

September is  
**RECOVERY  
MONTH**

# AGENDA

## SPEAKER AND PANEL DISCUSSION

**8:00 am**

CHECK-IN AND RESOURCES

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**8:30 am**

WELCOME

**Jeff York**

Chief Public Defender, DuPage County  
DuPage County HOPE Taskforce

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**8:35 am**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Stephen Hill**

Speak Sobriety

Stephen Hill's journey is a comeback story from stigma and struggle to resilience and recovery. Stephen is the founder of Speak Sobriety, a young person in recovery, bestselling author, recovery coach, and a fierce attorney advocating for treatment over incarceration.

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**9:50 am**

BREAK

**10:00 am**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Jarrett Burton**

Recovery Support Specialist  
Serenity House Counseling Services

DuPage Recovery Oriented System of Care (R.O.S.C.) – Coordinator

Jarrett is a person in long-term recovery from substance use disorder and a two-time cancer survivor who uses his own experiences to connect with people who are new to the recovery process.

**Brad Gerke**

Co-Founder 516 Light Foundation

Director of Operations  
Banyan Treatment Center

DuPage County HOPE Taskforce

Brad has struggled with many addictions, from alcohol to heroin for over a decade. After getting sober he found purpose and passion in helping other addicts and their families. Brad is heavily involved in the local recovery community, advocating for those in need of resources.

**Jessica Gerke, CADAC**

Co-Founder 516 Light Foundation

Alumni Supervisor  
Banyan Treatment Center IL

Jessica's journey led her to work with several foundations as an advocate for those who struggle with addiction. She continues to be heavily involved with the local recovery community, advocating for those in need of resources.

**Jeff Lata, LMFT**

Asst. Dir. of Adult Outpatient Services  
DuPage County Health Department

Jeff is responsible for providing leadership to programs that include mental health, substance use, and forensic behavioral health. The substance use programs at DuPage County Health Department include outpatient, intensive outpatient, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

**Felicia Miceli**

Recovery Coach  
Serenity House Counseling Services

Founder LTM Foundation

Felicia found herself working in the recovery field after her son Louie passed away from an overdose in 2012. She realized substance use education and prevention needed to be more widely addressed in the Chicago area. In the course of her work, Felicia has been able to speak to thousands of students and parents on the topic of substance use.

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**12:00 pm**

AUDIENCE Q&A/CLOSE

**Dr. Lanny Wilson**

Co-Chair  
DuPage County HOPE Taskforce

Vice President  
DuPage County Board of Health