

# Kathy McPherson

**Kathy McPherson** of Columbus, Ohio, has been working in the field of chemical dependency since 1993. As a certified chemical dependency and intervention counselor/case manager, she has worked with adult men, women, and children, the majority of whom were indigent. She held dual roles as a counselor and court liaison, collaborating with the Franklin County mental health court, family drug court, and TIES felony drug court programs.



McPherson collaborates closely with other agencies in the community. She has spent much of her career working with special populations, such as criminal offenders, and specified programs, such as monitoring at-risk offenders with crack cocaine- and cocaine-specific treatment issues, trafficking abusers groups, and safe pathways for women with substance abuse and prostitution/soliciting issues. McPherson was on the forefront of building the cultural diversity initiative at the Maryhaven treatment center and served on the coalition for 10 years. She participated in a National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) randomized clinical trials study for “Women’s Treatment for Trauma and Substance Use Disorders” (Hien et al., 2005) as a program counselor and was trained as a trainer/facilitator at Columbia University for best practices for that program and the NIDA Stage-12 study. She is a facilitator for Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services’ Cross Discipline Training and Ohio Violence Prevention Process. McPherson is on the boards of the nonprofit Metropolitan Community Services and the Central Ohio Batterer Intervention Program Coalition (chair from 2006–2007 and 2008–2009). McPherson facilitates batterer intervention groups, provides work groups and diversity trainings for all individuals, and facilitates workshops for business and community organizations. McPherson has volunteered in various activities, from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

## Selected workshops presented by Kathy McPherson

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