



**Joanne Montgomery, LCSW, LADC – Connecticut**  
**Chief Clinical and Outreach Officer - Liberation Programs, Inc.**

Joanne Montgomery was instrumental in being the first to implement methadone in a variety of settings in Connecticut including recovery housing, residential treatment programs, drug courts and jails. In addition, Ms. Montgomery developed the first opiate agonist treatment protocol, which was later adopted by the state as an innovative protocol to have seamless transfer for individuals from detoxication to Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs). During her 30 years in the field, her expertise in program development and community partnerships has been instrumental in expanding critical services throughout Fairfield County including MAT Wellness Van, providing life-saving treatment directly to underserved communities; and Recovery Coaching & Hospital Partnerships, ensuring continuity of care and establishing methadone protocols in skilled nursing homes. Furthermore, Ms. Montgomery serves on several community organizations' boards, which provides a key connection between Liberation Programs and community resources for HIV/AIDS, recovery and recovery residences.

Ms. Montgomery is unwavering in her commitment to expanding access to opioid treatment in Connecticut. Her groundbreaking work in creating a treatment-on-demand model revolutionized access to Medication Assisted treatment (MAT), reducing wait times from several weeks to just 90 minutes. This achievement was recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as well as the Connecticut's Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services as setting a new standard for timely and effective access to treatment. She has a lifelong commitment to integrating HIV services with substance use disorder treatment and MAT, even helping to facilitate HIV service integration in Russia. Ms. Montgomery is a passionate, dedicated, and strategic leader who has made a tangible, life-changing impact on those affected by opioid use disorder.