

## Grant Award Recipients

**Emergence Grants** | Programs requesting up to \$ 25,000

▶ **Freedom Behind Bars Foundation – *Beyond the Wall***

*Beyond the Wall* is a feature-length documentary film that humanizes the social, economic and emotional barriers encountered by people (and their families) returning to their communities following incarceration. The funds will support a social impact and engagement campaign using the film to strengthen infrastructures that aid successful re-entry programming in targeted states. The campaign will illuminate barriers faced by those transitioning into the community after incarceration and provide opportunities to identify and share best-practice strategies, in an effort to reduce the ever-revolving door between prison and community. For more information on *Beyond the Wall*, visit <http://beyondthewallfilm.com>.

▶ **Laughing Bear Bakery, Inc. – *Work-Skills Program***

The Laughing Bear Bakery is a work-skills reintegration program that offers employment opportunities to those attempting to transition into the community after incarceration. Positions at Laughing Bear Bakery provide an income as well as stability and marketable skills producing baked goods sold to individuals, prisons and at farmers markets in the St. Louis area. Funds will support the expansion of the program. For more information on Laughing Bear Bakery, visit [www.laughingbearbakery.tumblr.com](http://www.laughingbearbakery.tumblr.com) or on [Facebook](#).

▶ **Mental Wellness Center – *Mental Health Matters Curriculum***

Mental Health Matters is an innovative curriculum developed by the Education Committee of the Mental Wellness Center in Santa Barbara, California for students in sixth and ninth grades. Students are taught basic facts about mental wellness, how to recognize symptoms of mental health disorders and how to seek treatment – with a secondary goal to directly address the stigma associated with mental illness. Funds will allow further assessment of effectiveness to stimulate dissemination and replication. The course content about mental health is stable, but the learning activities are sufficiently flexible to align with classroom instruction in the English language arts. For more information on Mental Wellness Center, visit [www.mentalwellnesscenter.org](http://www.mentalwellnesscenter.org).

▶ **Treatment Research Institute – *Empowering Families Campaign***

Treatment Research Institute's program is a broad-reaching campaign to empower families to understand and address adolescent substance use. The funds will support the campaign, which will point to two resources: 1) [The Family Resource Center](#), a curated website which presents scientifically-informed and nationally recognized resources to address adolescent substance use, and 2) the [Support Group Project](#), a directory of local and online groups for families struggling with a child's substance use. This campaign will elevate discussions about adolescent substance use and direct parent and caregivers to the resources needed to address a young person's substance use – from prevention, to intervention, to treatment, to recovery support needs.

▶ **Young People in Recovery – *ABCD Medical Cards***

Young People in Recovery (YPR) will create a pilot program with the funds to distribute informational cards in more than 17,000 pediatricians' offices and school health clinics in Kentucky and West Virginia to explain the risk factors of substance use disorder (SUD). The language will be phrased in simple "ABCD" terms to increase awareness for prevention and early intervention, reduce stigma, and link young people and their families with community resources for help. For more information on YPR, visit [www.youngpeopleinrecovery.org](http://www.youngpeopleinrecovery.org).

## Innovation Grants | Programs requesting up to \$100,000

### ▶ **American Psychiatric Association Foundation – *Judges’ and Psychiatrists’ Leadership Initiative***

Through a partnership between the APA Foundation and the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, the Judges’ and Psychiatrists’ Leadership Initiative (JLPI) seeks to bring together criminal court judges, psychiatrists, people affected by mental illness and addiction, and family members to jointly develop awareness strategies that can be used within communities across the country. The funds will support the development of a tool to help judges better understand community-based behavioral health treatment resources so that they make better-informed connections to community-based care and conditions of release for those suffering from mental illness and addiction in their communities. For more information on APA, visit [www.americanpsychiatricfoundation.org](http://www.americanpsychiatricfoundation.org).

### ▶ **Mental Health America – *Screening-to-Supports (S2S)***

Mental Health America will develop a post-screening platform for their existing online mental health screen program. Screening-to-Supports (S2S) will be an interactive online platform with four domains, including: 1) information and education; 2) referrals to services; 3) Do-It-Yourself tools for mental health; and 4) engagement with peers. Through S2S, individuals will share information, learn about others with mental health conditions and receive personalized follow-up that best meets their needs. For more information on Mental Health America, visit [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net).

### ▶ **Mental Health America – *National Certification for Peer Specialists (NCPS)***

Mental Health America is developing a national, accredited certification for whole health Peer Specialists that will set new standards in the field. The National Certified Peer Specialist credential is designed to meet and exceed the standards used in public behavioral health around the country. Expansion of peer support into the private sector will open new career paths and opportunities for thousands of peer supporters to work as valued members with other mental health professionals in clinical care and support teams. For more information on Mental Health America, visit [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net).

### ▶ **Mental Health America of Virginia – *Crime Survivor Mental Health Services***

The project will provide trauma-informed peer counseling, training and recovery support for crime victims in Virginia recovering from mental trauma. People with mental health issues are 10 times more likely to become a victim of crime, and victims of a crime have a much greater occurrence of mental health challenges than non-victims. Certified Peer Recovery Specialists will provide evidence-based, three-day facilitated trainings in different regions of the state targeted to survivors of crime who are beyond the crisis state. The goal is to facilitate ongoing recovery, and prevent re-victimization and repeat hospitalization using a strength-based approach to empower individuals toward self-advocacy. For more information on Mental Health America of Virginia, visit [www.mhav.org](http://www.mhav.org).

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▶ **National Sheriffs' Association** – *Nationwide Law Enforcement Awareness Campaign*

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) will spearhead a nationwide campaign with the funds to raise awareness among law enforcement of the alarming opioid addiction epidemic. Furthermore, the project will educate Sheriffs and jail administrators about comprehensive Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs as an evidence-based practice to help those within a correctional setting recover from addiction. NSA plans to reduce recidivism by preventing relapse through addiction recovery, reduce stigma by improving law enforcement personnel's knowledge of opioid addiction as a disease and link community services to facilitate successful re-entry by implementing a MAT-program approach. For more information on NSA, visit [www.sheriffs.org](http://www.sheriffs.org).

▶ **Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America** – *Hearing Voices of Support (HVoS)*

Hearing Voices of Support (HVoS) is a sensory art installation using voices, visuals and lighting effects, to replicate the experience of auditory hallucinations common to schizophrenia. Those sounds ultimately become voices of support and attendees will be able to contribute their own "voice of support" as the project grows. HVoS creatively engages a diverse community of people, promoting acceptance, support, hope, instruction and recovery, utilizing [www.hearingvoicesofsupport.org](http://www.hearingvoicesofsupport.org) and [Facebook](#). The funds will support the HVoS experience.

▶ **Indiana University** – *Substance Use Navigation (SUN) Portal*

Co-investigators Dr. Jody Madeira, Professor of Law at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, and Dr. Barbara Andraka-Christou, Postdoctoral Fellow at Fairbanks School of Public Health-Indianapolis, will use the funds to develop the Substance Use Navigation (SUN) portal, an interactive web-based multimedia portal to educate Indiana University-Bloomington students about substance use disorders and evidence-based treatment options. SUN also includes a Health Journal feature, allowing students to track daily health outcomes and facilitate treatment partnerships. Program content will be developed in partnership with the Indiana University Health Center, in collaboration with software developer Enfoglobe, Inc.

▶ **Healing Broken Circles** – *ThrivingPath Integral Wellness*

ThrivingPath Integral Wellness offers mindfulness-based practices to individuals experiencing incarceration. The funds will expand the ThrivingPath Integral Wellness program, which uses evidence-based approaches to unravel trauma and addictive behavior patterns through yoga and meditation. In addition to developing resiliency factors, such as emotional regulation, impulse control and embodied self-awareness, participants have the opportunity to become leaders in the program. Inmates can develop their own approach to teaching mindfulness techniques under peer-review and professional supervision, and eventually seek certification to become teachers upon release. ThrivingPath is one of many programs offered by Healing Broken Circles to offset recidivism and the adverse effects of institutionalization. For more information on Healing Broken Circles, visit [www.healingbrokencircles.org](http://www.healingbrokencircles.org).

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▶ **National Alliance for Caregiving** – *Circle of Care Tool Kit*

The National Alliance for Caregiving will work with national experts to create a “Circle of Care Tool Kit” for friends and family members caring for a loved one with mental illness with the funds. The tool kit will help family caregivers navigate services, such as health insurance, physical and mental healthcare, legal services, and self-care, and will be available online and in-person to help families across the United States. With help from national experts in the mental health advocacy space, the Alliance hopes to foster a more connected society, which empowers family caregivers to reach out and ask for help if they need it. For more information on the National Alliance for Caregiving, visit [www.caregiving.org](http://www.caregiving.org).

▶ **National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine** – *Law Enforcement Mental Health*

Through a systematic approach to increase mental health awareness as it relates to law enforcement, NAMI Maine will use the funds to promote public education, increase officer training efforts and knowledge, reduce industry-specific stigma and instigate policy change through a combination of eight critical programs. This multifaceted approach is designed to streamline ways officers can seek help, integrate into the mental health community and develop avenues for the public to adjust misconceptions about how professional exposure to trauma relates to mental wellness. For more information on NAMI Maine, visit [www.namimaine.org](http://www.namimaine.org).