

What We've Been Up to

Program Year Wrap-Up: Growth, Impact, and What's Ahead

We're excited to share highlights from the close of our 2024–25 program year on June 30, 2025! (Look for more detail in the 2024/25 Impact Report coming soon!)

- **36 referrals received and 20 participants engaged** in one-to-one wellness skill-building, grounded in SAMHSA's *8 Dimensions of Wellness* supporting emotional, social, physical, financial, and overall well-being.
- 8 mentors employed, provided 664 hours of one-on-one support to youth and emerging adults impacted by substance use, mental health, and justice involvement.

As we move into the new year, we currently have 8 <u>dedicated mentors</u> working with participants and are **recruiting for our Fall mentor cohort**. Our unique mentor development program offers specialized training and hands-on experience for individuals (age 21+) who want to make a difference — and even explore a career in youth development.

□ Know someone who would make a great mentor? Share our <u>Mentor Development</u> <u>Program</u> with them and let them know they can apply online!

What's News



A special Thank You to Mel's Commissary in Carrboro for continuing our partnership by hosting RSN's inaugural Spring Fundraising Campaign. It was great seeing our founders, Tom and Chris McQuiston, Executive Dir, Terence Johnson and other board members enjoying the delicious Fish & Chips.

We couldn't do this without You All!

Our Sincere Appreciation and Honorable Mentions to our community partners and funders who continue to provide RSN with the means to carry out our mission:

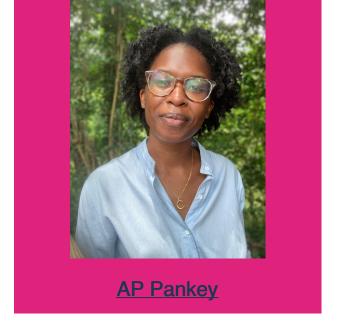
- The Oak Foundation
- Triangle Community Foundation
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of the Carolinas
- Duke Health, Building Healthy Communities
- Coastal Federal Credit Union
- Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Orange County Partnership for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth
- Orange County Opioid Settlement Funds
- Chatham County Opioid Settlement Funds
- The Boule' Foundation
- Launch Carolinas Leadership Accelerator Cohort

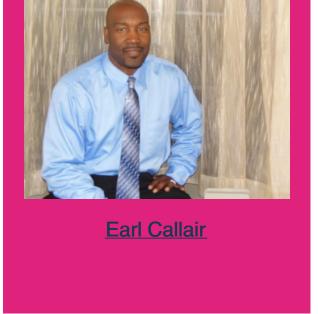
Programming Highlights

We're Growing into Chatham County! As of July 1, we officially expanded our services into Chatham County, made possible through the support of the Chatham JCPC and Chatham Opioid Settlement funds. We've already received four new referrals — and we're excited to get started!

We're now actively recruiting mentors to serve youth in Chatham County! If you or someone you know is interested, please help us spread the word by sharing our Mentor Recruitment Flier in both **English** and **Spanish**!

Welcoming our New Staff Members





Please helps us welcome *Amira (AP) Pankey* (they, them) and *Earl Callair* (he, him) onto Team RSN. AP is serving as our Director of Programs and Earl has stepped into the role of Program Manager overseeing both Orange and Chatham counties. You can read more about both AP and Earl <u>here</u>.

What's Next

We're Upgrading Our Systems to Better Support Mentors and Youth

After reviewing how we manage participants and mentors, we recognized the need for stronger tools to reduce administrative work and give our Program Manager more time to focus on supporting our participants and their caregivers. Thanks to the generous support of the Oak Foundation and Triangle Community Foundation — and the expertise of Monday.com specialists — we're excited to announce an upgrade to our program management systems.

This new platform, expected to launch smoothly by early 2026, will streamline our processes, help us keep pace with the growing number of participant referrals, and provide valuable program data to strengthen our impact.



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