

Congressional Omnibus Budget Bill Passed

Just before Christmas, Congress passed a large Omnibus spending bill that will fund federal government operations through September 2023.

First and foremost, a recovery set-aside within the block grant was NOT included. However, there is language that states "... [Congress] urges SAMHSA to strongly encourage States to use a portion of their substance use block grant funding for recovery support services." ([Explanatory Statement](#), page 101). This will allow us to work with SAMHSA to provide clear guidance to the States to ensure funds are spent on recovery support services.

We are still analyzing text, but there are several other key wins for recovery programs, including:

- The block grant's name has been changed to The Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant. The word "Abuse" has been replaced with the word "Use".
- SAMHSA will conduct a needs assessment for State's use of block grant dollars - "with States and other local entities providing prevention, treatment, or recovery support services related to substance use, conduct a study on strategies to assess community needs with respect to such services in order to facilitate State use of block grant funding received."
- The block grant will require states to outline "the State's comprehensive statewide recovery support services activities, including the number of individuals being served, target populations, workforce capacity," and outline its expenditures on recovery support services.
- The Excellence in Recovery Housing language was included. This will require states to establish a network of quality recovery programs that are accredited (as MO has already done), This is also supported with a \$5 million appropriation and we are in hopes that MCRSP will be eligible to receive some of these grant funds.

Funding increases include:

- Block Grant - \$100 million increase nationally (which will increase the contribution to Missouri slightly more than \$2 million annually)
- Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR) grant program - \$4 million increase nationally
- State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program - \$50 million increase nationally
- Recovery Workforce Support - \$2 million increase
- RCSP-SN will now total \$4.4M

Also of note – the MAT Act (eliminates x-waiver) and the Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act (authorizes more than \$900 million in funding through SAMHSA), remain intact.

You may read the full bill text [here](#)

We appreciate your continued advocacy efforts and will update you all as we learn new information.



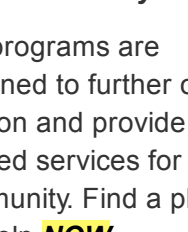
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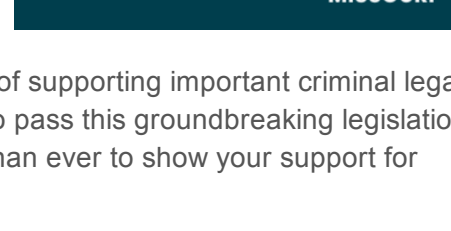
Missouri Received First Payments of Opioid Settlement

On December 22, 2022, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt announced the state has received the first two payments of \$35 million from the opioid settlement which will be directed to aiding victims and funding treatment and prevention programs.

Read the full article [here](#)

Clean Slate Campaign Update

Clean Slate legislation has officially been filed in both the Missouri House and the Senate! [Senate Bill 347](#) is sponsored by Senator Curtis Trent, and [House Bill 352](#) is sponsored by Representative Phil Christofanelli. Senator Trent and Rep. Christofanelli both have great track records of supporting important criminal legal reforms for Missouri and we are excited to work with them to pass this groundbreaking legislation. With the legislative session beginning, it is more important than ever to show your support for Clean Slate in Missouri. Here are a few ways to do so:



- If you haven't done so already, [sign on to the support letter](#) to send a message to Missouri lawmakers that our state supports second chances.
- To get involved with campaign efforts, [sign on as a Partner Organization](#) or [Business Supporter](#). If you have any questions, please contact Gwen at gwen@empowermissouri.org.
- Forward this newsletter to someone you know and help us spread the word!
- **Submit a Testimonial:** Clean Slate partners or business supporters are invited to submit a [Spotlight](#) to be featured on our website. Please send your submission to Gwen at gwen@empowermissouri.org.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or if you would like to learn more about Clean Slate legislation or the campaign efforts. We look forward to hearing from you!

Show Me Recovery Stories

What is your recovery story? There is power in your story! You are a voice to be heard!

Here is Tracey's Story!

Tracey

In 2002 I was released from WERDCC women's prison in Vandalia, MO with a little over 2 years [in recovery]. Upon my release I began outpatient treatment through probation and parole and began participating in Narcotics Anonymous. I got a sponsor, a homegroup, and I began to work the 12-step program. I became gainfully employed, acquired a home, car, and a husband! Life was great. I then had a bad case of the "FORGOTS". I suffered a medical mishap and my life flipped. I suffered mentally, and physically due to this condition. Rather than use the tools of recovery, sponsorship, the fellowship/steps, and the meetings, I suffered in silence and then isolation. Eventually I thought alcohol would give me some relief. I FORGOT that I was [a person in recovery] and that any mind or mood-altering chemical released my addiction all over again. The drinking led back to the drugs and further isolation. I quit working and quit trying. I spent ten years [using again] until finally in desperation I was admitted to a [psychiatric unit] for suicidal thoughts and major depression. I was homeless, penniless, and hopeless. I was in the hospital for about 2 weeks and was offered an opportunity to attend treatment in St. Charles. I took it! I completed the program and was given the opportunity to move into a [recovery residence] in St. Peters. I have served as house manager for LIV Sober Living, I am gainfully employed with a financial service provider, I am an active member of First Assembly Church of St. Peters. I have a new sponsor, a homegroup and I am back to working the steps. I have a foundation of recovery, and I pray to never lose touch with my fundamentals. I know that every day [in recovery] is a successful day.

in recovery since 11/23/2020

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

- Jordan Hampton, Chair
- Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am, email [Jordan](#) 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

- March 6, 2023, **MCRSP Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference** - Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Register [Here](#)
THE LAST DAY to reserve your hotel room is February 5, 2023 - [BOOK ROOM HERE](#)
- March 7, 2023, **8th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol** - Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Register [Here](#)
- March 29-31, 2023, **MATCP 25th Annual Treatment Court Conference**, Branson, MO
Paper Registration Form [Here](#)
Register Online [Here](#)
- April 14-16, 2023, **MACA Spring Conference**, Camden on the Lake, 2359 Bittersweet Road, Lake Ozark, MO 65049
Register [Here](#)
- May 9, 2023, **Mental Health Champions' Awards**, Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101
- June 4-7, 2023, **Recovery Leadership Summit**, Washington DC
- August 17-18, 2023, **6th Annual Intersection of Christian Beliefs and Recovery Seminar** - Landmark Church, 204 Metro Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109
- September 9, 2023, **MAAG 7th Annual SUD Awareness Day**, Fisher Drive, Sullivan, MO 63080
- September 11, 2023, **MCRSP/Recovery Coalition of the Ozarks Conference** - Branson Radisson, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO 65616
- September 12, 2023, **MCRSP Board Meeting & Housing Task Force Meeting** - Branson Radisson, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO 65616
- December 8, 2023, **MCRSP/Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis Conference** - St. Louis, MO

If you have an event you would like to share please email [Christa](#)

Training Opportunities

Meaningful Change with Motivational Interviewing Training

- Thursday, January 12, 2023, 11am-3pm - [Register Here](#)

Employment Rights for People with HIV, Substance Use Disorders and Viral Hepatitis

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 10am - [Register Here](#)

Mindful Cultural Competency Training

- Thursday, January 26, 2023, 12pm - [Register Here](#)

Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy: Peeking into the Brain of a TF-CBT Therapist

- Thursday, January 26, 2023, 1pm-4pm - [Register Here](#)

Advanced Peer Supervision Training

- January 26-27, 2023 - [Register Here](#)

Question Persuade Refer (QPR) for Substance Use Disorder Professional

- January 13, 2023 - [Register Here](#)
- January 27, 2023 - [Register Here](#)
- February 3, 2023 - [Register Here](#)
- February 17, 2023 - [Register Here](#)

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 Depart. of Mental Health & MO Behavioral Health Council

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

Family Support Provider Credentialing - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

Youth Peer Support - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

Ethics - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Reoccurring: [Register Here](#)

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