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News from the Capitol

Missouri House Expands Access to Opioid Treatment

MO State Representative Dirk Deaton sponsored HB2162, which would allow the Department of Corrections, the Office of Administration, and the judiciary access to the Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund. These funds may be used for treatment, prevention services as well as other health care and law enforcement needs.

Current statutes only allow the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Public Safety access to these funds. On January 11, 2022 representatives with the Department of Corrections and Office of Administration testified in support of this Bill in the House Budget Committee meeting.

HB2162 was perfected in the House after unanimously passing through the Budget and Rules Legislative Oversight Committee.

Read the full article here: <https://themissouritimes.com/missouri-house-approves-bill-extending-opioid-relief-funds/>

Click here for the entire Bill: [HB2162](#)

House Committee Hears Proposal for Prison Nurseries

The House Judiciary Committee heard a proposal to put nurseries in prisons. Representatives Bruce DeGroot and Curtis Trent filed a bill that would allow incarcerated women under certain conditions to live with their infants for up to 18 months.



The committee heard that this program has been implemented in numerous states and has led to better outcomes for both mothers and children by reducing recidivism. Maggie Burke, who was a warden at a prison with a nursery in Illinois assured the committee these programs work and Missouri should adopt one.

Read the full article here: <https://newsroom.house.mo.gov/news/1339>

Click here for the entire Bill: [HB1897](#)



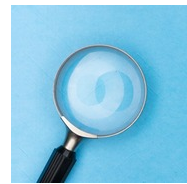
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Greg's Message

The MCRSP-supported HB2527, a tax credit for personal donations given to addiction recovery organizations, continues to make progress in the Missouri House of Representatives. The bill has been assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee for consideration and could receive a hearing shortly. Last year, the bill passed unanimously out of the House Emerging Issues Committee. This year's legislation, sponsored by Rep. Cheri Toalson-Resich (R-Hallsville), continues to add bipartisan co-sponsors, including Reps. Tracy McCreery (D-St. Louis County), Chuck Basye (R-Rocheport), Josh Hurlbert (R-Smithville), Sean Pouche (R-Platte County), Travis Smith (R-Dora), and Rudy Veit (R-Wardsville). Please continue to contact your legislators and ask them to sign onto the bill as a co-sponsor. MCRSP continues to hold regular meetings with legislators.

MCRSP is also working on proposed legislation that would codify the voluntary accreditation process of recovery homes in Missouri. The bill would also exempt accredited recovery homes from certain landlord-tenant laws and local planning and zoning regulations that seek to prohibit recovery homes in certain communities. We hope to have this legislation introduced in the next couple weeks.

Please join us on March 7-8 in Jefferson City for the MCRSP Annual Meeting and the 7th Annual 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 in price and highly valuable in content!

Upcoming Events

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>

August 26-27, 2022 ~ **5th Annual Intersection of Christian Beliefs and Recovery Seminar**
Landmark Church, 204 Metro Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109

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

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](#)

Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- MRSS training [Register Here](#)

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