

# Testimony from Recovery Partners of Vermont

February 19, 2025 House Human Services Committee

#### Member Organizations of Recovery Partners of Vermont



- 1.....Journey to Recovery Community Center | Newport 1a...Satellite Office | North Country High School
  - 1b...Recovery Residence | Ben's House
- 2.....Jenna's Promise | Johnson
  - 2a...Recovery Residence | Rae of Hope
- 3....Kingdom Recovery Center | St. Johnsbury
- 4.....North Central Vermont Recovery Center | Morrisville
- 5.....Turning Point Center of Chittenden County | Burlington
- 6.....Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences | Burlington
- 7.....Vermont Foundation of Recovery | Essex
  - 7a...Recovery Residence | St. Albans
  - 7b, c, d...Recovery Residence| Essex (3)
  - 7e...Recovery Residence | Morrisville
  - 7f....Recovery Residence | St. Johnsbury
  - 7g...Recovery Residence | Barre
  - 7h...Recovery Residence | Rutland
  - 7k...Recovery Residence | Bennington
- 8.....Turning Point Center of Central Vermont | Barre
- 9.....Turning Point Center of Addison County | Middlebury
- 10...Upper Valley Turning Point Center | White River Junction
  - 10a...Recovery Residence | Willow Grove
  - 10b...Recovery Residence | Jack's House
- 11.....Turning Point Center of Springfield | Springfield
  - 11a...Satellite Office TP South | Bellows Falls
  - 11b...Satellite Office TP North | Windsor
  - 11c...Recovery Residence | Springfield
- 12.....Turning Point Center of Windham County | Brattleboro
- 13.....Turning Point Center of Rutland | Rutland
- 14.....Turning Point Center of Bennington | Bennington | 14a...Recovery Residence





#### **Our Mission Statement**

To support our member recovery organizations such that they can be world-class establishments empowering all Vermonters and their families who are in recovery from alcohol or other substance use disorders.



#### **Recovery Partners of VT Stats**

- 14 Members
  - ~180 Employees
  - 11 Recovery Centers
    - 3 Satellite Offices
    - 6 Recovery Residences
  - Vermont Foundation of Recovery (VFOR)
    - 9 Recovery Residences
  - Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences (VTARR)
  - Jenna's Promise





### The Need & Why

- \$1.6 million increase in base funding for Vermont's local recovery organizations (Sec. B.313)
- \$360,000 increase in base funding for Vermont's certified recovery residences (Sec. B.313)
  - An increase in base funding for recovery organizations will allow these organizations to extend hours of operation (including new opportunities to open centers on weekends), match external funding sources to further increase services, and offer competitive wages to attract and retain a skilled workforce.



### The Need & Why

- Opioid Settlement Funds Recovery Appropriations:
  - \$1.5 million to support startup and operational costs of recovery residences (Sec. E.313.1)
  - \$325,000 to provide scholarships to cover first month fees for individuals entering a recovery residence (Sec. B.1100)
    - Recovery residences promote norms that reinforce healthy living skills and associated values, attitudes, and connection with self and community for sustaining recovery.
    - State investment in recovery organizations is an upstream investment in prevention with long-term cost savings.
  - \$500,000 to establish an Oral Health Fund for people in early recovery (new)
    - RPV is requesting \$500,000 to pilot a centralized Oral Health Fund *in lieu* of recurring funding for recovery coaches. This request stems from a real need seen in the field. One of the most common characteristics we see in the people we serve is extremely poor dental conditions, which is a precursor to many health and medical issues as well as premature death. Recovery Partners of Vermont

## Thank You!



