



EMPOWER 2026
NAADAC Annual Conference
August 29 - 31, 2026 | Kansas City, MO

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SATURDAY | AUG 29

8:00-10:30 AM

Morning Keynote Sessions

Welcome to EMPOWER 2026

Presented by Carole Cadue-Blackwood, Malcolm Horn & Terrence D. Walton

The Phenomenal Power of YOUR Presence

Presented by Tina Miller

Protecting Your Why from the Inside Out

Presented by Pierre Quinn

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Protecting Medicaid Coverage as Work Requirements Take Effect

Presented by Teresa Miller

1:45-3:15 PM

Advancing Recovery Through Connection, Compassion, and Purpose

Part 1: What's Gender Got to Do with It?: The Impact of Women's Treatment Programming
Presented by Stephanie Covington

Part 2: The Special Sauce: Five Ingredients for Helping Clients Sustain Recovery

Presented by Mark Sanders

3:45-5:15 PM

Co-Occurring Disorders: Depressive, Anxiety Related & Substance Use Disorders

Presented by Kamala Greene-Genece & Samson Teklemariam

SUNDAY | AUG 30

8:30-10:00 AM

Populations with Unique Treatment Needs

Part 1: ADHD and Substance Use in Young Adults: Understanding Risk, Building Resilience, and Advancing Recovery
Presented by Trish Caldwell

Part 2: Working with Court-Mandated Clients: What do we know? What has changed?

Presented by Michael Clark

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Ethical Foundations of Clinical and Peer Supervision in Substance Use Disorders

Presented by Terrence Walton

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1:30-3:00 PM

Compassion, Connection, and Ethics: Reclaiming the Human Side of Treatment

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Part 1: Reclaiming Our Roots: An Ethical Call to Compassionate Care

Presented by Gus Raymond

Part 2: Embarking on Wholeness: A Healing Therapeutic Relationship

Presented by Rafael Cortina

3:30-5:00 PM

Ethical Uses of Technology and Behavioral Health Treatment: To AI or Not to AI, that is the Question

Presented by Pete Nielsen

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MONDAY | AUG 31

7:45-8:30 AM

State of NAADAC / Annual NAADAC Membership Meeting

8:30-10:00 AM

The Intersection of Advocacy, Public Policy, and Practice

Part 1: Inside America's Opioid Crisis: Hard Lessons for Today's Drug War

Presented by Rich Baum, Samson Teklemariam & Kenneth J. Martz

Part 2: From Policy to Practice

Presented by Berlina Wallace-Berube, Courtney Donovan, Nora Bock & Samson Teklemariam

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

You're Already Doing It: Centering Harm Reduction in Ethical Practice

Presented by Jennifer Fukuda & Jorja Jamison

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1:30-3:00 PM

Empowering the Profession, Elevating the Professional

Part 1: NAADAC and IC&RC; on the Future of the Addiction Profession

Presented by Mark Attanasi & Terrence Walton

Part 2: Be Great: A Call to Power, Purpose, and Presence in the Addiction Profession

Presented by Nicole Augustine

3:30-5:00 PM

Opioid Use Disorder and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Clinical Practice

Presented by Abby Willroth

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