



NC Summit on Reducing Overdose

March 18-20, 2025
Wake County
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The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is excited to welcome together local government leaders, subject matter experts, service providers, community partners, and people with lived experience to an event focused on responding to the opioid overdose epidemic.

The NC Summit on Reducing Overdose is a timely opportunity to share ideas and lessons learned about planning, implementing, evaluating, and reporting on strategies to reduce opioid overdose. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from experts and each other at this two-and-a-half-day conference at the Raleigh Convention Center in Wake County, N.C.

We're here to support you!

Your safety and well-being are our top priorities. Staff have developed a Safety and Wellness Plan for Summit attendees. To review the plan, please visit www.ncacc.org/ncsoro.

If you require assistance at any time throughout the Summit, please visit the registration desk.

Sharing your Summit experience on social media!

We'd love to see your photos and selfies from your time at the Summit! Tag us and use the hashtag **#NCSORO** on your posts.



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Summit Programming Tracks

NC Opioid Settlements: These sessions review basic components of the National Opioid Settlement in North Carolina and other states and may include discussions about data trends, implementation guidance and reporting requirements, and perspectives from local North Carolina governments implementing settlement-funded strategies.

Prevention/Early Intervention: These sessions focus on the root causes of drug use and how we can support special populations, like Native communities and children and adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions with evidence-based efforts. These sessions also offer a chance to explore grief and personal healing.

Harm Reduction: These sessions share practical strategies that reduce negative consequences associated with drug use and help keep people healthy, safe, and alive. Topics may include syringe service programs as health hubs, drug checking, wound care, and naloxone distribution.

Treatment: These sessions describe ways to increase access to life-saving medications for opioid use disorder through evidence-based treatment, using mobile services (e.g., EMS-based programs), and in carceral settings.

Recovery: These sessions provide information on recovery across a continuum including peer support, housing, and employment services. These sessions also explore ways to engage with faith communities and process our collective grief.






**On the agenda, track sessions are listed with their corresponding color. For full session descriptions, visit www.ncacc.org/ncsoro.*

Agenda

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Check-In and Registration Table Open**, *Main Lobby*

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Workshops**

-  Did It Work? Evaluation and Data Collection, *Room 304*
-  Trauma-Informed Counties for Safer, Healthier Communities and Organizations, *Room 305*
-  Introduction to Motivational Interviewing: Moving Toward Any Positive Change, *Room 306*
-  Understanding Drug-Related Stigma: Better Practice and Tools for Change, *Room 301*
-  Reentry Simulation, *Room 302*

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Naloxone Saves: Rescue Kit Making and Reception**, *Ballroom C*
See page 11 for more information about this program.

Track Key

 NC Opioid Settlements

 Prevention/Early Intervention

 Harm Reduction

 Treatment






 Recovery

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025






- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.** **SMART Recovery Meeting**, *Room 402*
Anyone who identifies as seeking recovery may attend, regardless of current substance use.
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.** **Breakfast Buffet**, *Ballroom AB*
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Check-In and Registration Table Open**, *Main Lobby*
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Welcome and Keynote Speaker**, *Ballroom AB*
Dr. Nabarun Dasgupta, PhD, MPH, *Drug Scientist and Activist at the University of North Carolina*
See page 9 for more about our keynote speaker.
- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.** **Lunch**, *Ballroom AB*
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.** **Breakout Sessions, Block #1**
-  Models for State-Local Coordination in Opioid Settlement Administration, *Room 304*
 -  Finding Purpose Through Grief, *Room 305*
 -  Naloxone Distribution and Compassionate Overdose Response, *Room 306*
 -  Meeting People Where They Are: Life-saving Mobile Medications for Opioid Use Disorder, *Room 301*
 -  Importance of Peer Support, *Room 302*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions, Block #2

-  Preparing to Respond: Disaster Recovery and Support, *Room 304*
-  Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD): Best Practices and Resources, *Room 305*
-  Drug Checking: Vital Tool for Understanding and Treatment, *Room 306*
-  It's No Secret! What Works to Increase Access to Evidence-Based Treatment, *Room 301*
-  Faith in Harm Reduction, *Room 302*

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee and Snack Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions, Block #3






-  Tools and Best Practices to Plan and Implement NC Opioid Settlement Strategies, *Room 304*
-  Strength in Culture: Supporting Tribal Efforts in Overdose Response, *Room 305*
-  Harm Reduction History and Principles, *Room 306*
-  Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Jails: Improving Health and Public Safety, *Room 301*
-  Quality Standards for Recovery Housing, *Room 302*

- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** **Settlement Academy Poster Session and Reception,**
Reception area outside Ballroom C
See page 11 for more information about this program.
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** **The Monti: Storytelling Event,** *Ballroom C*
See page 11 for more information about this program.

Thursday, March 20, 2025





- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.** **SMART Recovery Meeting,** *Room 402*
Anyone who identifies as seeking recovery may attend, regardless of current substance use.
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.** **Breakfast Buffet,** *Ballroom AB*
- 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Check-In and Registration Table Open,** *Main Lobby*
- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.** **Welcome and Keynote Speaker,** *Ballroom AB*
Stephen Murray, MPH, NRP, *Overdose Researcher, Harm Reduction Program Manager, and Director of the SafeSpot Overdose Hotline at Boston Medical Center*
See page 10 for more about our keynote speaker.
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** **Coffee and Snack Break**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions, Block #4

-  Overdose Trends and New Metrics/Reporting Measures, *Room 304*
-  Adolescents and Substance Use, *Room 305*
-  Syringe Service Programs as Health Hubs, *Room 306*
-  SupPORT: EMS Addressing Opioid Overdose Crisis in the Field, *Room 301*
-  Breaking Barriers to Employment: Recovery-Supportive Workplaces, *Room 302*

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch, *Ballroom AB*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions, Block #5

-  Real Talk with NC Opioid Settlement Coordinators, *Room 304*
-  Proactive Solutions: The Power of Evidence-Based Early Interventions, *Room 305*
-  Strategies and Skills for Substance-Use Related Wound Care, *Room 306*
-  Leveraging Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), *Room 301*

■ Helping the Healers: Processing our Collective Experiences, *Room 302*

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Closing Session, *Ballroom AB*

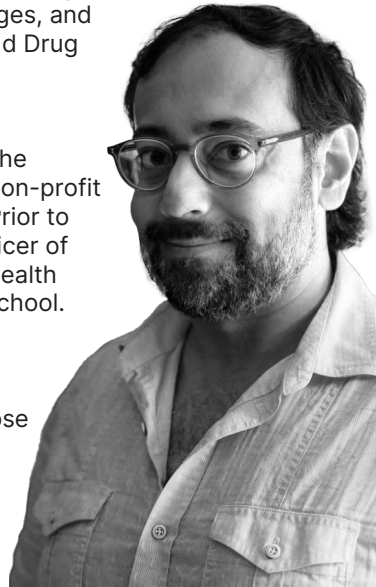
Wednesday Keynote Speaker

Dr. Nabarun Dasgupta, PhD, MPH

Dr. Nabarun Dasgupta is a street drug scientist and activist at the University of North Carolina (UNC) with two decades of experience in overdose epidemiology and prevention. His lab analyzes street drug samples and large datasets to address public health challenges, and his research is primarily funded by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

He also is the co-founder of multiple non-profit organizations, most recently Remedy Alliance For The People (remedyallianceftp.org), a groundbreaking non-profit bulk distributor of overdose reversal medications. Prior to UNC, he was the co-founder and Chief Science Officer of Epidemico, Inc., a successful multi-national public health informatics startup based out of Harvard Medical School. Dr. Dasgupta holds degrees from Princeton, Yale, and UNC.

In recognition of his groundbreaking work in overdose prevention, Dr. Dasgupta was named to 2023 TIME 100 Next list of emerging leaders globally.



Thursday Keynote Speaker

Stephen Murray, MPH, NRP

Stephen Murray, MPH, NRP, is an overdose researcher, Harm Reduction Program Manager, and the Director of the SafeSpot Overdose Hotline at Boston Medical Center. In 2021, he retired as a Lieutenant at a large regional ambulance service in Western Massachusetts, and had served as a first responder since 2013, having worked as a firefighter and paramedic. Murray also served as an elected member of the Coconut Grove Village Council in Miami, Florida.

He regularly shares for a national audience about his lived experience as a person who used drugs and an overdose survivor. Murray provides expert technical assistance around the topics of overdose prevention, emergency medical services, and harm reduction to a variety of organizations, county and state governments across the country, including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency, and the National Governors Association.

He has guest lectured at over a dozen universities and has had research published in the International Journal of Drug Policy, Substance Use & Addiction Journal, American Journal of Public Health and Health Promotion Practice. In September 2023, he was featured in the multiple award-winning Episode 809 ("The Call") on This American Life.



Evening Programs

**All Summit attendees are invited and encouraged to attend these three programs.*

Naloxone Saves: Rescue Kit Making and Reception

03/18, 5:00 p.m.

On **Tuesday** evening, join us and Remedy Alliance For the People for a hands-on, interactive opportunity to assemble lifesaving naloxone rescue kits. These kits will be available to Summit attendees and distributed throughout North Carolina through syringe service programs to people at risk for overdose. Come learn how to recognize signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and how to save a life using this medication.

Settlement Academy Poster Session and Reception

03/19, 5:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday** evening, the Opioid Settlement Academy (OSA) brings together counties who are receiving funds from the North Carolina opioid settlements to support them in preparing to implement or expand a new strategy. Join these 10 participating counties to celebrate their completion of the Academy and learn about their project plans. The OSA is hosted by NCACC, the University of North Carolina's Injury Prevention Research Center, and the North Carolina Division of Public Health's Injury and Violence Prevention Branch.

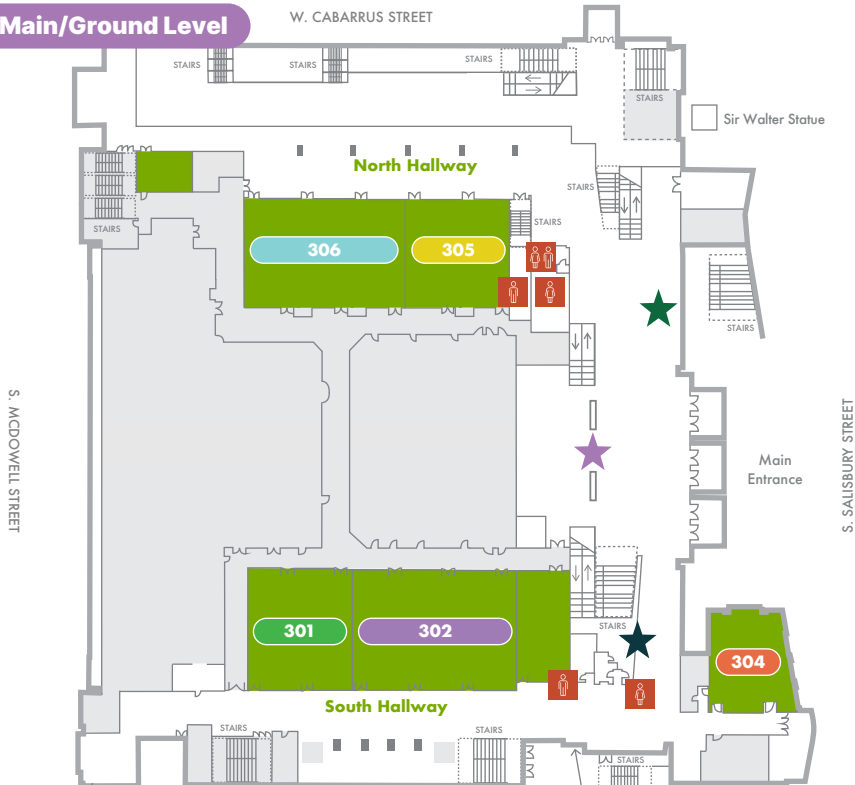
The Monti: Storytelling Event

03/19, 6:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday** evening after the poster session and reception, the NCACC and the Monti, a non-profit dedicated to the power of storytelling, will host a special community-building event. Centering lived experience is a key theme of the NC Summit on Reducing Overdose and is core to the work we do together across North Carolina to respond to the overdose crisis.

Raleigh Convention Center Map

Main/Ground Level



Map Key

Red square: NC Opioid Settlements (Room 304)

Yellow square: Prevention/Early Intervention (Room 305)

Light blue square: Harm Reduction (Room 306)

Green square: Treatment (Room 301)

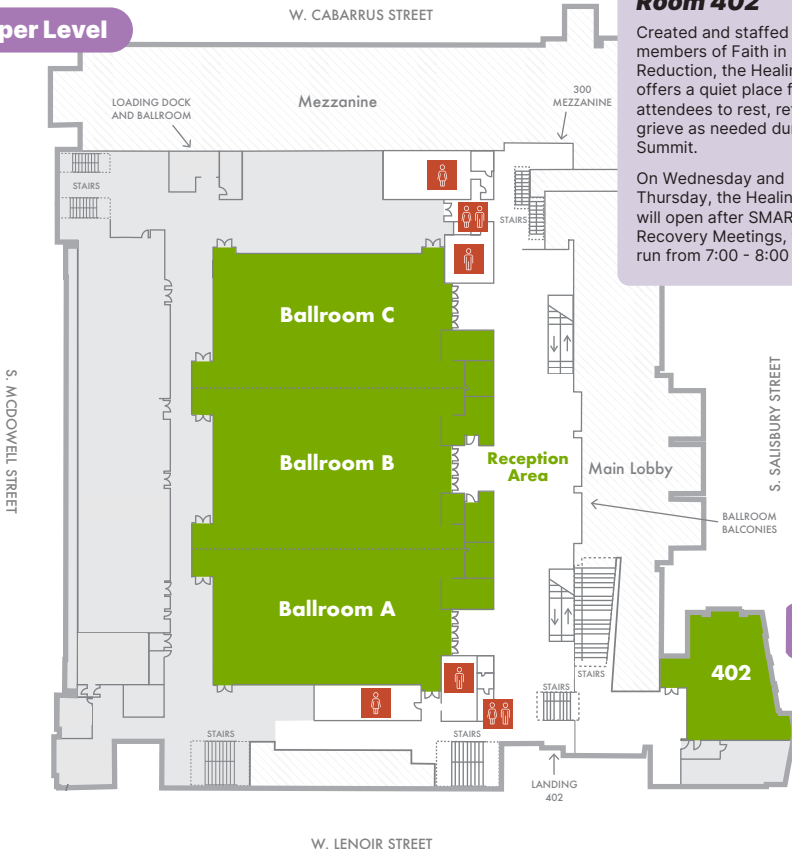
Purple square: Recovery (Room 302)

Purple star: Check-In and Registration Table

Blue star: Timeline Installation

Green star: Sponsor and Resource Tables

Upper Level



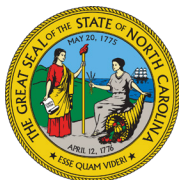
Healing Space Room 402

Created and staffed by members of Faith in Harm Reduction, the Healing Space offers a quiet place for all attendees to rest, reflect, or grieve as needed during the Summit.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Healing Space will open after SMART Recovery Meetings, which run from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

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