

News from the Capitol

2022 Missouri Legislative Session Kicks Off

MO State Representative Cheri Toalson-Reisch introduced HB2527, a tax credit for recovery organizations. It is the same as HB1174, which she sponsored last session. Last year, the bill passed unanimously out of the House Emerging Issues Committee.

In summary, beginning January 1, 2023, taxpayers would receive a tax credit equal to 50% of the amount of any donation of \$250 or more made to an organization that provides recovery support services to those recovering from substance use disorders, including justice-involved individuals. These tax credits are non-transferable but may be carried forward for four years.

The Department of Mental Health is charged with determining the organization's eligibility to issue the tax credit. To be qualified an organization must be:

- A Valid 501c3 organization that provides recovery support service.
- No single organization may utilize more than 20% of the tax credits available statewide in a single year.
- Organizations that have an annual budget in excess of \$5 million, provide compensation to any single employee in excess of \$100,000 annually, or are contracted with the state to provide clinical treatment services are ineligible.

The Department of Revenue may authorize up to \$2.5 million tax credits annually, subject to annual appropriations.

Contact your state representative and ask them to co-sponsor this important legislation.

Click here for the entire Bill: [HB2527](#)

MODOT's efforts to "Put the Brakes on Human Trafficking"

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month is January. MODOT and the Missouri State Highway Patrol have joined forces to combat human trafficking in Missouri. The Missouri Department of Transportation trains employees on the common indicators of human trafficking as well provides the public information on the topic.

Read the full article here: <https://www.modot.org/node/24936>

For more information on "Put the Brakes on Human Trafficking" visit <https://www.modot.org/fighthumantrafficking>



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



Missouri Recovery Supports at Work

Date: 1/22/22

126 MCRSP Partner Agencies

167 Accredited Residences

1,530 Active Beds Available

60,000 Missourians Served



Greg's Message

The 2022 Missouri Legislative Session kicked off on January 5. Already, 1,151 bills have been filed in the House of Representatives, including HB2527, a tax credit for donations to addiction recovery organizations. The bill is slated to be read for the second time on Monday, January 24, and then will hopefully be assigned to a committee for consideration. The bill passed unanimously out of committee last year, so we are hopeful to get the bill across the finish line this year and signed into law. Please contact your legislators and ask them to sign onto the bill as a co-sponsor. We have been holding regular meetings with legislators since the session began. It is incredible the reception we receive from legislators. Almost every one of them has been touched in some way by the disease of addiction.

Please join us on March 7-8 in Jefferson City for the MCRSP Annual Meeting and Recovery Day at the Capitol. We have an exciting line-up of speakers and it will prove to be a valuable experience for attendees. And, the price is right -- it is free! You must make your hotel reservations soon, however, to obtain the discounted MCRSP rate.

Andy's Notes

Reaccreditation is progressing for 2022. Any program with houses being reaccredited this year will have all of their houses accredited at the same time, even if they were just reaccredited last year. This will allow a smoother inspection period for the programs and houses that will save in expenses and fees in the future. Since standards were changed in January 2021, many programs will be required to submit additional documentation when requested to reaccredit. The new standards are on the website. www.mcrsp.org

There have been 167 houses accredited with 147 active. This brings the total number of active beds to 1,530; 954 men's beds and 573 women's beds.

Upcoming Events

January 29, 2022 ~ **Overdose Awareness Event & Celebration of Life** ~ 1:00 pm
Landmark Recovery Center, 204 Metro Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101

February 4, 2022 ~ **MCRSP Housing Task Force Meeting** ~ 9:00 am - 11:00 am via Zoom

February 11, 2022 ~ **MCRSP Board of Directors Meeting** ~ 10:30 - 12:00 pm via Zoom

March 7-8, 2022 ~ **MCRSP Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference**
Courtyard by Marriot, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
<https://mcrsp.org/news/upcomingevents.html>

March 30 - ~ **MO Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference**
April 1, 2022 Hilton Promenade, 3 Branson Landing, Branson, MO 65616
<https://www.motreatmentcourts.org/2022-matcp-conference/>

April 8-10, 2022 ~ **MACA Spring Conference**
Camden on the Lake, 2359 Bittersweet Road, Lake Ozark, MO 54049
<http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org/upcoming-events>

If you have an event you would like to share please email [Christa Harmon](mailto:Christa.Harmon)

Training Opportunities

National Council for Mental Wellbeing - Motivational Interviewing Trainings

- February 8, 2022 - 11:00 am (Intermediate Training) [Register Here](#)
- March 8, 2022 - 11:00 am (Introductory/Refresher) [Register Here](#)

Wellness Webinars - The Missouri Behavioral Health Council (These webinars are designed for Behavioral Health Care Providers:

- February 11, 2022 - 1:00 pm (Motivation: Discovered not Created - learn about factors that influence motivation and motivational enhancements to support individuals in their wellness planning.) [Register Here](#)
- [April 22, 2022 - 1:00 pm \(Back to Basics: Using Effective Communication Techniques - basic communication techniques for wellness coaching. Register Here](#)

Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Certified Peer Specialist [Register Here](#)
- Peer Specialist Supervisor [Register Here](#)
- Certified Peer Specialist Speciality Training [Register Here](#)

If you have a training you would like to share please email [Christa Harmon](mailto:Christa.Harmon)



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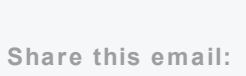
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