

FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES



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COORDINATOR
FAITH-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

Empowering Tennessee's faith community to increase recovery capital



With a growing population of nearly seven million, Tennessee is a state where more than 50% of people affiliate with one of the state's 13,400 institutions 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.



2,870

AVERAGE NUMBER OF
EVENTS HELD PER YEAR



1,159+

Through September 2024

CERTIFIED FAITH-BASED
RECOVERY PARTNERS

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**?
- ✓ Do you view mental health challenges and substance use disorders as manageable conditions?
- ✓ Will you **embrace and support people** on their recovery journey?

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

Scan the code or visit our website for more information.
tn.gov/behavioral-health/faith



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Your regional Faith-Based Coordinator is your connection to free trainings, resources, helplines, and more.

FREE TRAININGS

Contact your region's Faith-Based Coordinator to schedule a training!

- The Addicted Mind
- The Basics of Mental Health
- All-Recovery Facilitator Workshops
- Compassion Fatigue and Burnout
- Navigating Resources
- Suicide Prevention Trainings
- Trauma-Informed Care
- And Many others to choose from!

TN Certified VIP

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

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FREE HELPLINES



When to Call:

- 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:

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

TN Peer Recovery Call Center

1-865-584-9125

Open Monday - Tuesday: 8:30am to 7:00pm,
Wednesday - Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm,
and Saturdays from 11:00am to 5:00pm
(All times Eastern).

Do you struggle with a behavioral health challenge? Would you like to talk to someone who understands?

- ✓ Speak to a peer specialist.
- ✓ Receive support and understanding.
- ✓ Learn about behavioral health resources and information.

This service provided by the Mental Health Association of East Tennessee.