

Characteristics of a Successful Recovery Residence

A recent study conducted among 330 recovery residents in California looked at the relationships between recovery residence characteristics and the recovery residents' outcomes.

The study suggests there are certain characteristics of recovery residences that can influence better recovery outcomes, especially those involved in the criminal justice system.

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“Recovery residences: Which housing characteristics predict positive resident outcomes?”

Recovery Residence Characteristics	Associated Recovery Outcomes (increased/decreased odds)
Affiliated Parent Organization or Group of Other Houses	Increased Abstinence
Affiliated Treatment Facility	Increased Abstinence Increased Employment
Affiliated Parole/Probation Referral Program	Decreased Arrest Increased Employment
Resident Capacity: ≤ 10	Increased Employment
Resident Capacity: ≥ 21	Decreased Employment
Geographic Region	Predicted Abstinence Predicted Employment
House fees: ≤ \$600 per month	Increased Abstinence
Male-Only Houses	Increased Abstinence
Lower Percentage of Residents on Parole/Probation	Increased Abstinence
Largely 12-Step Oriented	Increased Abstinence Increased Employment
Requiring ≥ 30 days of Abstinence	Decreased Arrest
Requiring AANA Attendance	Increased Abstinence

The authors assessed these variables one at a time and analyses controlled for (i.e., were independent of) participant demographics (gender, race/ethnicity, age, education) and the duration of stay at the recovery residence.

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SAMHSA's National Prevention Week

May 8-14, 2022

Prevention Day: Monday, May 9, 2022

National Prevention Week (NPW) is a national public education platform bringing together communities and organization to raise awareness about the important of substance use prevention and positive mental health. SAMHSA's Prevention Day will take place on Monday, May 9 and it will be an interactive online conference platform. Hear from prevention leaders; learn about the latest developments in the areas of mental illness and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery, network with other practitioners; and sharpen your skills.

Information [HERE](#)

Reduce Fentanyl Overdoses, Increase Penalties for Dealing

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Deaths Involving Alcohol Spike During the Pandemic

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Guidance on Protections Issued for People with Opioid Use Disorder

On April 5, 2022, The Department of Justice announced the publication of guidance on how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects those with opioid use disorder in recovery or treatment and those who take medication to treat OUD.

"The opioid epidemic continues to pose an extraordinary challenge to communities across our country, and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this crisis," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "People who have stopped illegally using drugs should not face discrimination when accessing evidence-based treatment or continuing on their path of recovery. The Justice Department is committed to using federal civil rights laws such as the ADA to safeguard people with opioid use disorder from facing discriminatory barriers as they move forward with their lives."

The document providing guidance explains how the ADA protects those with OUD in treatment or recovery from discrimination in a number of ways, including employment, healthcare, and participation in state or local programs and services.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Greg's Message

Things continue to move forward for recovery at the national level. MCRSP is working with its national coalition on two fronts: 1) the reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and 2) the fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations process. On the appropriations side, the Biden Administration released its FY2023 budget on Monday, March 28. Included in the budget proposal was a \$1.1 billion increase in the substance abuse block grant (SABG) and a 10 percent set aside for recovery programs once again. The Administration has made similar recommendations in their FY2022 budget, but the measures failed to pass the Congress in the last hours of negotiations. Please be on the lookout for calls to action as we progress through the appropriations process. It is important that legislators hear from constituents on these matters.

The U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing on Tuesday, April 5, to begin the process of reauthorizing SAMHSA. This process typically takes place every 5 years. As part of this reauthorization process, several changes to SAMHSA have been proposed. One is a change to the name of the agency. Under the current proposed legislation, "Substance Abuse" will be changed to "Substance Use," a change that advocates have been trying to make for several years to eliminate the stigmatizing language in the agency's name. There are several other items in the proposed legislation of interest to the recovery community, including a greater emphasis on peers, changing the name of the federal block grant to the "Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Block Grant," and a requirement that states separate their data collection between treatment programs and recovery programs and perform a two-year study on recovery outcomes. Also included in this early draft of the legislation is the Excellence in Recovery Housing Act, a bill that MCRSP and the National Alliance for Recovery Residence (NARR) have been promoting for a few years. The language in this bill would require states and SAMHSA to promote the establishment of quality recovery housing networks across the country. It is expected the Committee will "mark up" this important legislation in May. With this being an election year, it is unclear if the legislation will cross the finish line before the end of the year. MCRSP and its allies are also advocating that a 10 percent set aside for recovery be included in the reauthorizing legislation, but it is unclear at this point if that will happen.

Things have also been busy in the Missouri State Capitol, although at a snail's pace in some respects. The Missouri House took up the state FY2023 budget bills on the House floor on Tuesday, April 5, and are now awaiting action in the Senate. The Senate will return to business on Tuesday, April 19, when they are scheduled to "mark up" the budget bills in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Activity on the budget will be swift these next two weeks since, by law, the budget has to be delivered to the governor no later than 6 p.m. on May 6. Funding for Recovery Support Services (RSS) has stayed the same as the FY2022 levels at \$3.91 million. In addition, however, are funds that have been sent to the state through the federal government, which has basically doubled the size of the RSS program.

MCRSP is continuing to work on HB2527, a tax credit for donations made to recovery organizations in the state. The bill is still held up in the House Rules Committee for Administrative Oversight. However, members of the House and Senate plan to offer the legislation as amendments on the House and Senate floors when appropriate bills come before those bodies for consideration. We are now in the last four weeks of the 2022 legislative session, so the pace will undoubtedly pick up. To date, however, the two chambers have only passed and agreed to one bill this session, the first supplemental budget bill. The House has passed 109 bills so far this year. The Senate, however, has only passed 31 bills this year due to a series of filibusters that have bogged down the chamber. If legislation is going to pass this year, it will likely be in the form of large omnibus bills that contain many components. Stay tuned...

Upcoming Events

- April 30, 2022 ~ **National Prescription Take-Back Day**
Click [HERE](#) to find a collection site near you
- May 2, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference AWARD Nominations Deadline**
Nomination Form [HERE](#) (ALL nominations due by 5:00 pm)
- May 3, 2022 ~ **MO Mental Health Foundations Mental Health Champions Awards Banquet**
Register to attend in person or virtually [HERE](#)
- May 19-20, 2022 ~ **The Missouri Department of Mental Health: Spring Training Institute (STI)**
Virtual Conference. More Information [HERE](#). Register [HERE](#)
- June 3, 2022 ~ **MCRSP/KC Recovery Coalition Conference**
Hilton Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee
Register [HERE](#)
- June 8-10, 2022 ~ **Fletcher Group RCOE "Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit"**
Hilton Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee
Attend in person or virtually, register [HERE](#)
- July 21, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference**
Show-Me Center in Cape Girardeau, MO
- August 11, 2022 ~ **MCRSP/Central Missouri Recovery Coalition Conference**
Stoney Creek Hotel (Columbia), 2601 South Providence Road, Columbia, MO
Discounted room rate of \$95/night; reservations made by July 13. Click [HERE](#) to make

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](#)

Training Opportunities

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

- April 22, 2022 - 1:00 pm (Back to Basics: Using Effective Communication Techniques - basic communication techniques for wellness coaching. [Register Here](#)

Ethnicity & Diversity Training

- May 13, 2022 - 8:30 am - Emmaus Church, Springfield, MO - [Download .pdf to register](#)

Trauma-Informed Care Training

- [Register Here](#)

Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

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

Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- MRSS training [Register Here](#)

Ethics Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Ethics training [Register Here](#)

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