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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

With an impressive turnout of 128 attendees, the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers is thrilled to share a successful conclusion to its annual conference held on March 4th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City, MO. During the conference, attendees were treated to engaging presentations from Scott Breedlove, Stan Archie, Suneal Menzies, Patty McCarthy, and a panel of representatives from DMH and SAMSHA.

For those who couldn't attend or wish to revisit the event's highlights, we invite you to explore the powerpoints and pictures from the conference, available on our website at:

<https://mcrsp.org/news-events/events/>

Thank you to all who contributed to making this event a resounding success. We look forward to continuing our shared mission of supporting recovery efforts and making a positive impact in our communities.



GRANT CONTRACT

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers has secured a \$10,000 grant contract with Empower Missouri to support its Clean Slate Campaign. This funding will allow us to expand our advocacy efforts, engage with legislators, businesses, and communities, and promote the Clean Slate initiative across Missouri. Stay tuned for updates on our progress and how you can get involved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MCRSP testified in support of Senate Bill 1202 during the Senate Economic Development and Tax Policy Committee meeting. This bill proposes a 50% tax credit for donations to organizations providing recovery support services, starting January 1, 2025. With no opposing views presented, the bill shows potential.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MCRSP has hired George W. Norman Jr., a retired District Administrator for the Northwest and Southwest regions, who also served as the Director of Faith-Based and Community Partnership and Coordinator for SATOP. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Deacon Ministry at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, a board member for Fun City Youth Academy and Love Columbia, and the Treasurer for the Mt. Carmel Baptist District Association. With 51 years of marriage, he is a devoted husband, a father of three children, and a grandfather to five.

MINI-GRANTS

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers awarded \$6,000 in funding this month to support community outreach initiatives. With \$12,500 still available before the fiscal year ends, there's ample opportunity for your organization to apply for a grant. Simply visit our website at: www.mcrsp.org/mini-grant-program-2/ to review the application criteria.



MINI-GRANT FUNDED EVENTS

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers receives \$30,000 annually from the Missouri Department of Mental Health to support community organizations in hosting local events that raise awareness about substance use, breaking the stigma, and connecting individuals to local resources.



On March 16, 2024, the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers proudly provided funding to support Fresh Start in hosting their Callaway County Spring Recovery Event. What began as an Easter-themed gathering blossomed into an incredible celebration of community, hope, and resilience.

At the heart of the event were the inspiring stories of recovery and advocacy shared by several speakers. Alongside these powerful narratives, attendees enjoyed various activities, including a children's Easter egg hunt and a selection of picnic-style sandwiches and refreshments.

With an initial estimate of 75 participants, the event surpassed all expectations, drawing 206 individuals. This overwhelming turnout highlighted the community's strong desire for a vibrant recovery environment in Callaway County.

The success of the event was made possible through the funding provided by the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers and the support of other agencies including The Alumni Group, Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW), Journey Church, Conner's Avengers, Compass Health, Our House, Callaway Cares, CardV, and Open Table.

Special thanks also go to the representatives from the Fulton Police Department and the Fulton City Council for their presence and support.



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