



Steve Freng, Psy.D., MSW

Dr. Freng has acquired over 40 years' experience as a substance use disorder (SUD) services professional, having worked in clinical, supervisory, administrative and managerial capacities in the development and delivery of SUD prevention and treatment services in the State of Washington.

During his tenure with the Seattle-King County Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, he occupied several positions including that of Division Manager/County Alcohol and Drug Coordinator. Dr. Freng focused on the development of SUD public policy, programs and services for which he initiated and oversaw the construction of service and housing facilities, pioneered new program strategies and published numerous articles detailing these efforts and accomplishments as well as research articles reporting on their efficacy.

Dr. Freng thereafter served as the Prevention/Treatment Manager for the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NW HIDTA), a region of fifteen counties in Washington State designated by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy for special law enforcement and SUD program initiatives. The programs under his direction focused on several areas, including the development, operation and evaluation of Drug Courts throughout the NW HIDTA region, as well as SUD prevention projects within the region, support for which was contingent on sustained, active collaborations with law enforcement agencies.

As President of Community Network Services, Inc., Dr. Freng is also active as an independent clinician, consultant, trainer and evaluator, having developed inter-disciplinary treatment programs, directed a state-wide needs assessment project, managed prevention projects and provided technical assistance and facilitation on a wide range of topics and disciplines. Dr. Freng serves on a variety of local and regional boards and panels, is active in state and federal legislative efforts, and remains involved in research and service demonstration projects.



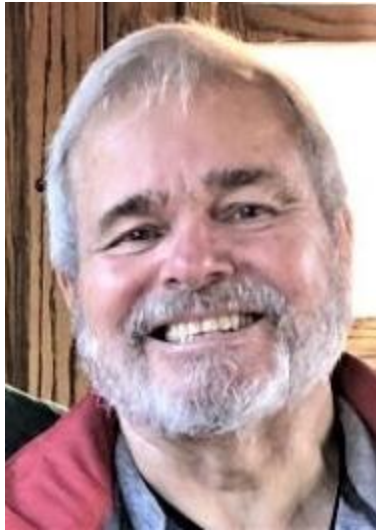
Terree Schmidt-Whelan, Ph.D.

Dr. Terree Schmidt-Whelan is a native of Seattle, Washington where she still resides, and graduated from Seattle University where she earned her BA in Psychology. Subsequently, she pursued studies in public administration and attained her Ph.D. in Health and Human Services/Forensic Toxicology.

She has devoted her life to behavioral health issues, starting out as a substance use disorder treatment counselor and eventually assuming the role of Executive Director for a large, human services agency, the Pierce County Alliance, in Tacoma, Washington. Under her tenure, the Alliance earned certification from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and, in conjunction with the Pierce County Drug Court, received the National Association of Drug Court Professionals “Community Transformation Award”.

Dr. Schmidt-Whelan has been a leader in efforts to combat methamphetamine in Washington State and across the county. Dr. Schmidt-Whelan, in concert with the Safe Streets Campaign and law enforcement, developed the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative. Additionally, she was the co-recipient of the Congressional proviso funding to develop the National Methamphetamine Center, a then-legacy project for U.S. Senator Patty Murray.

Over the past two decades, she took on a major role in the early establishment of drug treatment courts both in the county and state-wide, led the organization of the Washington State Association of Drug Court Professionals, and served on the board of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Because of her dedication and manifold accomplishments, Dr. Schmidt-Whelan was the 2022 recipient of the NADCP’s “Harvey Goldstein Hall of Fame Award” for life-time contributions to the propagation of drug treatment courts.



Judge Ken Williams (ret.)

Judge Williams graduated from Washington State University in 1968. He served in the US Army in Vietnam from 1969 -1970. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington in 1974. From 1974 he practiced law in Port Angeles, Washington. He served as the part time Sequim City Attorney for 18 years while also handling a general practice. He also served as a part time Clallam County District Court Judge for 12 years during that time. He served 2 terms as the Clallam County Bar Association President.

In 1992 Judge Williams was elected to the Clallam County Superior Court where he served five terms before retiring in 2013. He continues to serve as a part time Commissioner for the Superior Court.

In 1996 he began the first Juvenile Drug Court in Washington State and began an Adult Drug Court one year later. He presided over the drug court for 18 years. He is a founding member of the Washington State Association of Drug Court Professionals, served two terms as President of that organization, and was awarded the WSADCP Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. He also served as the Chair of the Washington State Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) implementation committee from 2005-2007.

He was appointed by the Washington State Supreme Court to the Code of Judicial Conduct Review Committee in 2008 which rewrote the Canons of Judicial Ethics adopted by the Court in 2011. He served as Judge Pro Tem on the Washington State Court of Appeals in 2011.

Judge Williams and his wife Janet have been married 53 years and have three children and five grandchildren. He currently serves on the boards of the Olympic Peninsula Boys and Girls Clubs, the Clallam-Jefferson Pro Bono Lawyers, and the Washington State Association of Drug Court Professionals. He is an assistant coach for the Archbishop Murphy High School mock trial teams.