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Jenn Jones: Visionary Behind Sober Livers



Jenn Jones stands at the intersection of personal resilience and professional expertise. Her journey exemplifies the transformative power of lived experiences, education, and unwavering commitment.

She has a B.A. in Communication Studies, from Colorado State University, and in 2021 attained a Certificate in Health Communications from the University of Colorado, Denver, laying the foundation for her impactful work.

With her influential voice, Jenn has made an impact in the liver health community. She began her advocacy work in 2021 with the [American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases \(AASLD\)](#). At AASLD, she has been a pivotal advocate, serving as an ALD E-Learning Unit editor, speaker at three [“The Liver Meeting” conferences](#), and selected to serve on the 2024- 2025 Patient Advisory Group. Recently, she was invited to speak at the AASLD Emerging Topic Conference, in February 2025.

Dedicated to dismantling the stigma associated with alcohol-associated liver disease (ALD), Jenn championed the inclusion of people with cirrhosis and ALD in the [Global Liver Institute’s \(GLI\) Advanced Advocacy Academy](#). She is now a three-time Academy alumna and served on GLI’s first Patient Advisory Committee. Additionally, she has been a Patient Ambassador for the American Liver Foundation (ALF), and on a Patient Advisory Council for [Boehringer Ingelheim \(BI\)](#), selected to be interviewed about her experience with portal hypertension and cirrhosis for internal training at BI. Currently, she serves on two working groups for the [Liver Forum](#), and is on the ALD committee for the [Global NASH Council](#).

From research to resilience, Jenn’s professional experience includes research and business development. At [CU Anschutz Medical Campus](#) Jenn developed communication strategies and conducted qualitative interviews, advocating for underserved communities through multimedia storytelling. Prior to this position, Jenn was the Director of Business Development for a small aerospace company, [Red Canyon Engineering and Software](#), where she expanded services, managed government contracts, and forged aerospace and defense partnerships with NASA and the Department of Defense.



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Jenn's commitment to her mission is deeply personal. She battled severe interpersonal violence (IPV) and complex PTSD, and her struggle with alcohol use disorder, alcohol-induced hepatitis, and decompensated liver cirrhosis brought her to the brink of death. With a 30% chance of survival, she found strength in her service dog's eyes, understanding his need for her to survive. Sober since 2018 and safe from IPV since 2013, Jenn channels her resilience into helping others.

