

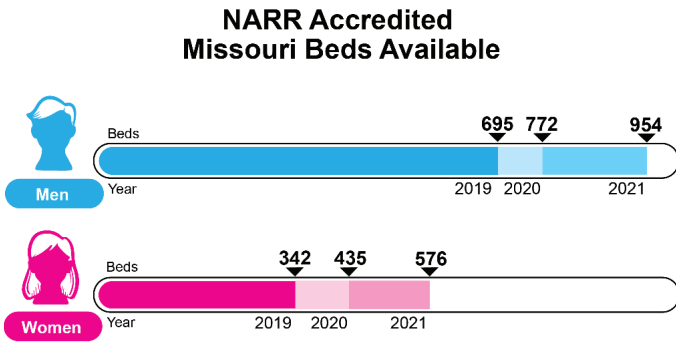
Annual Report 2011

Missouri Coalition of
Recovery Support Providers 
Missouri's Recovery Lifeline



IN 2021
MCRSP accredited
34 NEW Recovery Residences and
RENEWED 58 Recovery Residences.

2021
126 MCRSP Members
5 Regional Affiliates that hold
monthly meetings



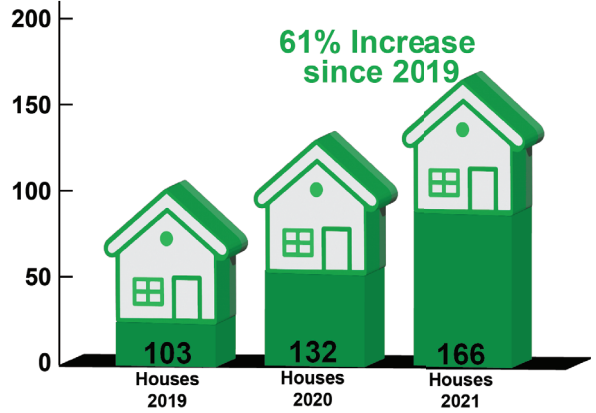
1,530 total beds at end of 2021

2021 posed several budgetary hurdles for the Recovery Support Services (RSS) program. The program was funded at \$3.67 million in state general revenue funds for FY2021 (which ran from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021). However, as a result of projected shortfalls in state revenues due to the COVID pandemic, \$1 million of this budgeted amount was frozen until March 1, 2021, when the funds were restored by Governor Parson due to state general revenues exceeding expectations. The legislature also passed the FY 2022 budget, which included \$3.92 million in general revenue committed to the RSS program.

Missouri also received additional federal funds through the COVID Relief bill passed in December 2020. Missouri received an additional \$24.88 million through the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. Through MCRSP's Advocacy, 20% of these new funds were devoted to recovery support services program; or \$4.9 million. These funds were made available in August 2021 and must be expended by December 2022. An additional \$1 million of these funds were utilized by the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) to fund four new Recovery Community Centers (RCCs) in the state and \$100k was used to promote tele-health with RSS providers.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed in March 2021 by the U.S. Congress will result in another \$21.49 million coming to Missouri in additional funding through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. \$3.8 million of these funds will be committed to RSS funding. The state has until 2025 to expend these funds. Additional ARPA funds will also be used to fund family recovery programs (\$400k), fund start-up costs for recovery houses in high risk/low service areas (\$175k), respite housing (\$450k) and recovery community centers (\$1 million).

NARR Accredited Missouri Recovery Residences

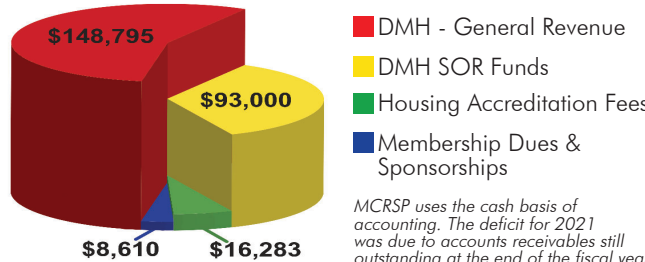


RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES (RSS) program through the Department of Mental Health.

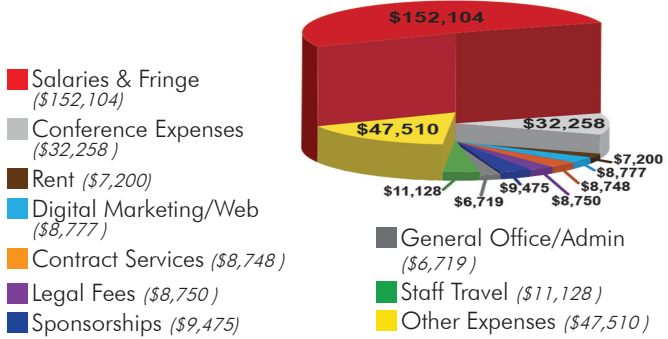
2020 ~ 51 Contracted RSS Providers
2021 ~ 67 Contracted RSS Providers
DMH accepted new contracts during September 2021. MCRSP's RSS Task Force submitted a proposal to DMH to overhaul the state's RSS rules to make them more consistent with current practices and the social model of recovery.

MCRSP FINANCIALS

2021 MCRSP Revenue \$266,688



2021 MCRSP Expenditures \$292,669



MCRSP ADVOCACY

Each year, MCRSP advocates for maximum funding of the RSS program in the state.

In 2021, Missouri State Representative Cheri Toalson-Reisch introduced HB1174, a tax credit program for people who give private donations to substance use recovery organizations. MCRSP members testified on the bill before the House Emerging Issues Committee. The bill passed out of committee unanimously, but was never debated on the House Floor. The bill has been reintroduced again in the 2022 legislative session.

At the federal level, MCRSP is an active participant in a national coalition aimed at passing the first increase in the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant in 18 years. For 18 years, the block grant to the states has been stagnant at \$1.8 billion annually. MCRSP is advocating for a \$1 billion or larger increase in this program, along with a requirement that 10 percent of the block grant be spent on recovery-related programs. Federal law already requires that 20 percent of block grant funds be spent on prevention programs.

MCRSP OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

MCRSP hired a national fair housing legal expert to prepare a memorandum for housing providers in Missouri on how the federal Fair Housing Act protects the interests of recovery housing providers and their residents, especially with respect to restrictive fire code regulations and local zoning laws. She also provided in-person training on this topic at the December MCRSP conference.

MCRSP co-sponsored, and several leaders continue to participate in, a Community Remembrance Project with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, AL. During this year, leaders of MCRSP joined other organizations, including the Lincoln University Extension in Sikeston, Mission Missouri and Life Continues Recovery, on a trip to The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, which memorializes more than 4,400 African American victims of racial terror lynchings from 1877 until 1950. MCRSP and these partner organizations continue to work together on a project to bring awareness to these dark times in American history.



GET HELP

Developed partnership with GET HELP.
Developed online searchable mapping database of all the MCRSP members and recovery resources available in the state.

MCRSP CONFERENCES

In July 2021, MCRSP received a \$50,000 annual allocation from the Department of Mental (DMH) for training programs. This funding allowed MCRSP to provide the following to its members:

September 9-10, Branson Lion's Club, Branson, MO (107 attendees). Featured ethics training, airing of the documentary of "Bobbi Jo: Under the Influence", and national speaker Beth Fisher, a founding board member of NARR, speaking about the social model theory.

November 5, MCRSP Leadership Planning Meeting First Baptist Church of Warrensburg, Warrensburg, MO

December 3, Morning Star Church, Dardenne Prairie, MO (103 attendees). Featured speaker: Kim Savage, a nationally known expert on the federal Fair Housing Act, land use, planning and zoning laws as it applies to recovery housing.

MCRSP was able to provide funding for two staff members and five member leaders to attend the NARR National Summit October 23-26 in Richmond, VA.

MCRSP also participated in the Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO) Leadership Summit, which was held virtually this year. MCRSP's own Bobbi Jo Reed received ARCO's 2021 Vernon Johnson Award in 2021.

MCRSP was able to provide scholarships to 11 MCRSP members to attend Missouri Recovery Support Specialist training hosted by the Missouri Credentialing Board.

MCRSP HELPING OUR MEMBERS

Purchased and Distributed \$100k in tele-health equipment to MCRSP-affiliated RSS providers. This included 10 meeting owls, 245 Chromebooks, 165 web cams and 65 iPads.

Distributed 27 analyzing machines and 32 cases of rapid COVID tests to MCRSP member organizations. More tests and personal protective equipment are scheduled to be distributed in 2022.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRENDS



Facebook:

Followers: 924

Page Likes: 913

Peak Page Views: 109



Twitter:

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LinkedIn:

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MCRSP MISSION:
We are a network of faith-based, peer and community organizations that restore and rebuild lives and families seeking recovery from substance use disorders through immediate access and long-term relationships!

MCRSP VISION:
Building a unified voice for Missouri Recovery Support Providers.

MCRSP BOARD MEMBERS

Chair: **Rev. Ladell M. Flowers**, Executive Director of Dismas House of Kansas City

Vice Chair: **Apostle Harold G. Long**, Executive Director, Faith Walk Ministries, Paris

Treasurer: **Rev. Michael Rogers**, Executive Director, Higher Ground Recovery Center, Springfield

Secretary: **Jane Pfefferkorn**, Executive Director, Mission Missouri, Sikeston

Parliamentarian: **Dr. Adriatik Lickani**, Executive Director, Recovery Lighthouse, Warrensburg

Chaplain: **Dr. Marsha Hawkins-Hourd**, Executive Director, Child and Family Empowerment Center and LIFE Recovery Community Center, St. Louis

Board Members:

Bobbi Jo Reed, Executive Director, Healing House, Kansas City

Kenneth A. Vick, Executive Director, Benilde Hall, Kansas City

Dr. Stan Archie, Clinical Director, Footprints, Kansas City

Merna Eppick, Executive Director, Simmering Center, Branson

Rev. John Alarid, Pastor and Executive Director, Freedom City Church and Straight Street Sober Living Homes, Springfield

Alon Fisch, Executive Director, New Beginning Sanctuary, Springfield

Bishop Jerome Bracely, Executive Director, Stepping Into the Light Ministry, St. Louis

Jordan Hampton, Executive Director, Recovery House of St. Louis

Ronnie Sells, Life Continues Recovery, Sikeston

Shannon Stanley, Director of Celebrate Recovery, New Madrid

Dan Hanneken, Executive Director, In2Action, Columbia

Rev. Charles Stephenson, Executive Director, Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, Marshall

James Bayless, President, Fresh Start Property Management Company, Columbia

MCRSP STAFF

Executive Director: **Gregory D. Smith**

Housing Director: **Wm. Andy Thomas**

Administrative Assistant:

Elizabeth Peters (*through October 2021*)

Administrative Assistant:

Christa Harmon (*Dec. 2021 - Present*)

MCRSP NEW EMPLOYEE

~Christa Harmon~



Christa is a mother of three of which one suffers from a substance use disorder. Upon the discovery of her daughter's substance use, she became very vocal on the subject.

Christa formed a non-profit organization, Mid-MO Addiction Awareness Group (MAAG) to raise awareness, increase education and stop the stigma that surrounds substance use. She is credentialed through the Missouri Credentialing Board as a Medication Awareness Recovery Specialist (MARS), Missouri Recovery Support Specialist (MRSS) and Missouri Prevention Specialist (MPS). She is also certified to teach "Seeking Safety," an evidence-based treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and substance use. Christa is a member of the State Advisory Council (SAC) of the Division of Behavioral Health, Missouri Department of Mental Health, and serves on the board of directors of the Missouri Addiction Counselors Association (MACA).