



MCRSP LIFELINE

Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers

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MCRSP Legislative Priorities for 2023

FY2024 Budget Priorities:

HB10, Section .110 for Recovery Support Providers with the Access to Recovery Program Expense and Equipment.

The FY2023 appropriation for this line item was \$3,920,740

1. NDI -- \$215,000 for a 5.5% rate increase for RSS providers, which all of the other behavioral health organizations received last year.
2. NDI -- \$481,787 for a value-based payment system for RSS providers. This was a recommendation from the Governor's budget
3. \$1.5 million for respite housing.

Other Bills MCRSP Supports:

- HB1028 (Travis Smith) / SB547 (Rusty Black) - establishes a 50% benevolent tax credit program for donations made to addiction recovery organizations.
- HB352 (Christofanelli) / SB347 (Trent) -- would establish an automated system for expunging the criminal records of justice-involved individuals.
- Identification for justice-involved individuals prior to being released from the Department of Corrections. The language that would require the DOC to establish procedures for everyone to obtain their IDs and sign up for Medicaid has been inserted into HB301. This bill has already passed the House and had a hearing in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee on February 27. There are several provisions to this bill, however, which not everyone may support.

Greg's Legislative Priorities Update - 3/23/2023

HB1028, our bill to create a 50% benevolent tax credit for donations made to addiction recovery organizations, is slated to be heard by the House Rules Committee for Regulatory Oversight on Monday, 3/27, at 2:00 pm. The bill already unanimously passed out of the Corrections and Public Institutions Committee. The Rules Committee will decide if the bill can proceed to the House floor for consideration.

Also on Monday, 3/27, at 4:30 pm, the Judiciary Committee will hear HB352, the House Clean Slate bill that will automate the process for expunging criminal records. Please let Greg know if you or someone from your organization will be able to be there in person to give a testimony. Check out Empower Missouri's testimony [here](#). If you can't be there in person, please submit written testimony here: [Witness Form \(mo.gov\)](#). Please reach out if you have any questions or need any support preparing testimony.

Today, as I write this, the House Budget Committee is marking up the FY2024 state budget. HB10, which funds the Department of Mental Health, includes all of the provisions MCRSP had been seeking. These items include: 1) a 5.5% rate increase for RSS providers (which will add \$215k to the RSS line item), 2) a value-based payment system for RSS providers that will add another \$481k to the RSS line item, and 3) \$1.5 million in new funding for respite housing.

The budget will be on the House floor next Tuesday, 3/28. And remember, all of these items will still have to go through the Senate as well.

Special Note: Legislative updates occur daily. It is possible that the above information has changed.

Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference

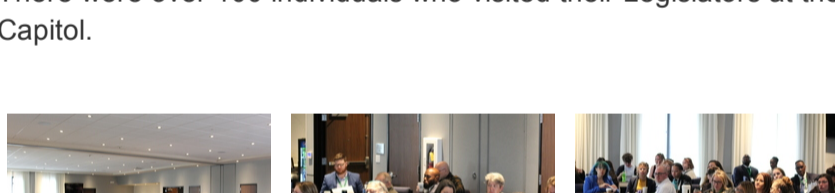
MCRSP hosted the Annual Meeting & Legislative Conference in Jefferson City on March 7, 2023. Dr. Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, MCRSP Chair, Rev. Charles Stephenson, MCRSP Chaplain, and Greg Smith, MCRSP Executive Direction welcomed everyone who attended.

The Conference jumped right into Advocacy 101 and Current Events in the Missouri Legislature presented by Greg Smith and Rich AuBuchon, AuBuchon Law Firm. The attendees then received a perspective from DMH and SAMHSA on current developments presented by Rosie Harper-Anderson, Director of Recovery Services, DMH along with Kimberly Freese, SAMHSA Region 7 Administrator. Britney Rowe, Alaina Over, and Mackenzie Bolz, all Mitigation Specialists as well as Annie Legomsky, Holistic Defense Services Leader gave a presentation from the Missouri State Public Defenders Office. Senator Holly Thompson Rehder (R-27) and Senator Tracy McCreery (D-24) made an appearance to let us know what they are working on at the Capitol. An update on Programs at the Department of Social Services was presented by Ken Chapman, Assistant Deputy Director, and Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke, DSS Deputy Director. Alex Earls, DOC Reentry Manager, and Kelly Dills, ICTS Program presented working with Probation & Parole and the Department of Corrections. Nora Bock, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Mental Health, and Val Huhn, Director of the Missouri Department of Mental Health wrapped up the day's discussion.



8th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol

March 8, 2023, was the 8th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol. Representative Travis Smith (R), Dr. Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, MCRSP Chair, and Greg Smith, MCRSP Executive Director welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for their attendance. There were over 100 individuals who visited their Legislators at the Capitol.



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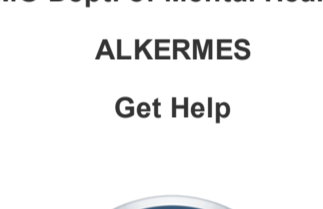
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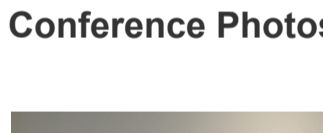
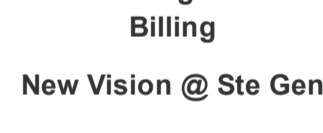
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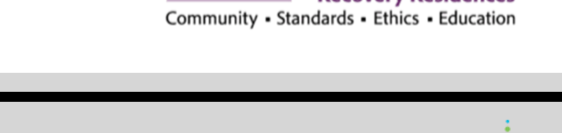
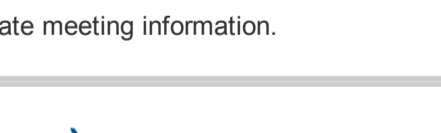
Take the time to explore these evidence-based recovery best practices.

Individuals interested in training must have login credentials.

Please email [Jamie](#) for more information.

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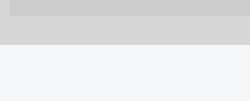
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