovery. She is the proud mother of four beautiful children. Tiffany is a graduate of the Drug Court program and went on to receive a degree in Social Work and Chemical Dependency Counseling. She has worked as a Recovery Coach, Case Manager and Addictions Educator. Tiffany's work with the Department of Human Services, Alcohol and Other Drug Project (CJI-AOD) and Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota (PCAMN) has helped identify ways to improve court-related performance and outcomes for children and families involved in child protection court proceedings. She has been a volunteer Parent Leader in the state of Minnesota for over eight years as well as a member of a statewide parent leadership team that brings the parents voice to committees and workgroups focused on child welfare policy and practice. As a parent leader, Tiffany is currently working as part of Olmsted County's Executive Steering Committee for Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project Dissemination and Implementation and the Think Families Grant Project. Tiffany is very committed to her own personal recovery and has contributed greatly to the local recovery community. Tiffany is the Founder and Executive Director of "Recovery Is Happening" a Southeastern Minnesota recovery community organization helping others sustain long-term recovery from substance use challenges.

Erika Jensen has been a licensed alcohol and drug counselor since 2008, primarily serving women and families at RESOURCE until 2012. She now works for Hennepin County in the early intervention program, Project CHILD, serving substance abusing pregnant women at-risk of child protection involvement. Erika completed a Bachelor of Science in Family Social Science, Certificate in Addiction Studies, and as a child welfare scholar earned a Master of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. She is passionate about improving outcomes for children through prevention and early intervention services for pregnant women and mothers impacted by addiction.

Julie Williams, is an enrolled member of the White Earth Ojibwa Nation. I have lived on the Reservation all my life except to attend school, went to school for Early Childhood Education. I have worked as a Lead Teacher for White Earth Headstart for 3 years, then worked in Child Support as a case manager for 4 years, from there I transferred to White Earth Substance Abuse as an Intake Case manager, Civil Commitment/ Court liaison, managed the Prevention Team, and worked side by side with the Program Manager. I have been an active member of our Harm Reduction Coalition for 4 years.