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the FAITH ENGAGEMENT

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health
and Substance Abuse Services

The logo for faithlinks Oklahoma features the word "faithlinks" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "i" in "faith" has a blue dot, and the "l" in "links" has a blue vertical bar. Below "faithlinks" is the word "OKLAHOMA" in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font. The background of the logo area is a light yellow with faint, circular patterns.

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9:00 a.m. Welcome

Karen Jacobs, Coordinator, Office of Volunteerism and Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

9:10 a.m. Opening Prayer

Dr. George E. Young, Sr., Pastor, Holy Temple Baptist Church
Chairperson, Faith to Government, Inc.

9:15 a.m. Partnerships for Progress

Steven Buck, Deputy Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Steven Buck will provide an overview of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) and its desire to engage faith-based organizations in creating and sustaining healthy communities.

9:30 a.m. State of the State on Prescription Drug Abuse

R. Darrell Weaver, Director, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

R. Darrell Weaver will present the state of the State on drug abuse in Oklahoma, focusing especially on prescription drug abuse. Participants will be educated on the role the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) plays in assisting the community and citizens in combating life-threatening, family, and economic devastation that drug abuse imposes on Oklahomans.

9:45 a.m. The FATE of the Faith Community

Jim Priest, Executive Director, Fighting Addiction Through Education

From his perspective as a minister, attorney, civic leader and substance abuse educator, Jim Priest will speak about the dynamic role which the faith community can have in substance abuse prevention education.

10:00 a.m. The Benefits of Faith-Based Support Groups

Todd Poe, LPC, LMFT, Pastor of LifeCare Ministry, Ministry Lead of CareSeries, Crossings Community Church

Todd will explore how faith-based support groups facilitate relationships that create a healing community and how a faith-based Worldview influences the purpose, goals and structure of the support group.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Celebrate Recovery

Nancy Reeves, Southwest Oklahoma State Representative, Celebrate Recovery

“Recovery” is for everyone! Celebrate Recovery, a ministry of hope and healing, is a non-denominational 12-step program serving the people of our state through the local church.

10:45 a.m. The Oklahoma Faith Partners Project: A Multi-level, Collaborative Effort to Address Substance Use Problems

Drew Brooks, Executive Director, Faith Partners

Annette Harper, Director of Chemical Dependency Ministries, Oklahoma United Methodist Conference

Jan Tipton, Director of Training and Prevention, Gateway to Prevention and Recovery

From a long history of working together, Faith Partners, Gateway to Prevention and Recovery (GPR) and the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church Addiction Ministries (OKUMCAM) will share how informed clergy supported by committed and trained members of the congregation has a tremendous opportunity to address addiction problems in very early stages. Learn more about how you can initiate, develop and sustain congregation teams of all faith traditions throughout Oklahoma.

11:15 a.m. Lunch Service

12:00 p.m. Keynote: Changes that Heal

Dr. John Townsend, Clinical Psychologist, Leadership Consultant and Best-Selling Author
Mental health struggles such as depression, anxiety, substance abuse and relational conflicts are often seen as “the problem.” However, they are actually the fruits of deeper issues that must be addressed and resolved to bring relief to the struggler. Dr. Townsend will give you the keys to this issue so you can help in transformational ways.

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. Panel: Perspectives on Engagement, Prevention and Treatment

Pamela Shanklin, Programs Field Representative, Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Rev. Allen Carson, Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Chandler
Michael E. Jackson, Sr., Administrative Executive Director, The Education and Employment Ministry, Inc. (TEEM)
Kristen King, Lead Organizer, Voices Organized in Civic Engagement Education Fund, Inc. (VOICE)

2:00 p.m. Prevention Services in Oklahoma

Stephanie U’Ren, LPC, CPS, Senior Prevention Program Manager, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Stephanie will explain how prevention services are provided throughout the state of Oklahoma through regional prevention coordinators. Did you know prevention services are provided through evidence-based practices?

2:15 p.m. Providing a Chance to Change

Karen Cathey, LPC, Executive Director, A Chance to Change
Unique programs in the Oklahoma City area provide individuals with a chance to change their lives for the better. Many of these programs are free or low cost!

2:30 p.m. What Can We Do?

Dr. George E. Young, Sr., Pastor, Holy Temple Baptist Church
Chairperson, Faith to Government, Inc.
From a variety of perspectives and personal experience, Dr. Young will describe how faith-based organizations can get involved to help address substance abuse.

2:45 p.m. Keynote: Leadership Beyond Reason

Dr. John Townsend, Clinical Psychologist, Leadership Consultant and Best-Selling Author
People helpers must also be leaders of those they help. Yet leadership is often seen as simply understanding the mission and the strategies involved in an organization. In reality, leadership involves much more. In this talk, Dr. Townsend will show you the specific skills of leadership that you can develop from your own internal world: your values, thoughts, emotions, relationships and transformation.

3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

Karen Jacobs, Coordinator, Office of Volunteerism and Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Speaker Bios



Dr. John Townsend

Clinical Psychologist, Leadership Consultant and Best-Selling Author

A leadership coach, psychologist and organizational consultant, Dr. Townsend has been helping leaders, organizations and individuals make changes and exceed their goals for more than two decades. His expertise in psychology and leadership help him provide solutions for people in many venues. He has written or co-authored 26 books, including the bestseller *Boundaries*, *Handling Difficult People*, and, most recently, *Leadership Beyond Reason*. His award-winning books have earned three Gold Medallions and the Retailers Choice award for a book and television venture with Time-Life and Integrity Publishers.

Dr. Townsend is highly experienced in a variety of media, including both television appearances and radio. He cohosts the nationally syndicated talk show *New Life Live* with an audience of 3 million.

Dr. Townsend founded and built a health care company which operated inpatient and outpatient treatment centers for 10 years in the western part of the U.S., totaling 35 cities. He was also clinical director during that period. During the company's tenure, he learned and produced the principles and strategies of success and change that he now uses in his writing, speaking, consulting and media.

As a partner in Cloud-Townsend Resources, Dr. Townsend has produced and spoken at many public seminars and conferences nationally on a variety of topics, ranging from leadership and success to personal growth, relationships and spirituality. His talks are often linked down by satellite to thousands of live venues.

Dr. Townsend works with leaders and organizations in a number of ways, including team and key executive coaching, corporate consulting, training workshops, and speaking at conferences. He personally conducts his own Leadership Coaching Programs in Newport Beach, Calif., Dallas, Texas, and Indianapolis, Ind.

John holds a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from North Carolina State University, a Master's in Theology from Dallas Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Biola University. He is active on the board of Mustard Seed Ranch, a ranch program for abused children, does training for leaders in third world countries.

Dr. George E. Young, Sr.

Pastor, Holy Temple Baptist Church

Chairperson, Faith to Government, Inc.

Dr. George E. Young, Sr. currently serves as the Senior Pastor at Holy Temple Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. A former Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and former Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains, Dr. Young currently serves as the Chairperson for Faith to Government, Inc. and Commissioner for the One Awards, which selects non-profits from across the state for high performance.

Dr. Young is one of the founding members of the task force on minority health with the State Department of Health. He is board member and/or trustee for Red Cross of Central Oklahoma, United Way of Central Oklahoma, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Oklahoma, Leadership Oklahoma City and Phillips Theological Seminary. He is the founding president for the African American Clergy for the Prevention of Aids.

An outstanding member of the community, Dr. Young has received the “Good Neighbor” award for community development from the Oklahoma Conference of Churches and “Community Service Award” from the Interfaith Alliance of Oklahoma. He led Holy Temple in the construction of an independent living senior housing project (Temple Gardens), which received the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency’s “2007 Honoring Excellence in Affordable Housing Award in the Elderly Housing Category.”

Dr. Young holds a Doctor of Ministry, Master’s in Ministry, M.Div., and a Master’s of Business Administration, and he is currently under supervision for licensing as an alcohol and drug counselor. Additionally, he is a Certified Behavioral Health Case Manager. He completed a Merrill Fellowship with Harvard Divinity School, in Cambridge, Mass., in 1996. He completed the “Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders” from the Louisville Institute of Louisville Seminary (Lily Foundation).

Steven Buck

Deputy Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Steven Buck serves as Deputy Commissioner for Communications and Prevention at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). In this capacity, Buck directs the ODMHSAS prevention and provider certification initiatives and oversees both internal and external communications. He also serves as the agency lead on state legislative relations.

Prior to joining ODMHSAS in August 2007, Buck enjoyed a 10-year career with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). During his tenure, he served in multiple capacities, including director of state policy, director of state relations and executive director of NAMI Oklahoma. As director of state policy, Buck provided oversight and consultation in the area of public policy development to the 50 NAMI state organizations.

Buck has advocacy experience in multiple state legislatures and has been involved in numerous campaigns and policy initiatives. A native Oklahoman, he is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in agricultural economics.

R. Darrell Weaver

Director, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control

R. Darrell Weaver has served as the Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control since September 2006. Weaver has held various assignments throughout the state since his first appointment as an agent with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics in 1987. Weaver graduated from Cameron University with a Bachelor’s of Accounting Degree and was Cameron’s 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma Christian University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 199th session. An alumnus of Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Oklahoma City and the 2011 COMMStar Program, Weaver is also a state board member for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Oklahoma.

Jim Priest

Executive Director, Fighting Addiction Through Education (FATE)

Jim Priest is the Executive Director of FATE and brings to the position 30 years of experience in the legal, business and nonprofit sectors. Priest is a licensed attorney who practiced law with two leading law firms in Oklahoma City, trying nearly 100 lawsuits and advising public and private clients as well as corporate organizations and individuals on a wide variety of legal matters. He wrote a column on business ethics for many years in the Journal Record and a column on family-related issues in The Oklahoman. He has also been a regular guest commentator on News 9 in Oklahoma City.

Priest has a long history of service through the nonprofit sector, having served as President of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma as well as a board member for Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts, Variety Health Center, The Bethany Public School Foundation, Calm Waters and Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene.

Priest is an active member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene where he leads men's groups and teaches Sunday School. He is a co-founder of Marriage Network Oklahoma and was a founding member of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium. He has regularly appeared on television and before groups speaking and writing a wide variety of topics. Priest is also a member of Leadership Oklahoma and Leadership Oklahoma City.

In 2012, Priest was awarded the "Preventionist of the Year" by the American Athletic Institute for his work in creating the program "Oklahoma Life of An Athlete." He has also received the "Alliance Achievement Award" from the Partnership at drugfree.org.

Priest was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and graduated from Houghton College and Syracuse University Law School before moving to Oklahoma in 1980.

Tod Poe, LPC, LMFT

Pastor of LifeCare Ministry, Ministry Lead of CareSeries, Crossings Community Church

Todd Poe is a native Oklahoman. He holds a Bachelor in Business Administration degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy from Southern Nazarene University. Poe joined LifeCare Ministry at Crossings Community Church in 2005, where he provides professional counseling to congregants and serves as the Ministry Leader of CareSeries, the support and recovery group ministry of the church. CareSeries currently offers more than 25 support groups weekly to anyone seeking to grow and to address life challenges.

Nancy Reeves

Southwest Oklahoma State Representative, Celebrate Recovery

Nancy Reeves has been involved with Celebrate Recovery since June 2003 and has been a state representative since 2006. Before retiring from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, she achieved 25 years of management experience in companies such as Braum's and Love's. Reeves also served as a school teacher for Christian schools in the Oklahoma City metro area and as an administrative assistant and caseworker for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS).

Drew Brooks

Executive Director, Faith Partners

Drew Brooks is the Executive Director of Faith Partners, a nonprofit organization providing leadership, training and consultation for a congregational team ministry model addressing substance use problems and other addictive behaviors. He has worked with Faith Partners since 1999 as the project manager, area coordinator and team facilitator at his home church. He has worked in prevention, treatment and public health since 1983 providing training and consultation to faith communities, schools and community organizations across the country. Brooks has co-authored four curricula for the religious and secular settings. He is part of leadership teams on both a local and state level for Texas to assist in designing and implementing recovery-oriented systems of care with a focus on the faith community.

Annette Harper

Director of Addiction Ministries, United Methodist

Annette Harper is the Director of the Chemical Dependency Ministries of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference. She is actively involved in local and global ministries of the church specializing in the awareness education and prevention of substance abuse and other addictive behaviors. Annette deans and facilitates the annual Summer School on Chemical Dependency offered by the Chemical Dependency Ministries. She is an Area Coordinator for the Oklahoma Faith Partners teams and an Associate Trainer for Faith Partners. She is actively involved in her own Faith Partners Team at Grace United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

Jan Tipton

Director of Training and Prevention, Gateway to Prevention and Recovery

A Certified Prevention Specialist, Jan has been involved with substance abuse prevention since 1990. She is also an Associate Trainer and Oklahoma Area Coordinator for Faith Partners. She is currently serving on the Prevention and Recovery Ministry Team at First Baptist Church, Shawnee. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Oklahoma Baptist University and an Master of Arts in Teaching in Gifted Education from Oklahoma City University. She has been a missionary teacher with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru and in Kenya.

Pamela Shanklin

Programs Field Representative, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Pamela Shanklin has 25 years of experience with Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) program participants in county and state offices. She has extensive education in the field of substance abuse through the United Methodist Church Chemical Dependency Summer School, The Betty Ford Center and Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (ODMHSAS) seminars. As part of joint agency collaboration with ODMHSAS, Shanklin provides technical assistance, training and facilitation services to OKDHS and substance abuse treatment agency staff to enhance services across the state.

Michael Jackson

Administrative Executive Director, The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM)

In his current capacity as Administrative Executive Director, Michael Jackson supervises the day-to-day operations of The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM). Jackson serves as a practicum supervisor for the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) program and as a Family Life Educator for Public Strategies. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma and is a graduate of Battle Staff College and Drill Sergeants School. He has earned a host of awards from his service in the U.S. Army, including the Army Lapel Button and the Meritorious Service Medal. Jackson is active in the community and is a member of the Oklahoma Masons and the American Legion.

Kristen King

Lead Organizer, Voices Organized in Civic Engagement Education Fund, Inc. (VOICE)

Kristen King is the lead organizer of VOICE. She has been an organizer affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation for 12 years, and in that capacity has worked with hundreds of leaders from congregations and non-profits on issues that face families. She has a Master's Degree from Harvard Divinity School.

Rev. Allen Carson

Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Chandler

Reverend Allen Carson currently serves as the Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Chandler. He has served United Methodist Churches across Oklahoma the past 21 years as children, youth and family minister, and as senior pastor for the past 11 years.

Over the past 22 years, Rev. Carson has worked with children, youth and young adults in foster care and juvenile justice programs. He has tutored and mentored in juvenile detention centers and alternative schools, and currently serves as a trainer and consultant with the Oklahoma Federation of Families and Oklahoma Systems of Care. He leads independent living workshops and training sessions for youth and adults.

Rev. Carson's work within the church has focused on strengthening churches' relationships with people at the margins to offer spiritual, emotional and material resources. As a former foster child in Oklahoma's foster care program, he is asked often to speak on issues related to the foster care system, share ways communities can help youth and young adults with behavioral and mental health issues, and share his personal story. The church, teachers, mentors and Citizens Caring for Children (CCC) had a profound impact on Rev. Carson's journey from foster care into adulthood.

Rev. Carson earned his undergraduate degree in Family, Marriage Relations, and Child Development from the University of Central Oklahoma and his Master of Divinity Degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Stephanie U'Ren, LPC, CPS

Senior Prevention Manager, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Stephanie U'Ren is a Senior Prevention Program Manager at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and oversees the state's Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant and a network of regional prevention coordinators. She earned a Bachelors in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma City University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Prevention Specialist. Stephanie has extensive experience working as a community organizer and prevention educator at the local and regional levels as well as providing training and technical assistance at the state level. She strongly believes that local people best solve local problems.

Karen Cathey, LPC

Executive Director, A Chance to Change

After a three-month transition with former Executive Director Jo Ann Pierce, Karen Cathey has served as Executive Director of A Chance to Change for about one month. A Licensed Professional Counselor since 1990, Cathey has managed mental health and co-occurring substance abuse programs for 19 years. She has worked in both nonprofit and for-profit settings and has managed inpatient, partial hospital, intensive outpatient, day treatment and outpatient programs. Cathey received her Master's Degree in Counseling from Oklahoma State University and her Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Karen Jacobs

Coordinator, Office of Volunteerism and Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Karen Jacobs currently serves as the Coordinator for Volunteerism and Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). She chairs the OKDHS Volunteer Council and oversees volunteer activities in human service centers and resource centers statewide. Additionally, she coordinates efforts around the State Charitable Campaign, Feed the Children, H.O.S.T.S. Literacy Program, Relay for Life, foster parent recruitment, prisoner re-entry, Newborns In Need, Back to School, Thanksgiving, Christmas and disaster relief.

Jacobs has served as a member of the Central Oklahoma Volunteer Administrators (COVA), Academy of Tourism and Hospitality Advisory Board, Supervisory Committee, Board of the DPW Credit Union and as Vice President of the Area I Foster Grandparent Advisory Council. She has received the Community Services Award from the OKDHS Black Heritage Committee, the Founders Volunteer Award from the Central Oklahoma Integrated Network Systems and the Community Services Award from the Tinker Air Force Base Family Advocacy Program. In her honor, OKDHS established the Karen D. Jacobs Volunteer Award for individuals and organizations that exemplify the character of volunteerism established under her leadership.

Jacobs received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma. An active community member, Jacobs has served the Spencer school system in many capacities, including as a member of the Star Spencer High School Family and Consumer Science Advisory Board. She also volunteers at the Central Oklahoma Integrated Network System, Inc. and Traveler's Aid and Homeless Assistance Center. Jacobs is also very active in her church, where her husband, Ronnie, serves as the Associate Pastor. For more than 30 years, Jacobs has held many positions in the church, including Church Clerk, Program Chairperson, VBS Director, Hospitality Committee and Secretary of the Western District Pastor's Wives.

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The role of prevention is to create healthy communities in which people have a high quality of life, including:

- healthy environments at work and in school
- supportive communities and neighborhoods
- connections with families and friends
- communities free of substance abuse and mental health problems

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“Promoting healthy communities and providing the highest quality care to enhance the well being of all Oklahomans.”

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