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MATCP CONFERENCE

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers (MCRSP) attended the 27th annual Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Conference, held March 26-28 at the Branson Convention Center. Representing MCRSP were Andy Thomas, Housing Director; Brendan Pasley, Assistant Housing Director; and Christa Kiesling, Director of Administration and Outreach.

During the conference, the MCRSP team hosted a booth to share valuable

resources, engage in meaningful conversations, and build stronger connections with attendees who are dedicated to helping individuals navigate their recovery journey

Through ongoing partnerships, education, and advocacy, MCRSP remains committed to ensuring that people facing substance use challenges have access to the comprehensive support they need to achieve stability, personal growth, and lasting recovery.

Dear MCRSP Community,

We're at a critical juncture for the future of addiction recovery services in the United States. As part of a sweeping federal reorganization, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is being consolidated into a new agency—the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA)—under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

At this time of transition, it's essential that substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery services remain a top national priority—not sidelined or diluted. We need your help to make sure our collective voice is heard.

What's at stake?

Recovery services—including peer support, recovery housing, and community-based care—have proven outcomes. They reduce incarceration, strengthen families, and create more stable, productive communities. Every dollar invested in recovery leads to significant savings in healthcare, criminal justice, and lost productivity. More importantly, these services save lives.

This reorganization presents both risks and opportunities. Without strong advocacy, there's a real danger that recovery-focused programs will be fragmented or underfunded in the new AHA structure. Now is the time to act.

What you can do:

We urge all of our partners, stakeholders and community allies to

reach out to local, state, and federal policymakers within the next 24–48 hours. Emphasize the need for:

- Dedicated recovery funding within the new agency structure.
- Representation of lived experience at all levels of decision-making.
- A continued focus on evidence-based, community-rooted recovery services.

MCRSP stands ready to collaborate with federal leaders during this transition. But we need your voices to ensure that the momentum we've built around recovery doesn't lose ground.

Let's make it clear: Recovery is not an afterthought. It is a cornerstone of public health.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent moment.

Brendon Steenbergen
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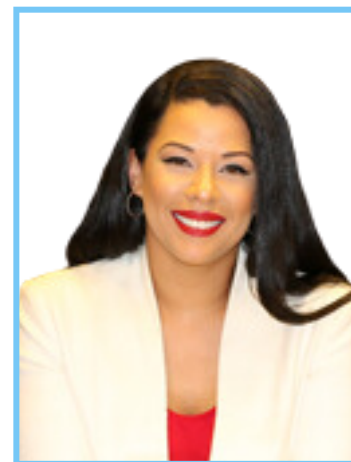
The 2025 MCRSP Conference will take place on September 12, 2025, at The Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri. The theme, "Someone By My Side," highlights the importance of connection and support in the recovery journey.

The conference will feature Dr. Jeffrey McCausland as the keynote speaker, who will address the topic of Executive Leadership Development. Drawing from his extensive experience as a retired U.S. Army colonel, former White House National Security Council staff member, and leadership expert, Dr. McCausland will provide valuable insights into leadership strategies that empower individuals to lead with confidence and drive meaningful change in the recovery support community.

Attendees will also hear from Lee Goldberg, Dr. Corey Vilsaint, and Sarah Jane Hunt, Attorney at Law. These experts will cover a range of important topics, including insurance and risk management strategies, the impact of recovery housing and supports, and challenges related to fair housing law. The conference will also include updates from MCRSP and the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH).

For hotel accommodations, Comfort Inn & Suites is offering a room block at 5150 Gretna Gd, Branson. To reserve your room, please call 417-335-4731 by August 10, 2025, and mention the Room Block Code: MCRS.

We look forward to connecting with you at this important event. Stay up-to-date by visiting our website at www.mcrsp.org



MINI-GRANTS

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers receives funding from the Missouri Department of Mental Health to help community organizations host local events that raise awareness about substance use, break stigma, and connect individuals to essential resources. We encourage organizations to apply soon to take advantage of the remaining funds.



MINI GRANT AWARDS



On March 12, 2025, In2Action hosted the ROC Recovery Resource Event, bringing together over 20 vendors and 50 individuals seeking resources. The event was a tremendous success, offering valuable support and information for those on their recovery journey.

This event aligns with MCRSP's mission by providing essential resources and connecting individuals with the knowledge they need to stay on the path to recovery. It also plays a key role in preventing relapse and reducing recidivism rates in Boone County, a critical focus for both MCRSP and the community.

MCRSP is proud to support events like the ROC Recovery Resource Event, which highlight the importance of accessible resources and community partnerships in promoting lasting recovery. We are grateful for the support and participation that made this event so impactful.



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