

ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE

BREAKOUT SESSION

Developing Leaders for Addiction Ministries

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Research has linked religiosity and spirituality to positive prevention, recovery, and behavioral; health outcomes; but little theory and practice focuses on faith communities themselves. This interactive workshop describes the Faith Partners model of congregational readiness and capacity-building that moves faith leadership from rare conversations about behavioral health to active involvement in community prevention and recovery support activities.

- Identify the importance role religion, spirituality, and faith community play as components to substance use prevention and recovery support activities;
- Understand Faith Partners' model in building capacity to establish congregational-based and collaboration with community-based prevention and recovery support efforts;
- Explore factors to address cultural relevance in developing an effective congregational response to substance use disorders and other behavioral health issues; and
- Illustrate the Faith Partnership Initiative that partners a community-based and a faith-based organization to address behavioral health issues.



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