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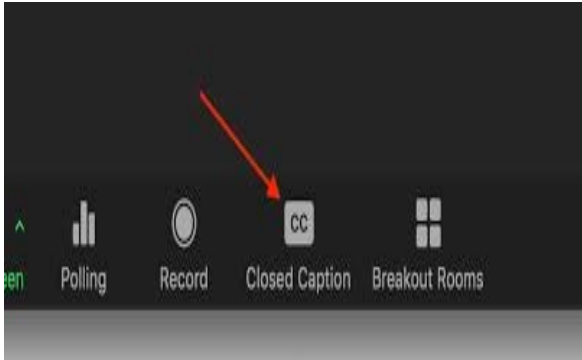


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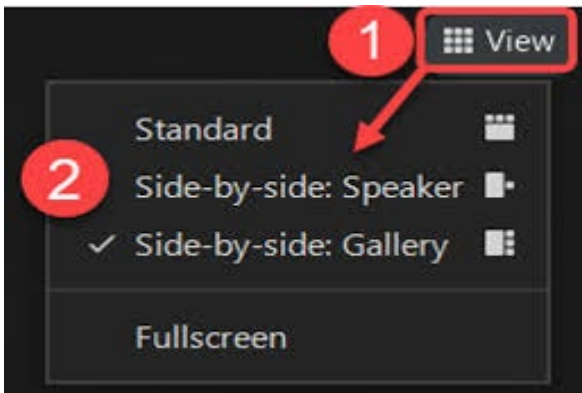
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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Focus: July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
3. Panel Discussion

Lisa DeCiantis, MA LCMHC

Chief Clinical Officer, Mental Health, Treatment & Recovery



- 22 years in MH/SUD Field
- DMH/DD/SUS since Dec 2015
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor

Jennifer Meade, MPA, Director Advocacy and Empowerment Team, DMH/DD/SUS



- Over 20 years in MH/SU/IDD Field
- DMHDDSUS since October 2022
- Role at Division:
 - Customer Service & Community Rights
 - Community Mental Health and Substance Use
 - Advisory Groups
 - Peer Support
- Person with lived experience

Today's Guests



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Program Manager
Bridge to Better Mental Health
A Village Heartbeat Inc. Program



Chani Jain

Tarang Community Lead
Mental Health Director -
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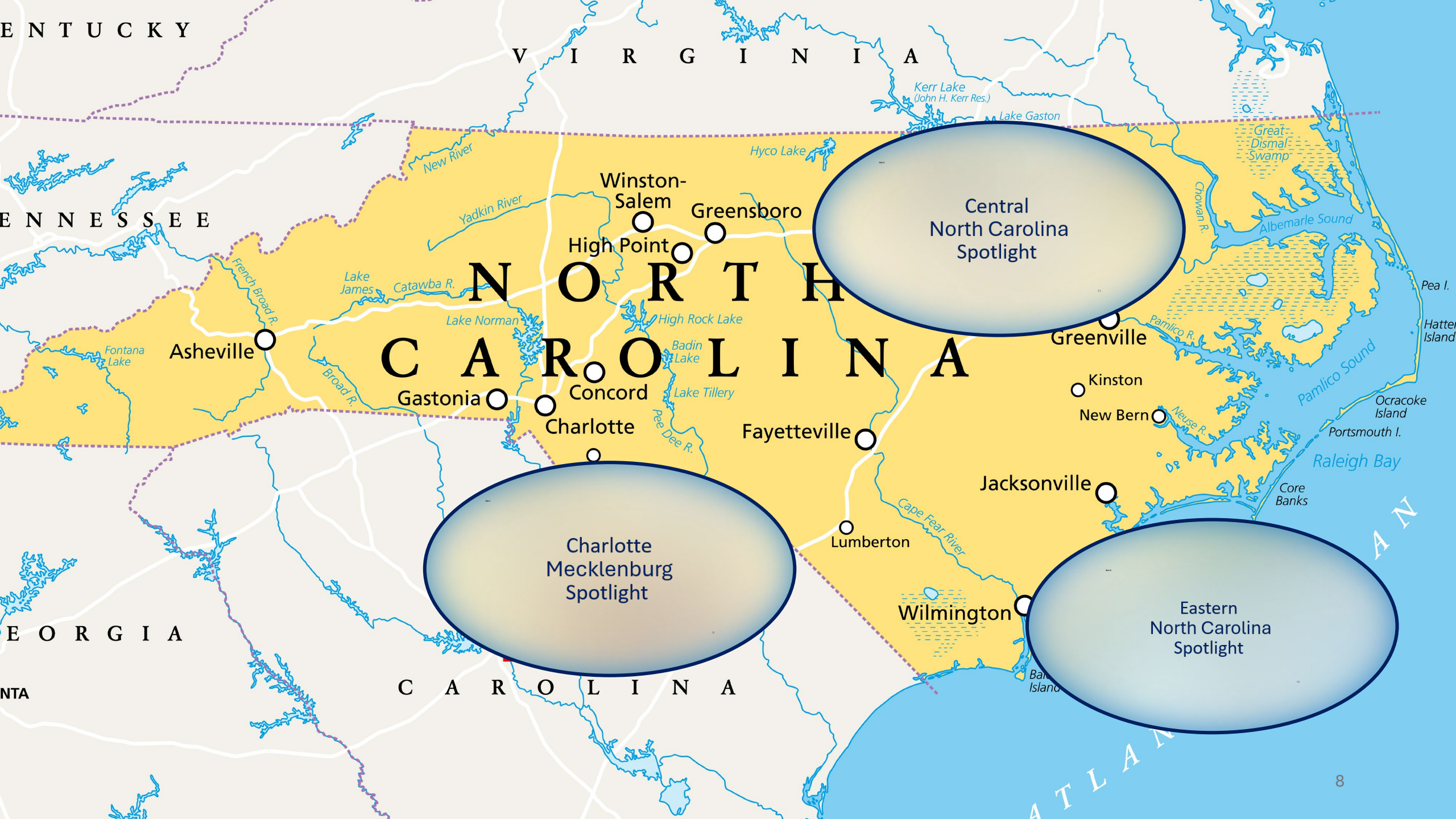
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Lake Norman

High Rock Lake

Badin Lake

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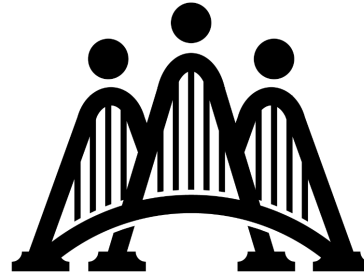
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Charlotte Mecklenburg Spotlight

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BRIDGE to BETTER MENTAL HEALTH

A Village Heartbeat Inc Program

Bridge to Better Mental Health is a community-led initiative from Village Heartbeat Inc. that connects people in historically underrepresented communities to behavioral health support, community resources and free outpatient therapy sessions through trusted community and faith-based partners.

Spotlight Focus

Building trust and improving access through community-based mental health support.

Central North Carolina Spotlight

Tarang



Tarang

Building Asian American mental health supports across North Carolina

Tarang is an NCDHHS-supported initiative focused on creating open dialogue and support around mental health, substance use and suicide in Asian American communities. Through culturally grounded outreach, community partnerships and trusted messengers, Tarang works to reduce silence and shame, build connection and help more people feel comfortable seeking support.

Spotlight Focus

How culturally responsive, community-led approaches can build trust, reduce stigma and improve access to behavioral health support.

Eastern North Carolina Spotlight

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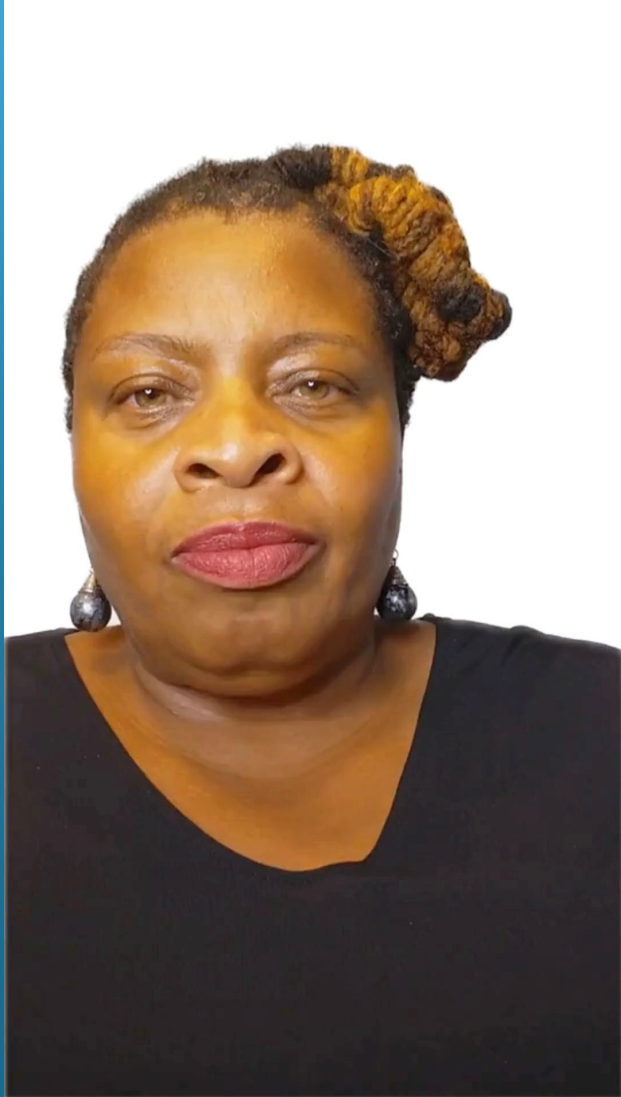
Village of CARE is an initiative of Oasis Health & Wellness Centers International focused on culturally appropriate, holistic healing for youth and adults. The program centers community, wellness and connection as part of improving access to mental health support and whole-person care.

Spotlight Focus

How Village of CARE is using culturally responsive, community-centered support to help people feel seen, connected and supported in their wellness journey.

Statewide Spotlight

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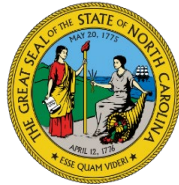
✝ Partners in Health & Wholeness

An initiative of the North Carolina Council of Churches

Partners in Health and Wholeness works at the intersection of faith, health and justice by educating, equipping and mobilizing faith communities to become places of health and wholeness — in mind, body and spirit.

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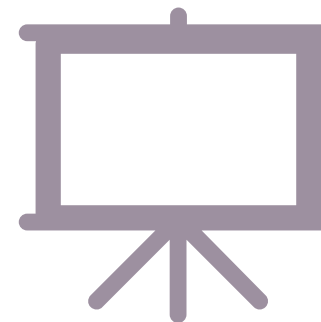
How faith communities can serve as trusted partners in improving access, connection and whole-person wellness across North Carolina.



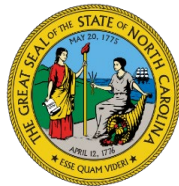
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