

## NSTARR Project

The National Study of Treatment and Addiction Recovery Residences (NSTARR) Project is an important study on recovery residences. A team from the Public Health Institute's Alcohol Research Group is conducting this study. Recovery residences from across the country will be surveyed.

The NSTARR Project is funded by the NIAAA and is supported by NARR, Oxford House, and Treatment Communities of America. A few key points to this project are:

- Recovery Housing is undervalued and underfunded, partly because it is not well-recognized and understood.
- Data is needed to paint a clear picture of what recovery housing is, where it exists and where it is limited.
- NSTARR project will fill the gaps in knowledge and awareness of recovery housing and elevate the work that is done.

Submit an online form about your recovery residence [HERE](#)

## \$26 Billion Opioid Settlement

Kaiser Health News recently published an article examining how states are planning to spend the \$26 Billion opioid settlement fund. There are specific parameters within the settlement for how states can spend the money. These parameters include:

- 70% must be used for opioid-related expenses
- 15% can be used for administrative expenses for governments to reimburse past opioid-related expenses
- 15% can be spent at the state's discretion

Read the full article [HERE](#)

## Fentanyl, Nitazenes, Xylazine

Fentanyl is driving opioid overdose deaths currently and has been the main factor for the past couple of years. This is old news. However, there are still mistaken beliefs surrounding fentanyl. Some alarms being sounded by politicians and officials are incorrect and potentially dangerous. An article published by The Associated Press indicates these mistaken beliefs include: "tightening control of the U.S.-Mexico border would stop the flow of drugs, though experts say the key to reining in the crisis is reducing drug demand; that fentanyl might turn up in kids' trick-or-treat baskets during Halloween; and that merely touching the drug briefly can be fatal (something that researchers found untrue and that advocated worry can make first responders hesitate about giving lifesaving treatment." Read the full article [HERE](#)

The Houston Metropolitan Area has identified Nitazenes in fake prescription pills: Xanax, oxycodone, and hydrocodone. Nitazenes are a class of non-fentanyl-related synthetic opioids that made their appearance in the illicit drug market in the U.S. in 2019. Some Nitazenes have a much higher potency level than fentanyl, pharmacological test data suggests some Nitazenes are 20 times more potent than fentanyl. Read the full publication [HERE](#)

The FDA issued a warning on November 8, 2022, about the serious risks associated with xylazine exposure in humans. Xylazine is a non-opioid agent that was originally approved in 1972 for use in veterinary medicine as a sedative and analgesic. Xylazine has recently been present in combination with heroin, fentanyl, and some stimulants. Read the full FDA Warning [HERE](#)

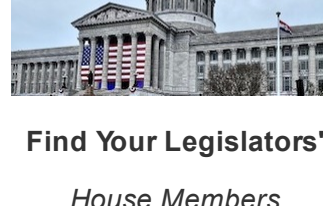
## Missouri Warming Centers

Winter is fast approaching as temperatures have steadily declined over the past few weeks. Warming Centers are available throughout the State. Click [HERE](#) for the information and location.

## Recovery Set Aside

Time is running out to show your support for the millions of Americans in and seeking recovery by asking Senators Hawley and Blunt to cosponsor the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act (S. 4301). This critical legislation would authorize a 10% set-aside for recovery support services in the Substance Use Block Grant - the first dedicated funding stream for recovery.

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### Your State Government

[Missouri Government](#)

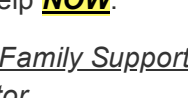


### Find a Recovery Program

Our programs are designed to further our mission and provide much-needed services for the community. Find a place to get help [NOW](#).

[Safe Family Support](#)

[Locator](#)



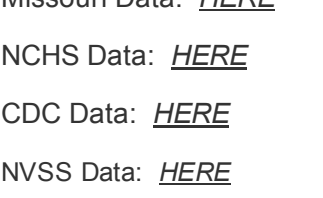
Overdose Data

Missouri Data: [HERE](#)

NCHS Data: [HERE](#)

CDC Data: [HERE](#)

NVSS Data: [HERE](#)



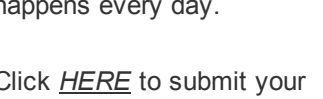
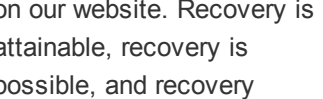
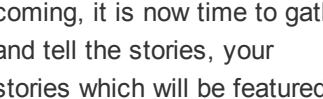
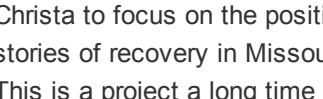
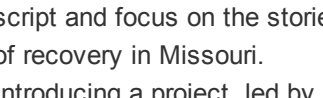
## Show-Me Recovery

### Stories of Recovery in Missouri

Most often the media focuses on the negative stories about substance use. Show Me Recovery will change that script and focus on the stories of recovery in Missouri.

Introducing a project, led by Christa to focus on the positive stories of recovery in Missouri. This is a project a long time coming, it is now time to gather and tell the stories, your stories which will be featured on our website. Recovery is attainable, recovery is possible, and recovery happens every day.

Click [HERE](#) to submit your Show Me Recovery Story.



## Be a Partner in Excellence

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Contact [Christa Harmon](#) for more information.

## MCRSP Affiliate Meeting Information

### Regional Affiliates

#### Central Missouri Recovery Coalition

- Dan Hanneken, Chair
- Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:00 am, email [Dan](#) for a Zoom link

#### Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis

- Pastor Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, Chair
- Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am, email [Marsha](#) for a Zoom link

#### Kansas City Recovery Coalition

- Bobbi Jo Reed, Chair
- Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 am, [Zoom Link](#)

#### Recovery Coalition of the Ozarks

- Merna Eppick, President
- Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. [Zoom Link](#) - ID: 379 314 5419

#### Southeast Missouri Recovery Alliance (SEMRA)

- Ronnie Sells, Chair
- Meeting days and times are not available

### National Affiliates

#### National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NAAR)

- Monthly open calls for national issue updates on the 1st Friday of each month at 10:00 - 11:00 am CT. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Monthly Learning Communities from 2:30 - 4:00 pm Central Time on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

#### Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO)

- Monthly open members call for national and other issue updates on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2:00 - 3:00 pm Central Time. Click [HERE](#) to register.



## Upcoming Events

- December 8, 2022, **MCRSP Leadership Meeting** Sikeston, MO
- December 9, 2022, **MCRSP/Southeast Missouri Recovery Alliance (SEMRA) Conference** City of Miner Convention Center, 2610 East Malone Ave., Sikeston, MO  
Conference [HERE](#)  
Conference Flyer [HERE](#)  
Conference Agenda [HERE](#)
- March 6, 2023, **MCRSP Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference** - Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
**THE LAST DAY to reserve your hotel room** is February 5, 2023 - [BOOK ROOM HERE](#)
- March 7, 2023, **8th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol** - Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101

If you have an event you would like to share please email [Christa](#)

## Training Opportunities

### CPS Specialty Training (Peers and DOC Supervision)

- December 16, 2022, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm [Register Here](#)

### Trauma-Informed Care Training - Missouri Department of Mental Health

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

### Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: Certified Peer Specialist [Register Here](#)
- Reoccurring: Peer Specialist Supervisor [Register Here](#)

### Suicide Prevention Training - MO Dept. of Mental Health & MO Behavioral Health Council

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

### Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

### Family Support Provider Credentialing - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

### Youth Peer Support - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

### Ethics - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

If you have a training you would like to share please email [Christa](#)

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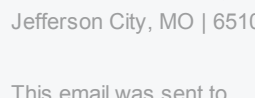
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