

IDHS/SUPR Recovery Wrap-Up 2021

The Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (IDHS/SUPR) rapidly grew its recovery efforts in 2021! Three national programs were brought on in July to further expand recovery in Illinois: Recovery Corps, Faces and Voices of Recovery, and Oxford House, Inc.

Illinois Recovery Corps (like AmeriCorps) is a program designed specifically for people in recovery to guide other individuals who are trying to sustain their own recovery from substance use disorders.

Since September, 4 Project Coordinators and 11 Recovery Navigators have performed a total of over 5700 hours of service. Partner agencies are spread out across all 5 regions and include: Amare, Carle Health System, Chestnut Health Systems, Community Resource Center, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Care Center of St. Clair County, ComWell, Family Guidance Center, Sinnissippi Centers, Take Action Today, and WestCare Illinois.

These additional service hours have afforded some programs the ability to outreach with more area providers like jails and drug courts, as well as helping increase client engagement and follow-up.

In addition to helping clients, it is also a great experience for the cohort members: "Some of the most rewarding parts of me serving in the Recovery Corps [have been] watching people grow in their recovery, watching people succeed. I work in the same city I used to live in, so people come in that I knew on the streets. Serving for Recovery Corps has been a great blessing and has felt so rewarding."

Learn more
about upcoming
Illinois Recovery
Trainings at
[Faces and Voices
of Recovery!](#)

Outreach for FY23 sites has started. For details on how you can partner with Recovery Corp, please see the [Recovery Corps](#) website.

Faces and Voices of Recovery is dedicated to organizing and mobilizing the over 23 million Americans in recovery from substance use, their families, friends, and allies into recovery community organizations (RCO) and networks. They promote the right and resources to recovery through advocacy, education and demonstrating the power and proof of long-term recovery.

Since July, they have been meeting with agencies across the state to help in building RCOs, as well as providing trainings on Recovery Messaging, The Science of Addiction and Recovery and RCOs.

IDHS/SUPR is pleased to support two new RCOs in January 2022- Take Action Today and Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery.

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They join the other RCOs in the state: Amare, Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition, Live4Lali, Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization, Transforming, Educating & Empowering Children and Humanity (TEECH), and United Mental Health and Addictions Recovery Coalition (UMARC).



The trainings provided in 2021 had amazing evaluations: “The thorough explanation of the neuroscience and biological nature of addiction and recovery will help me bring a better understanding to clients as well as among treatment professionals”. For more information, please access the [Illinois Recovery Project](#) portal.

For more information and registration for upcoming trainings, please visit the [Faces and Voices of Recovery](#) event page!

Oxford House, Inc. (OHI) is the umbrella organization which provides the network connecting all Oxford Houses. Oxford Houses are democratically run, self-supporting, and drug free homes. Since July, they have opened 8 new houses, which includes 4 houses for men, 2 houses for men with children, and 2 houses for women with children. Two additional houses, 1 for women and 1 for men, are anticipated for opening in early 2022. These new houses are in Bloomington/Normal, Lisle, Peoria, Rockford, and Woodridge.

OHI outreach staff have met with stakeholders across the state including treatment centers, state representatives, and mayors of towns to help with further development. These new houses are in addition to the 55 other Oxford Houses across the state started by Kalimba Foundation and Way Back Inn. For more information, visit [Oxford Houses](#).

All this recovery growth wouldn't have been possible without the support of the 25 Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care Councils across the state serving almost 40 counties (Bridgeway - Fulton/McDonough, Henderson/Henry/Knox/Warren; CEAD - Coles/Cumberland/Douglas/Effingham/Shelby; Chestnut - Bond, Clinton, Livingston/Ford, Logan/Mason, Madison/St. Clair, McClean; ComWell - Randolph/Washington; Cornerstone - Southern Cook/Northern Will; CRCC - Westside Chicago; EDDR - Winnebago; Egyptian Health - Gallatin/Hamilton/Saline/White; Family Guidance Centers - Sangamon; Heartlife Ministries - Will/Grundy; Kenneth Young Center - Hanover Park/Palatine; Macoupin County Health Department - Macoupin/Montgomery; Mathers Clinic - Kane, Kendall, McHenry; NIRCO - Lake; Piatt County Mental Health Center - Piatt; Serenity House - DuPage; and TEECH - Southwestern Cook) as well as continued work from our Recovery Support Services providers in the Chicagoland area (Brighter Behavior Choices, Campaign for a Drug Free Westside, CRCC, Healthcare Alternative Systems, Triumph Seminars, and UMARC).

For additional information on these councils, visit [ROSC Council](#).

More information about Recovery Support Services providers can be found at the [Illinois Helpline for Opioids & Other Substances](#).

If you have questions about recovery expansion in Illinois, including how to partner with one of the above agencies, please reach out to Kim Sriner at Kimberly.Sriner@illinois.gov.

