NEED FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY PROGRAM

Alcohol and other drug addictions take a terrible toll. On those who suffer with it, of course, but also on their families. And on the criminal justice system, the healthcare system, the education system. It’s an expensive problem, not only in dollars but in lost lives.

In Eastern North Carolina, the situation is especially dire.

THE COLD, HARD NUMBERS

35,141
NUMBER OF UNINSURED/UNTREATED ADULTS IN EASTERN NC WITH A DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEM

25,616
NUMBER OF UNINSURED/UNTREATED ADULTS IN NEED OF TREATMENT

7,748
NUMBER OF DUI ARRESTS IN 2015

THE COSTS TO SOCIETY

$80 20
AVERAGE COST TO INCARCERATE ONE INMATE FOR ONE DAY

$1,500
AVERAGE COST OF ONE VISIT TO AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

>$6 MILLION
THE COST FOR 4,047 EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS FOR DRUG OVERDOSES BETWEEN 2010 AND 2013

THE GOOD NEWS

There is a program that is not only remarkably successful, but also extremely cost effective.

>70%
GRADUATES IN RECOVERY, GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, AND IN STABLE HOUSING FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR

<=$45
COST PER DAY PER RESIDENT (A FRACTION OF HOSPITALIZATION OR INCARCERATION)
Helping people find their way back

The Healing Place is defined by three essential elements:

1. A curriculum that educates clients about their disease.
2. The Community Model that inspires responsibility and caring.
3. Peer mentoring to share experiences with others beginning the program.

Called The Healing Place, it’s a recovery program unlike any other in the country. Trillium Health Resources is helping to bring it to Eastern North Carolina.

About the organization

The Healing Place was first established in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1989. Because it’s based on a social model—it’s about empowerment rather than entitlement—it is more effective than the national average at helping people to recovery.

The Healing Place is open to everyone and provides underserved adults who suffer from alcohol and other drug problems with a program to restore them to a healthy life.

The Healing Place offers:

- Non-medical Detoxification
- Residential Alcohol and Drug Services
- Transitional Living

Sources:
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3. N.C. Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, Traffic Records Branch
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