

# FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES

Engaging Tennessee's houses of worship to increase recovery supports



With a growing population of nearly seven million, Tennessee is a state where more than 85% of people affiliate with one of the state's 11,500 houses of faith. To engage this talented, resourceful, and connected citizenry, TDMHSAS developed its Office of Faith-Based Initiatives. A team of professionals with lived experience of behavioral health challenges covers the state to engage, equip, and empower people of faith to have a positive impact on the needs of their communities.

SINCE 2014



**2,000+**  
EDUCATIONAL  
FORUMS HELD



**1,000+**  
CERTIFIED  
CONGREGATIONS

## OUR GOALS



- Connect struggling people to treatment
- Increase knowledge of what addiction is
- Facilitate understanding of substance use disorder treatment and recovery
- Understand the continuum of care and collaborate with it
- Spread awareness of the Faith-Based Initiative certification and its requirements
- Help groups understand and implement the best-practice model
- Promote and improve effectiveness of the faith-based initiative and how it connects the community with recovery and support services

## CERTIFIED RECOVERY CONGREGATIONS

Do you provide spiritual/pastoral support?

Do you view addiction as a treatable disease and not a moral issue?

Are you willing to embrace and support people in recovery and walk with them on their journey?

**Then join the movement as a Certified Recovery Congregation!**

Scan the code  
or visit our  
website for  
more information.



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Your region's Faith-Based Community Coordinator is your connection to free trainings, resources, helplines and more.

## FREE TRAININGS

Contact your region's Faith-Based Community Coordinator to schedule one of these trainings:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Building Strong Brains
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Suicide Prevention Trainings
- Mental Health 101
- The Addicted Brain
- Overdose Reversal Training

### TN Certified VIP

The Virtual Information Portal (VIP) is a resource for faith and community leaders who want to learn more about serving people who have behavioral health challenges. The portal features on-demand trainings, video discussions with ministry leaders, podcasts, and more.

Scan the code or visit our website for more information.

[TN.gov/behavioral-health/VIP](https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/VIP)



## FREE HELPLINES



### When to Call, Text or Chat:

- Someone is having a mental health emergency
- Someone is contemplating or threatening suicide
- Call 911 if the person is threatening immediate harm



### When to Call or Text:

- Someone needs a referral to addiction treatment resources
- Someone needs a connection to other addiction related services



Consumer Affairs Helpline  
**800-560-5767**

M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CT

### When to Call:

- Someone needs help finding mental health or addiction resources
- Questions about insurance
- Help communicating with behavioral health providers