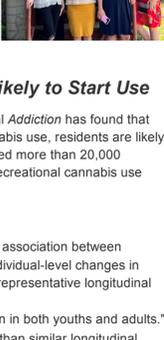


**MRSS Training in St. Joseph**

Approximately 25 agencies with 43 participants recently completed MRSS - Missouri Recovery Support Specialist training in St. Joseph, MO. The training was sponsored by the City of St. Joseph's Health Department and conducted by Rev. Ladell Flowers, MCRSP Board of Directors, Chairman.



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**Recreational Cannabis Likely to Start Use**

A study published by the scientific journal *Addiction* has found that when a state legalizes recreational cannabis use, residents are likely to start using the drug. This study included more than 20,000 Americans in four states with legalized recreational cannabis use with states that have not.

The study found:

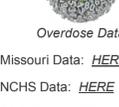
- "It is the first study to estimate the association between recreational cannabis laws and individual-level changes in cannabis use among a nationally representative longitudinal cohort in the US."
- "It examines cannabis use initiation in both youths and adults."
- "It has a much larger sample size than similar longitudinal studies: 6,925 youths and 14,938 adults, 21,863 in total."
- "The study provides evidence against the claim that legalization would not increase cannabis use among youth."

Professor Yuyan Shi of Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science at the University of California San Diego says, "It's especially concerning that increased cannabis use occurs among young people because of the detrimental health effects associated with cannabis use at a young age, including impaired respiratory function, cardiovascular disease, and adverse effects on mental health."

Read the Society for the Study of Addiction news release [HERE](#)

Read the *Addiction* SSA [HERE](#)

Read the Partnership to End Addiction article [HERE](#)



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[Other Data](#)

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**SAPT Block Grant Update**

A top advocacy effort priority at MCRSP and its national affiliates continues to be the SAPT Block Grant at SAMHSA. The program is due for reauthorization this year, giving Congress the ability to redefine the boundaries and priorities involved in the grant. The bill introduced to the HELP committee is calling for funding of \$3.2 billion, including a 10% set aside for recovery support services. The Bill must pass the Senate and then the House and Senate will have to work together to get this bill passed.

Read the article [HERE](#) including other advocacy efforts by Faces and Voices of Recovery.

To send a letter to Senators Blunt and Hawley asking them to support this legislation, click [HERE](#)

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**Charitable Giving Down 0.7% in 2021**

Data from Giving USA reported a decline of 0.7% to \$484.9 billion in 2021 when factoring in inflation. Forty years ago 83% of charitable giving came from individuals, in 2021 only 67.5% of individuals gave to charity. "When adjusted for inflation, the 2021 numbers for individuals are just now approaching the pre-tax reform level of giving in 2017. Coupled with the steady decline in the percentage of Americans giving to charity over the past two decades, sound public policy encourages charitable giving is now more important than ever."

Read the Charitable Giving Coalition report [HERE](#)

**Governor Parson Takes Action on FY23 State Operating Budget Bills and other Legislation - Issues Some Vetoes**

On June 30, Governor Mike Parson signed Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) state operating budget bills. The Missouri FY23 state operating budget, which began on July 1, is approximately \$47.5 billion, including \$12.5 billion in general revenue funds. Additionally, Governor Parson issued 32 line-item vetoes, totaling nearly \$644 million. To view the complete list of budget vetoes, click [HERE](#).

The funding bills included:

- \$4 million for Addiction Recovery Support Services, in addition to additional spending authority of federal supplemental block grant funds;
- \$8.5 million for rural health telehealth access;
- \$429.5 million to strengthen the state's child care and early childhood education network;
- \$31.5 million for the third year of MoExcels projects and employer-driven workforce training investments;
- \$30 million for Missouri One Start to assist employers, train and upskill workers, and upgrade training infrastructure;
- \$20 million to upgrade and improve Missouri's 57 area career centers;
- \$10 million for MoExcels program projects at private non-profit institutions;
- \$9.1 million for Missouri One Start;
- \$955 million for provider rate standardization and to improve MO HealthNet program integrity and access to care for vulnerable Missourians;
- \$148.7 million for community provider capital improvements and to expand services to underserved populations;
- \$100 million for Community Development and Revitalization grants;
- \$50 million for developmental disability and behavioral health services;
- \$30 million for a first responders grant program;
- \$30.5 million to implement the 988 Crisis Hotline;
- \$24 million for services for victims of crime;
- \$12.8 million for substance use response grants for local governments;
- \$5.8 million for Missouri Autism Centers;
- \$2.5 million for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to help combat the opioid crisis;
- \$550,000 for crisis counseling services for law enforcement officers;
- \$420,000 for Youth Behavioral Health Liaisons.
- \$126.1 million to modernize and modernize online government services;
- \$27.3 million to modernize the child support system;
- \$16.8 million for MO HealthNet eligibility redeterminations; and
- \$7 million to update the Division of Youth Services Case Management system.

To view the FY23 state operating budget bills, click [HERE](#).

The Governor also signed HB 1662 (Fishe) into law on June 30. The new law bans property deeds from containing restrictive covenants that reference a person's race, color, religion, or national origin. It also creates a process to remove prior restrictive covenants from a property deed.

On June 29, the Governor signed the following bills into law:

SB 820 (Burlison): Forbids homeowners' associations from banning rooftop solar panels on residents' homes.

HB 1606 (McCaugh): This law primarily deals with local government officials. However, the law also includes provisions concerning homelessness that were originally filed as HB 2614 (DeGroot) and SB 1106 (Thompson Rehder). Under this part of the law, state funds for homelessness must be used for certain facilities, including parking areas, camping facilities, and short-term shelters, and must comply with certain requirements as provided in the law. Additionally, any person who owns or operates a private camping facility pursuant to this law will have certain protections from liability. State funds otherwise used for permanent housing projects will be used to assist individuals with substance use, mental health treatment, and other services like short-term housing. The Department of Economic Development must award certain funds as bonuses for political subdivisions that reduce the number of individuals with days unsheltered, days in jail, or days hospitalized. This law provides that no person shall be permitted to use state-owned lands for unauthorized sleeping, camping, or long-term shelters. Any violation shall be a Class C misdemeanor; however, the first offense shall be a warning with no citation. A political subdivision shall not adopt any policy under which the political subdivision prohibits the enforcement of any ordinance prohibiting public camping, sleeping, or obstruction of sidewalks. The Attorney General shall have the power to bring a civil action to enjoin the political subdivision from failing to enforce any ordinances prohibiting public camping, sleeping, or obstruction of sidewalks. A political subdivision may allocate up to 25% of funds it receives from the state through grants for public safety to the creation of homeless outreach teams as provided in the bill.

On July 1, the Governor signed the following bills into law:

SB 672 (Hough): Extends and slightly modifies the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant Program, which addresses workforce needs by encouraging adults to pursue a certificate, degree, or industry-recognized credential in a job field designated as high need. The financial aid program fully covers tuition and fees for degrees, credentials and certificates in high-demand fields when combined with other federal and state financial aid. Individuals who are 25 or older or those who have not been enrolled in any school within the last two years and who meet certain income requirements are eligible for Fast Track. The bill extends the program until August 28, 2029, and expands Fast Track to allow it to be used toward apprenticeship programs.

SB 775 (Thompson Rehder): Changes a number of laws surrounding the judicial system, including creating a "Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights." The new law provides greater protections to children that have been victimized by sex trafficking. And puts into state law the process by which a child located by law enforcement and who is suspected to have been a victim of sex trafficking is to receive help from the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Juvenile Court system, child advocacy centers and law enforcement. The law also provides that a person will not be certified as an adult or adjudicated for the offense of prostitution if the person was under the age of 18 at the time when the offense occurred. Such person will be classified as a victim of abuse and reported immediately to the Children's Division and to the juvenile officer for appropriate services. The law also enacts the crime of facilitating or enabling the sexual exploitation of a child. The offense is a class E felony for the first offense and a Class C felony for a second or subsequent offense. The law establishes a "Statewide Council on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children" that will analyze data relating to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and will collect feedback from stakeholders, practitioners, and leadership throughout the state. The law will also create the "Sexual Assault Survivors Bill of Rights" that would make it inadmissible for a victim's previous sexual history to be used during a trial, establish procedures for medical care, and protect survivors' identifiable information in public records. It will also ensure a sexual assault victim has the right to consult with a representative of a rape crisis center, be offered a shower and fresh set of clothing, have an interpreter help communicate, as well as provide other protections. The new law was created from recommendations made by the Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force.

SB 683 (O'Laughlin): Requires all childcare facilities to disclose licensure status and for state searches for foster children to be more stringent and expands the possibilities for their emergency placement to include relatives other than grandparents. Creates a nursery program with the women's prison in Vandalia, allowing a baby to stay with its mother up to 18 months. The goal of the prison nursery program is to provide better outcomes for mothers in prison and their children. The program is based on existing programs in other states that have helped to reduce recidivism among mothers and resulted in cost savings for the states. It will be up to the Department of Corrections (DOC) to administer the nursery program and determine which women could participate. The prison nursery bill passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and was championed by Rep. Bruce DeGroot and Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer.

SB 681 (O'Laughlin): This Omnibus education law has many provisions, including ones that require water lead testing and filtering in schools, creation of substitute teacher certificates, increasing guidelines for literacy assessment programs, requiring adult high schools to offer child care and greatly enhances online instruction for these schools, makes it easier to earn college credits while in high school, and more. Of interest to the recovery community, the law also creates a pilot program for "recovery high schools" for students recovering from substance use. The law also creates the Missouri Workforce Diploma Program that will help thousands of Missourians who do not have a high school degree by establishing the Workforce Diploma Program under the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The program is designed to assist Missourians in obtaining a high school diploma and developing employability and career technical skills. Supporters say there are currently more than 445,000 adults in the state who don't have a diploma. Under the program, DESE would contract with providers that can administer the program. The law creates a "pay-for-performance" system so providers would only be paid if they are successful in helping Missourians obtain credits toward a diploma.

The Governor also previously, on June 7, signed HB 1697 (Baker) into law, which allows cottage food production operations to sell food over the Internet. Currently, cottage food production operations must have an annual gross income of \$50,000 or less and are prohibited from selling food through the Internet. This law removes the cap on annual gross income and the prohibition of online sales, provided that the cottage food production operation and purchaser are both located in Missouri. Supporters say this adds new jobs for people who want to work from home.

On July 1, the Governor also vetoed some proposed legislation  
HB 1720 (Pollitt): This is a comprehensive agriculture bill that contains many tax credits for ethanol, soybean production, etc. Of note, it also includes a tax credit program for urban farming. While the Governor strongly supports the agriculture tax credits, he felt the credits needed to be available for a longer period of time than allowed under the bill. He is calling a Special Session of the Legislature to address this issue.

HB 1667 (Christofanelli): The Kratom Consumer Protection Act would have ensured that the substance known as kratom can be safely purchased and used by adults in Missouri. In his veto, the Governor raised concerns with the illegitimate use of Kratom amongst people with addictions, among other things. The Legislature will convene in Jefferson City on Wednesday, September 14, to address any vetoes issued by the Governor. The legislature could pass the bill over the Governor's veto at that time. Click [HERE](#) to read Governor Parson's veto letter.

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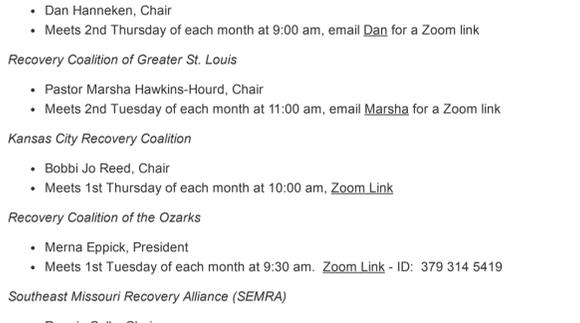
Most often the media focuses on the negative stories about substance use. Show Me Recovery will change that script and focus on the stories of recovery in Missouri. Introducing a project, led by Christa to focus on the positive stories of recovery in Missouri. This is a project a long time coming, it 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.

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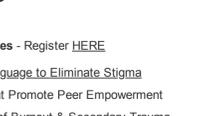
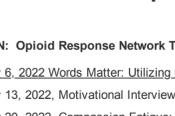
**MCRSP Affiliate Meeting Information**

**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 5149
- 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**

- **ORN: Opioid Response Network Training Series** - Register [HERE](#)
- July 6, 2022 **Words Matter: Utilizing Powerful Language to Eliminate Stigma**
- July 13, 2022, Motivational Interviewing Skills that Promote Peer Empowerment
- July 20, 2022, Compassion Fatigue: The Impact of Burnout & Secondary Trauma
- July 27, 2022, Ethical Recovery Support Service Guidelines
- August 3, 2022, What is an RCO? Providing Recovery Communities with Authenticity, Vision, and Accountability
- August 10, 2022, Creating a Thriving Organization
- July 21, 2022, **MO Suicide Prevention Conference**  
Show-Me Center in Cape Girardeau, MO
- August 2, 2022, **Missouri Primary Election - Voter Registration Deadline 7/6/22**  
Register to vote online [HERE](#)
- 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](#) for Conference Flyer  
Click [HERE](#) to Register for the Conference  
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- August 26-27, 2022, **5th Annual Intersection of Christian Beliefs and Recovery Seminar**  
Landmark Church, 204 Metro Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109  
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Click [HERE](#) for Conference Agenda
- September 17, 2022, **Mid-MO Addiction Awareness Group 6th Annual SUD Awareness Day**  
Sullivan, MO  
Flyer [HERE](#)
- September 20, 2022, **National Voter Registration Day Partner**  
Register [HERE](#)
- September 30, 2022 - **Missouri Addiction Counselor's Association Fall Conference**  
October 2, 2022, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO  
Register [HERE](#)
- October 2-5, 2022, **Faces and Voices Recovery/ARCO Recovery Leadership Summit**  
St. Paul RiverCentre Convention Center  
Register [HERE](#)
- 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 - 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

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**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 Dept. of Mental Health & MO Behavioral Health Council**
  - Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)
- Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board**
  - Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)
- Ethics - Missouri Credentialing Board**
  - Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)
- Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference - MO DMH, MO Behavioral Health Council & Community Counseling Center**
  - July 21, 2022: [Register Here](#)
- Medication Awareness Recovery Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board**
  - July 22, 2022: [Register Here](#)

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