TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services | Faith-Based Initiative

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Faith-Based Initiatives

Empowering Tennessee's faith community to increase recovery capital

With a growing population of over seven million, Tennessee is a state where more than 50% 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 28 professionals with lived experience in behavioral health challenges covers the state to engage, equip, and empower individuals and communities of faith to have a positive impact on the needs of their communities.

Our Goals

- Connect individuals to treatment
- Facilitate understanding of treatment and recovery
- Increase knowledge of mental health challenges and substance misuse
- Spread awareness of the Faith-Based Initiative certification and its requirements
- Understand the continuum of care and collaborate with it
- 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

Consider Partnering With Us!

Do you provide spiritual/pastoral support?

Will you embrace and support people on their recovery journey?

Do you view mental health challenges and substance use disorders as manageable conditions?

Then join the movement as a Certified Faith-Based Recovery Partner!

1,167+

Total Faith Communities and Congregations Trained.

300+

Active Certified Faith-Based Recovery Partners.