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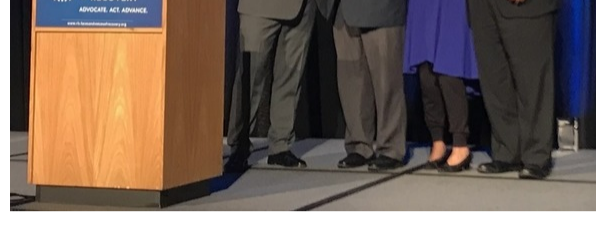
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National Recovery Organization of the Year

On October 5 at the Recovery Leadership Summit in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers was selected by Faces and Voices of Recovery as the "Recovery Organization of the Year." The award recognizes the accomplishments of the 126 MCRSP members across Missouri who provide quality recovery programs for people suffering from substance use disorders. The Recovery Organization of the Year Award recognizes the exemplary achievements of one local, state, regional, or national nonprofit grassroots recovery organization for its advocacy and mobilizing of the recovery community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery from substance use disorder.

Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) Director Val Huhn stated: "Please share with MCRSP, I was delighted to see the selection as Recovery Organization of the Year. So well deserved. I am so fortunate to know you all and get to be a part of all your efforts. Enjoy this much-deserved success...truly very cool. Have a great week-end...Val".

Photo: The award was accepted by MCRSP Executive Director Gregory Smith, MCRSP Board Chair Ladell M. Flowers, and MCRSP Board Member Bobbi Jo Reed.



Community Outreach Mini-Grant Program

MCRSP has been awarded \$30,000 annually from the Missouri Department of Mental Health to assist community organizations in raising awareness about substance use through local events. Individual grants of up to \$1,500 each are available to organizations that are holding community events to raise awareness about substance use, break the stigma and connect people in need to local resources. Questions about this program should be directed to [Christa Harmon](#) at MCRSP.

To those organizations that have received the Community Outreach Mini-Grant please share photos of your event with Christa. There will be a special edition of the newsletter coming soon. As well as the events highlighted on the MCRSP website.

Support Missouri Clean Slate Campaign

Sign up to support the Missouri Clean Slate Campaign.

MCRSP is taking a leading role with Empower Missouri to promote the Missouri Clean Slate Campaign. This Campaign will be seeking changes to automate the criminal record expungement process in the state during the next legislative session. For more information check out the Clean Slate website [here](#).

We need your organization to sign on as Clean Slate partners here; this is one of the best ways for us to grow the campaign right now. We are also collecting stories from people who have experienced roadblocks and barriers to employment, housing, and other necessities in life as a result of their criminal records. If you would like to share your story please contact [Christa Harmon](#).

ACTION ALERT

Take one step forward to establish a Recovery Set-Aside:

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. Our momentum continues to grow, and your organization's action is needed - let your voice be heard!

Ask Senators Hawley and Blunt to co-sponsor S. 4301 by joining this letter campaign. Add your own message or simply send our template letter. I suggest you begin the letter by explaining a little bit about your organization. The same letter will go to both Senators. Select "health/healthcare" as the subject of the letter when prompted to do so.

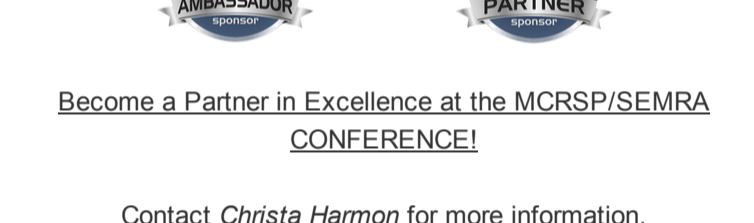
*As of July 14, 2022, this bill is currently sponsored/co-sponsored by Sen. Hassan [NH], Sen Murkowski [AK], and Sen. Lujan [NM].

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Be a Partner in Excellence

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Become a Partner in Excellence at the MCRSP/SEMRA CONFERENCE!

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

- October 24-26, 2022, **NARR National Summit** Richmond, VA Register [HERE](#)
- November 2-4, 2022, **Missouri Reentry Conference** Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark Register [HERE](#)
- November 8, 2022, **General Election Day - Voter Registration Deadline 10/12/22** Register to vote online [HERE](#)
- 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 Register [HERE](#) Conference [HERE](#) Conference Agenda [HERE](#)

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

Training Opportunities

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 Depart. 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](#)

MARS - Missouri Credentialing Board

- [Zoom November 10 & February 17](#): [Register HERE](#)

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



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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



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