

UNMASKING STIGMA

THE IMPACT OF SUBSTANCE USE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 8:15 AM - 1:30 PM

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY MICHAEL J. ADANTI STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

OUR PRESENTERS

Hope Payson, LCSW, LADC Alcohol and Drug Counselor and EMDR Consultant



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HERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO COMBAT STIGMA SURROUNDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE, which poses a major barrier to overcoming the challenges of addiction. Research demonstrates that stigma damages the health and well-being of people with substance use disorders (SUDs) and poses enormous challenges within communities by interfering with the quality of care they receive.

Our speakers will address the negative impact of stigma, factors that increase vulnerability to developing an addictive disorder and the impact of the drug crisis in our community. Discussion will also include the DEA's role in the enforcement of controlled substances laws and how it partners with local and federal agencies to protect our communities.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The conference is free for all attendees but registration is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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