



“I’m Still a Person:” Addressing Stigma Around Substance Misuse

December 14th @ 7 PM (Virtual Forum)

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The negative impact of stigma concerning substance misuse is prevalent in our society. Addressing this impact and exploring ways to reduce stigma — one of the most important topics surrounding recovery — will be the focus of the December Washtenaw FAN Family Forum.

Stigma has the potential to impede many aspects of an individual’s recovery process, as well as detrimentally affect his or her family members. The primary goal for our December meeting is to perpetuate greater respect for the “personhood” of individuals and families where substance misuse is involved, operating from a strengths perspective — shifting the focus from problems and pathologies to the strengths and resources of people and their communities.

Dr. Begun will present relevant, useful content regarding non-stigmatizing language concerning substance misuse and the impact of stigma on recovery efforts and individuals engaged in misuse — as well as on their families. Specific advocacy ideas for addressing substance-related stigma are drawn from professional and research literature. At the conclusion of the event, participants will be able to identify and correct substance-related labeling and stigmatizing language use, explain why it matters and implement strategies to address substance-related stigma in practice and the community.

****ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED****

To receive the meeting link, please RSVP at:

familiesagainstnarcotics.org/register

Meet the Speaker

Dr. Audrey Begun, MSW, Ph.D.



Dr. Audrey Begun, MSW, Ph.D., has an impressive background in social work research, including ways in

which education about alcohol and other substance use disorders are infused in preparing social workers to recognize and address substance misuse-related problems.

Dr. Begun’s work has received significant funding and she has publications including numerous peer-reviewed articles, editing of the MSW curriculum on alcohol use disorders for NIAAA, co-authorship of books guiding scholars in conducting sound substance use research, and publications related to Grand Challenges for Social Work (AASWSW).

Although she currently serves as a professor at the Ohio State University, Dr. Begun remains a proud Wolverine from growing up in Ann Arbor and attending the University of Michigan (fun fact: her dog is even named Maizy Blue!)

To learn more about Dr. Begun and her work, [click here](#) to view her comprehensive CV.