

Missouri Coalition of  
Recovery Support Providers



Missouri's Recovery Lifeline

# 2023 Annual Report

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## About the Data

The reporting period is January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

## Summary

Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers is a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization that supports Missouri Recovery Support Services, accredits recovery residences for NARR accreditation, community outreach by attending conferences and community events, as well as advocates for recovery support services at the State level.

MCRSP is governed by an elected Board of Directors from the five Affiliate Coalitions. Under the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Parliamentarian, Immediate Past Chair, and MCRSP Executive Director. Several Task Force Committees are dedicated to various specific task areas. MCRSP has three dedicated full-time employees who complete the daily duties set forth by the MCRSP mission and vision.

## Mission & Vision

*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.

*Vision:* Building a unified voice for Missouri Recovery Support Providers.

## MCRSP Affiliates and Members

MCRSP has five Regional Affiliates located in St. Louis, Columbia, Kansas City, Sikeston, and Branson, MO. They each hold monthly meetings both in-person and virtual. MCRSP has 120 Members who join through the Regional Affiliates.

## Advocacy

In 2023, MCRSP took the lead on various initiatives, including advocating for a 50% tax credit for donations to organizations providing recovery support services, set to commence on January 1, 2025. Furthermore, MCRSP advocated for increased funding for RSS housing, although this proposal was ultimately vetoed by the governor. Additionally, MCRSP organized Advocacy Day, a pivotal event where representatives from diverse regions and programs convened at the capital to engage directly with legislators.

## Capitol Visits

Each year MCRSP Affiliate Regions and/or MCRSP Member Organizations visit the Capitol and respective House and Senate Members to speak and discuss MCRSP legislation priorities.

In 2023, each of the five Affiliates as well as one organization made their way to visit State Legislators.

### **Recovery Support Service (RSS) Providers**

Missouri Recovery Support Service (RSS) programs are designed to follow treatment services, aiming to promote and maintain long-term recovery. These programs offer a wide range of supportive services such as care coordination, recovery coaching, recovery housing, transportation, peer relations, and more. RSS Providers may be contracted through the Missouri Department of Mental Health. At the end of 2023, there were 60 DMH-contracted RSS Providers as well as five Access Sites throughout Missouri.

### **Recovery Community Centers**

Recovery Community Centers (RCOs) stand apart from treatment centers as community-based, peer-run organizations providing support and resources for individuals grappling with substance use disorders. At the end of 2023, eight RCOs received funding through the SOR Grant.

### **Recovery Residences**

MCRSP is the NARR Affiliate responsible for accrediting recovery residences in Missouri. Each applicant must complete a detailed process following the NARR 3.0 Standards. At the end of 2023, there were 203 active Recovery Residences, which included 1,365 beds for men and 949 beds for women for a total of 2,314 NARR-accredited beds in Missouri.

### **MCRSP Conferences**

MCRSP received \$50,000 from DMH to host Affiliate Regional Conferences free of charge to Missouri providers. These conferences offer Continuing Education hours, enabling attendees to fulfill requirements for their credentialing renewals. On a national level, MCRSP also received funding to attend the National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NARR) Conference.

2023 Conferences Included:

- Annual Legislative Meeting & Recovery Day in March at Jefferson City, MO - 137 attendees
- MCRSP/Recovery Coalition of the Ozarks Conference in September at Branson, MO - 180 attendees
- NARR Conference in October at Dearborn, MI - 12 attendees from MCRSP.
- MCRSP/Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis Conference in December at St. Louis - 150 attendees

### **MCRSP Community Efforts**

MCRSP attends other conferences and community events to share recovery support resources throughout Missouri. These efforts include setting up a resource table or presenting at a conference. MCRSP attended the following community outreach events:

- Oxford House State Convention in February at Springfield, MO
- Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals in March at Branson, MO
- Missouri Addiction Counselors Association (MACA) Conference in April at Lake Ozark, MO
- Spring Institute in May at Lake Ozark, MO
- Mental Health Champions Award Banquet in May at Jefferson City, MO
- Overdose Awareness Day in August at Sedalia, MO
- RCGSTL Recovery Day in September at St. Louis, MO

### MCRSP Highlights

Merna Leisure-Eppick, President of the Recovery Coalition of the Ozarks was awarded the 2023 Mental Health Champion award presented by the Department of Mental Health. Her years of experience and leadership in the substance use disorder field made her an excellent candidate for the Mental Health Champion Award.



### MCRSP Staff

Executive Director: **Ann C. McGruder**

Housing Director: **Wm. Andy Thomas**

Director of Administration & Outreach: **Christa Harmon**

### MCRSP Board of Directors

**Dr. Marsha Hawkins-Hourd**, Th.D., M. Min., BA

Executive Director, Child and Family Empowerment Center (St. Louis), Chair

**Apostle Harold G. Long**, MRSS

Executive Director, Faith Walk Ministries (Paris), Vice Chair

**Rev. Michael Rogers**, LPC, CRAADC, CPS, MARS

Executive Director, Higher Ground Recovery Center (Springfield), Treasurer

**Alon Fisch**, MRSS

Founder & Executive Director New Beginning Sanctuary (Springfield) / Executive Director Simmering Center (Branson), Secretary

**Charles Stephenson II**, MAADC-II, MRSS

Executive Director, Powerhouse Community Development Corporation (Marshall), Chaplain

**Jordan Hampton**, CPS, MARS

Director of Housing for ARCA (Recovery House of St. Louis), Parliamentarian

**Rev. Ladell M. Flowers**, M.Ed., RSAP, SQP, CCJP, ICCJP, QCI, CRPR

Executive Director, Dismas House of Kansas City (Kansas City), Immediate Past Chair

### Representatives from the Kansas City Recovery Coalition

**Bobbi Jo Reed**, CPS, MRSS, MARS

Executive Director, Healing House, Inc., Kansas City

**Kenneth A Vick**, CRADC, MARS, CPS, TTS

Executive Director, Recovery Consulting LLC, Kansas City

**Rev. Stan Archie**, LPC

Clinical Director, Footprints, Kansas City

### Representatives from the Recovery Coalition of the Ozarks

**Merna Eppick**, CRADC

Recovery of the Ozarks Coalition Board President

**Rev. John Alarid**, MA

Executive Director, Straight Street Sober Living Homes and Hope Homes Adult and Teen Challenge, Springfield

**Alon Fisch**, MRSS

Executive Director, New Beginning Sanctuary, Springfield

### Board Representatives from the Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis

**Pastor Marsha Hawkins-Hourd**, Th.D., M. Min., BA

Executive Director, Child and Family Empowerment Center, St. Louis

**Bishop Jerome Bracely**

Executive Director, Stepping Into the Light Ministry, St. Louis

**Jordan Hampton**, CPS, MARS

Director of Housing for ARCA (Recovery House of St. Louis)

### Board Representatives from the Southeast Missouri Recovery Alliance

**Ronnie Sells**, MAADCII, MARS, CPS

CEO of Life Continues Recovery, Sikeston

**Shannon Stanley**

Riverbend Celebrate Recovery, New Madrid

**Jane Pfefferkorn**, BS, CCCJP, MRSS, MARS

Executive Director, Mission Missouri, Sikeston

### **Board Representatives from the Central Missouri Recovery Coalition**

**Dan Hanneken**, LCSW, CPS

Executive Director, In2Action, Columbia

**Charles Stephenson II**, MAADC-II, MRSS

Executive Director, Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, Marshall

**James Bayless**

President, Fresh Start Property Management Company, LLC, Columbia

### **Chair of the Governance Task Force**

**Jane Pfefferkorn**, BS, CCCJP, MRSS, MARS

Executive Director, Mission Missouri, Sikeston

### **Chair of the Housing Task Force**

**Merna Eppick**, CRADC

Executive Director, Simmering Center, Branson

### **Co-Chairs of the Recovery Support Services (RSS) Task Force**

**Dan Hanneken**, LCSW, CPS

Executive Director, In2Action, Columbia

**Rev. Michael Rogers**, LPC, CRAADC, CPS, MARS

Executive Director, Higher Ground Recovery Center (Springfield)

Treasurer

### **Co-Chairs of the Marketing Task Force**

**Ronnie Sells**, MAADC-II, MARS, CPS

Chief Executive Officer, Innovative Treatment Solutions

**Jordan Hampton**, CPS, MARS

Executive Director, Recovery House of St. Louis