



Katie Szumigala (formerly Katie Lemke) is the Safex Training Coordinator who facilitates the Training Pillar and oversees the coordination and marketing efforts for Safex open enrollment and OnDemand offerings. Additionally, she manages the drug-free workplace education and training operations and provides in-person training to businesses located in northwest Ohio, where she resides.

Katie was the coordinator of the *Working Partners*® Drug-Free Workforce Community Initiative, a public-private partnership between the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and *Working Partners*® to address the economic threat of substance abuse by employees and job seekers in our state and received the “First Responder Award” for her crisis management skills and ability to address concerns no matter the time or problem.

An experienced facilitator and trainer, Katie has presented at local, regional and statewide conferences and events on a wide range of topics using subtle humor to connect with her audience. She welcomes the opportunity to answer questions and hear about situations they've experience.

Katie graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree from the University of Dayton in counselor education. She previously held professional licensure in chemical dependency (LICDC) and mental health (LPC). Katie's professional experience includes therapy and psychoeducation in residential and outpatient chemical dependency treatment centers, including medication assisted treatment, as well as providing similar services within the mental health community. Additionally, Katie collaborated with the criminal justice system to provide chemical dependency and mental health assessment services to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court.