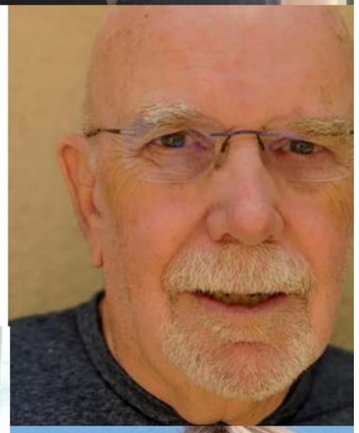
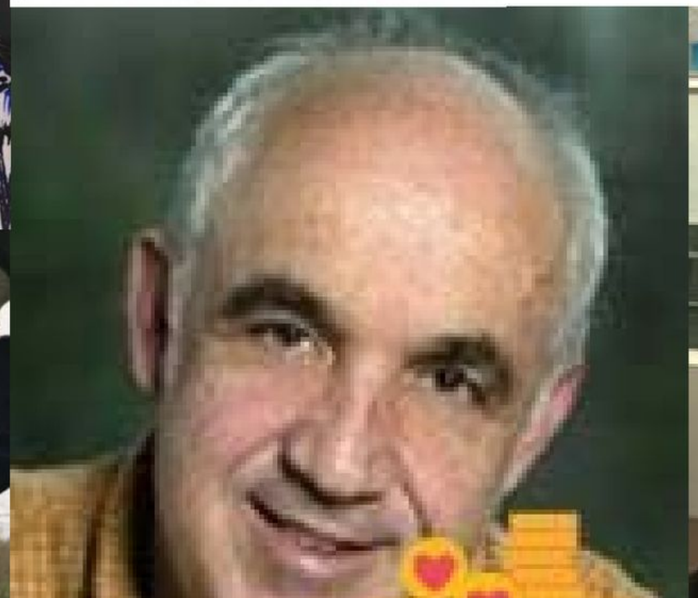
North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

Founding Mother's & Father's Panel

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In a Child's life, everyone is accountable.

Libby Jones, former Co-Chair Parent Representative,
State Collaborative/Director of SUCCESS (Past)
Secretary for the Collaborative (Past)

Trust & Respect

I always felt like everyone sitting at the State Collaborative table was there for the right reasons. This made it easy to trust and respect them which is required to have the kind of strength in unity we enjoyed; therefore, enabling us to improve the lives of children, youth and families in North Carolina.

Patricia (Pat) Solomon, the First Family Co-Chair
NC Collaborative for Children, Youth & Families

The best way to get people to collaborate is to hold them accountable for things they could not do by themselves.

Joel Rosch, Ph.D. first Co-Chair of NC Collaborative, former senior research scholar at the Center for Child and Family Policy at Duke University

Persistence

You can't always get what you want....but if you try, try, try, you will get what you need....

Donn Hargrove
Dept. of Juvenile Service Representative at the start of the State Collaborative

We must rise above our divisions to create a dynamic can-do energy and determination to apply what we know SOC is--with integrity, trust, transparency, energetic creativity, and much perseverance. This is how/when SOC succeeds in its mission.

Martha Kaufman
Founding Member of State Collaborative
DHHS Mental Health Child Services Representative

ADVOCACY

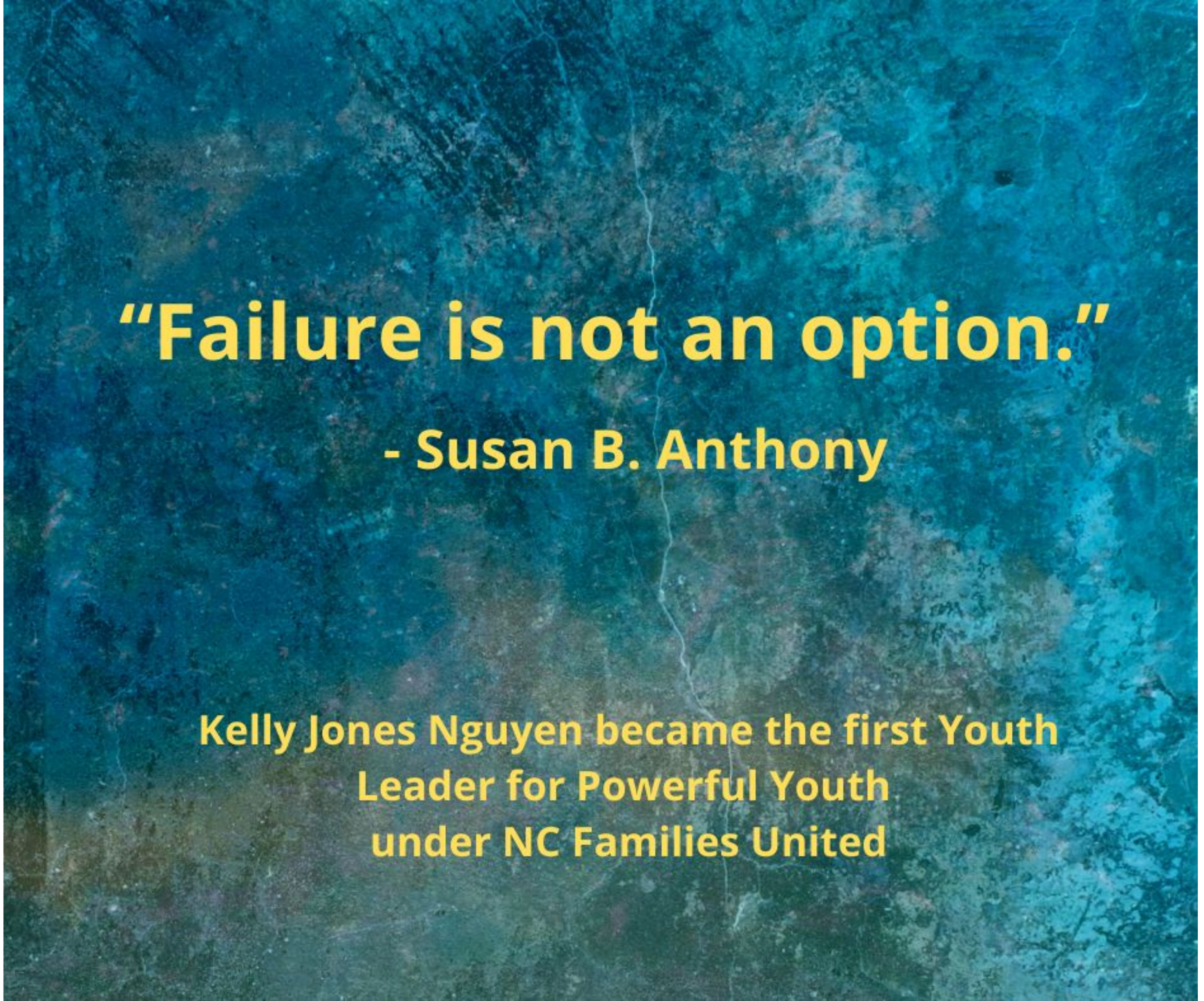
Mental Health Matters

We need to have the legislature see the need to increase state dollars for children's mental health services – Medicaid is not sufficient - and leaves a group of children and families without appropriate services.

Bill Hussey, founding State Collaborative member, Department of Public Instruction/Mental Health Consultant and Parent Representative

I appreciate and celebrate the Collaborative and the early efforts to create an inclusive group of individuals and representatives of service providers as well as those who are recipients of those services. The work of this body has been intentional in that respect and has long had been needed, continues to be needed and is greatly respected.

Lana Dial is a former co-chair of the State Collaborative. She is an active member of the Lumbee Tribe, Triangle Native American Society and American Indian Women of Proud Nations.


“Failure is not an option.”
- Susan B. Anthony
Kelly Jones Nguyen became the first Youth
Leader for Powerful Youth
under NC Families United

for the greater good

We are each and together on a journey to join in and give to something bigger than oneself to a greater whole for the greater good. Belonging together as a part of this collaborative, impacts how we belong to one another and what we can accomplish standing stronger together.

Susan E. Robinson, M.Ed., Founding and Current State Collaborative member, Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

Groundbreaking

The Collaborative was groundbreaking and ahead of its time in understanding the critical need for agency collaboration along with participation by families with lived experience to improve the health, safety, and well being of all communities across NC.

Rebecca Huffman – the DSS Representative in the beginning days of the State Collaborative

"We are Better Together"

Families are better together, and agencies and organizations achieve better outcomes when they work together.

Kirsten Peterson Frescoln
Part of the original "Friday Breakfast Bunch" of the State Collaborative, representing Juvenile and Family Treatment Courts

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