

Recovery High School Legislation Sent to Governor

Senate Bill 769, Recovery High School Legislation, passed through the House before the end of the Legislative Session and has been sent to the Governor for his signature.

Key elements of the bill include:

- four pilot schools across Missouri,
- existing school referrals are not needed,
- envisions partnerships of one or more school districts,
- state funds will follow the student,
- additional funding will be needed to address therapeutic needs,
- Missouri and Kansas Departments of Education will work together.

Read Senate Bill 769 [HERE](#)

Missouri Legislation Ends Session

The Missouri Legislation ended the 2022 session last week.

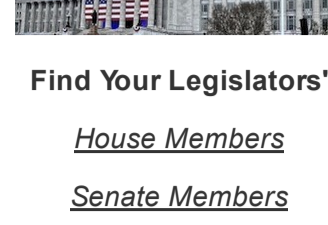
MCRSP will have updates on the Bills that passed in the next newsletter. Stay tuned for more information.

MCRSP Featured by the National Peer Recovery Center of Excellence (CoE)

MCRSP was a Featured Stakeholder of the National Peer Recovery Center of Excellence for the month of April. MCRSP Executive Director, Gregory Smith was able to share about MCRSP on the monthly stakeholder's Zoom Call. MCRSP is also featured in the Center's monthly Recovery Reader newsletter and Greg was interviewed on the Center's Recovery Talk podcast. The Peer Recovery CoE offers several resources for recovery organizations.

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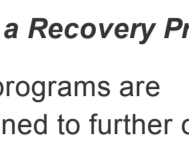
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SHOW ME RECOVERY: Stories of Recovery in Missouri

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.

If you would like to learn more about this project and share your story please email [Christa](#) for details.



In-Kind Contribution Reporting Changes are Coming

Nonprofits have been required to report in-kind contributions for a very long time, however, there has not been a consistent way to do so. That will change on June 30, 2022. This change will bring clear and concise methods to how in-kind contributions are reported on nonprofit financial statements.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Did You Claim Refundable Tax Credits from the IRS?

The National Council of Nonprofits reports: A small human services nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. utilized the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) to keep 11 full-time employees and several part-time workers on the job throughout the pandemic. The nonprofit was able to claim a refund of \$85,000 from the IRS for ERTC relief for 2020 and another refund of about \$115,000 for 2021 based on the city-wide closure orders – one of two ways employers can meet eligibility requirements for the ERTC. This particular nonprofit received refundable tax credits in addition to forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans. Many nonprofits have qualified for the ERTC as a result of similar circumstances: government-ordered "full or partial suspensions" that limited travel, meetings, or commerce. Nonprofits can also qualify due to having suffered a certain reduction in gross receipts compared with the same quarter of 2019. Although Congress canceled the Employee Retention Tax Credit effective the end of September 2021, there is still time for eligible nonprofits to claim this refundable tax credit that can offset employment taxes and generate a refund payment. Your nonprofit may be able to qualify through either of the two ways described, and the credit can be claimed retroactively for parts of 2020 and 2021.

Does your nonprofit qualify for refundable ERTC tax credits? Click [HERE](#) to find out.

Greg's Message

The Missouri legislature wrapped up its 2022 legislative session last week, leaving many priorities untouched. HB2527, the tax credit legislation for donations made to addiction recovery organizations, died in the Rules Committee for Administrative Oversight on the last day of session. MCRSP will promote bringing the legislation back again next year. We will do a full state legislative wrap-up in the next issue of our newsletter.

At the federal level, the U.S. Congress "marked up" the SAMHSA reauthorization legislation in the Health Subcommittee on Wednesday, May 11. The full House Committee on Energy and Commerce plans to "mark-up" the bill on Wednesday, May 18. While the current legislation does not have a major increase in the Substance Abuse block grant or the 10-percent set aside for recovery programs, it does contain several other items that MCRSP and its national partners have been promoting for years. Some of these good items include:

- 1) The removal of stigmatizing language. The name of SAMHSA would change from the "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration" to the "Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SUMHSA)." Also, the name of the block grant would replace the words "substance abuse" with "substance use" All other places that substance abuse appears within the agency would be changed to "substance use" or "substance use disorder."
- 2) More inclusion of recovery in the agency. The name of the block grant would change to the "Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Block Grant." The term recovery currently is not in the name of the block grant, only prevention and treatment are in the current name. Use of the block grant funds would also be clarified to include recovery support services.
- 3) States would be required to separate their data collection between treatment programs and recovery programs and perform a two-year study on recovery outcomes.
- 4) Recovery housing was a big winner in the proposed legislation, which incorporated another bill known as the Excellence in Recovery Housing Act, a bill that MCRSP and the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (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 standards and networks across the country. It also contains language for the National Academies of Science to do a report on recovery housing nationally, creates an inter-agency task force on recovery housing and provides funding to states to establish quality recovery housing networks.

It is expected the legislation will move to the full House of Representatives shortly. MCRSP and its national partners are continuing to work with the Senate to get the 10-percent set aside for recovery inserted into the legislation.

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

- May 19-20, 2022 ~ **The Missouri Department of Mental Health: Spring Training Institute (STI)**
Virtual Conference. More information [HERE](#)
- May 24, 2022 ~ **Responding to Homelessness: Effective Strategies for Law Enforcement and Community Partners, Register HERE**
- June 3, 2022 ~ **MCRSP/KC Recovery Coalition Conference**
Healing House Recovery Community Center, 112 N. Elmwood Ave, Kansas City, MO Register [HERE](#)
- June 8-9, 2022 ~ **National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling.**
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](#)
- June 15, 2022 ~ **Missouri Rural Behavioral Health Summit, 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 a reservation.
- August 26-27, 2022 ~ **5th Annual Conference 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

Trauma-Informed Care Training

- [Register Here](#)

Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

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

Suicide Prevention Training

- [Register Here](#)

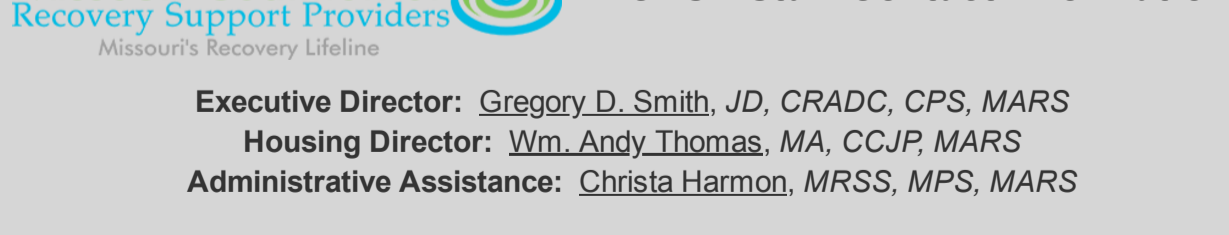
Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- MRSS training [Register Here](#)

Ethics - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Ethics training [Register Here](#)

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



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