



S.157: VDH

Recommendations

Presentation to the Legislature

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Presentation Focus: Recovery Residences



Residential Treatment

- Treatment and clinical services with 24 hour, onsite supervision.
- Vermont has three levels of residential treatment that align with American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care:
 - 3.1: Low-Intensity, Clinically Managed
 - 3.5: High-Intensity, Clinically Managed
 - 3.7: Medically Managed

Example:
Valley Vista



Recovery Residence

- Shared living environments that offer peer support, assistance accessing support services.
- May provide case management and outpatient-related services.
- Vermont primarily offers Level 2 Recovery Residences per the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) certified care*.

Example:
Second Wind Foundation



Recovery Center

- Open during the day for people seeking support in their recovery journey. RSOs offer a range of services including recovery coaching, support groups, referral to services and other peer support.
- No residential services available.
- Provide a safe and substance-free environment for people in all stages of recovery.

Example:
Turning Point Center

*National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) Certified Care

Level 1: Peer-run	Level 2: Monitored	Level 3: Supervised	Level 4: Service Provider
Peer recovery support in a democratically run living environment.	Peer recovery support and staff-monitored structure.	Peer recovery support, staff-monitored structure plus structured (re)habilitation life skill development.	Peer recovery support, staff-monitored, life skills and clinical programming.

Recovery Residence Background



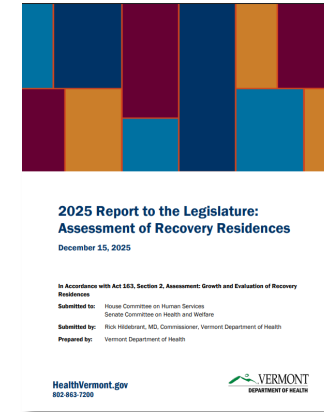
8 organizations
29 locations
145 beds



Vermont Alliance for Recovery
Residences (VTARR)



National Alliance for Recovery
Residences



Assessment of Recovery
Residences 2025 Report to the
Legislature

*Certified Recovery Residence Exit
and Transfer Data Report to the
Legislature (2/1/26)*

S.157: An act relating to Recovery Residence Certification



*Create a Recovery Residence
Certification Process*



*Establish Data Reporting
Requirements*



*Modify the exclusion from the
Landlord/Tenant Law*

Recovery Residence Certification

Certification – Current State



[Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences \(VTARR\)](#) offers **voluntary certification** to Recovery Residences

VDH doesn't oversee the certification process but provides oversight for grant agreements with Recovery Residences that receive funding from VDH

Certification – Recommendation

VDH Recommendation

18 V.S.A. § 4806

VDH recommends that the legislature grant authority under this section for VDH to establish and oversee a certification process for recovery residences. This will *align with VDH's oversight for other alcohol and drug treatment services.*

Recovery Residence Data Collection

Data Collection – Current State

Both VDH and VTARR require Recovery Residences to collect and report outcome data.



Applies to VDH-funded Recovery
Residences

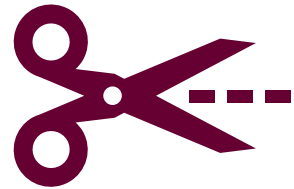
[Recovery Residence Outcomes for State
Fiscal Year 2025](#)



Applies to VTARR-certified Recovery
Residences

Data Collection – Recommendation

VDH Recommendation



VDH recommends that the legislature *eliminate specific data reporting requirements proposed in S. 157*



Continue to allow VDH and VTARR to *harmonize data collection & reporting requirements* and align on *meaningful outcomes measures*

Recovery Residence Exclusion from Landlord/Tenant Law

Exclusion from Landlord/Tenant Law – Current State



VTARR Certification allows *utilization of temporary exclusion* when critical criteria are met



Exclusion *sunsets on 7/1/2026* without legislative action

Exclusion from Landlord/Tenant Law – Recommendation

VDH Recommendation



Make the *current exclusion permanent with modifications*






Add *additional situations to the criteria* for a resident to be exited



Limit exclusion to *certified recovery residences*

S.157 – Summary of Recommendations

<i>S.157 Seeks to...</i>	 Create a Recovery Residences Certification Process	 Establish Data Reporting Requirements	 Modify the exclusion from the Landlord/Tenant Law
<i>VDH Recommendation</i>	Grant authority for VDH to establish and oversee a certification process for recovery residences	Remove statutory reporting requirements proposed in S.157; harmonize data collection with VTARR	Make the current exclusion permanent with some modifications

Thank you!

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