

Speaker Bios

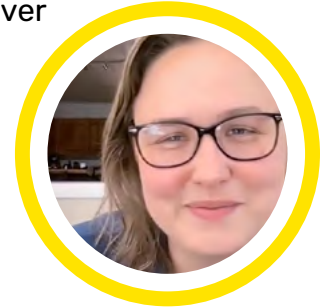
Ashley Stewart, PhD, MSSW, is a subject matter expert focused on anti-racist practices and addressing identity-based institutionalized oppression. Prioritizing lived narratives, Ashley takes a person-centered and collaborative approach to identify solutions to equity issues. She is passionate about the translational aspect of research and assessment, promoting evaluative measures to ensure culture-shift, and sustainability of inclusion.



Elijah Hayes is a Prevention and Recovery Specialist. He received a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Spanish. Elijah's personal struggle with addiction to pornography and his journey of recovery have enabled him to walk alongside others, teaching them that freedom is possible. Through a 3-month intensive outpatient program, he was able to explore the psychology of addiction, family systems, and emotions. Now, he gets to leverage these tools with students. He has been married to his lovely wife Stella since 2017, and they have 2 precious daughters together.



Erin Eslinger is a Program Director and Certified Prevention Specialist with over 12 years of experience engaging with teens in youth ministry and educational environments. Erin is passionate about guiding students along their search for significance by encouraging them to value themselves and others. Using her own journey through depression and anxiety, Erin is a champion for students' mental and emotional health. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Religious Studies and is certified in Student Leader Training. She and her husband Travis have two dogs together: Tucker and Bramble.



Jami Eckols-Leonard works as a Recovery Support Peer Specialist and is a member of C4's Project Amp Youth Advisory Board. She is passionate about working with young adults who have just discovered recovery and creating an environment of safety and compassion. Jami also loves her dog, Rize, and recalls how helpful visiting the dog park was in her early recovery.



Juliana Hartley works with C4 Innovations and Community Catalyst to advocate for youth struggling with mental health and substance use. She is also a college student majoring in Political Science and Economics and is passionate about working with the state of Georgia to further resources for young adults. Juliana loves cooking, exercise, journaling, and being outdoors as ways to find and encourage mental wellbeing.

