

## 2017 Grant Award Recipients

### ✔ **Center for Open Recovery** – *This is Recovery*

Center for Open Recovery addresses the stigma of addiction by inspiring those in recovery who are silent and invisible to step forward, come out and be open about their experiences, and publically share stories about their lives in recovery as a powerful voice to create change. The “Open Recovery” paradigm is designed to shatter negative stereotypes, cultivate pride, offer hope and encourage support for those struggling. The “This is Recovery” media campaign aims to humanize the disease, introduce positive recovery identities, inspire people impacted by addiction to find help, encourage investment in long-term solutions and reduce stigma as a barrier to care. For more information on Center for Open Recovery, visit <http://openrecoverysf.org>

### ✔ **Empowering Productions, Inc.** – *Steppin Out 24/7*

Steppin’ Out Radio is an internationally syndicated program featuring individual’s stories of addiction and recovery, including stories of family and friends of people living with addiction. Inspired by “Twelve Step” groups, the program highlights true stories of triumph over adversity; how hitting a personal rock bottom propels one into healing and hope. The program is a companion to those who rely on their support groups but for whatever reason find themselves unable, or too anxious, to attend. Steppin’ Out is especially important for the vulnerable population of those looking for solutions, but don’t know where to begin. For many, Steppin’ Out is the first step. For more information on Steppin Out 24/7, visit <http://steppinourradio.com>

<http://12stepmeeting.com>

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Free mobile app for iPhones and Androids—where you can listen 24/7: Steppin’ Out Radio

### ✔ **Family Services Council of Ohio** – *Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH)*

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) is an alliance for individuals and organizations dedicated to the development and operation of quality alcohol and drug free living in a community of recovery for people with substance use disorders by providing technical assistance, support and resources that recovery housing operators in Ohio need to understand and meet the nationally recognized quality standards.

The Technical Assistance and Scholarship Fund for Recovery Housing Operators (ORH-TAS) will allow operators to access the individualized assistance needed to meet national quality standards and become certified associates of ORH. The goal of the program is to provide more options for quality recovery housing to Ohioans in recovery who need to connect to the people, places and things that will help them sustain sobriety, prevent relapse, and improve quality of life. For more information on ORH, visit <https://www.ohiorecoveryhousing.org>

➤ **Jordan Porco Foundation – Fresh Check Day (FCD)**

The Jordan Porco Foundation’s Fresh Check Day (FCD) program is a celebratory fair-like event that builds a campus community around mental health and suicide prevention through engaging peer-to-peer education. This campus-wide movement encourages students to engage in dialogues about mental health. Further, it helps build a bridge between students and mental health resources that exist on campuses, in the community, and nationally. For more information on FCD, visit <http://freshcheckday.com>

➤ **Homeward Bound Adirondacks (HBA) – Wilderness Retreat Program**

Homeward Bound Adirondacks (HBA) is a small nonprofit organization located in Saranac Lake, NY, serving veterans from all across New York. The Wilderness Retreat Program provides healing retreats to soldiers to assist in their reintegration back to civilian life after serving our country. The activities include hiking, snow shoeing, fly fishing, nature walks, art therapy and equine therapy. Embedded in the program is a focus on Trauma Resiliency skills to manage PTSD. Mindfulness exercises, anger management skills, journaling and process groups are also part of the program, so participants can learn methods to cope and reduce PTSD symptoms. The retreats are free to the Veterans and their family members. For more information on Homeward Bound Adirondacks, visit <http://www.homewardboundadirondeacks.org>

➤ **Laughing Bear Bakery – Laughing Bear Bakery**

Laughing Bear Bakery is a work-skills reintegration program in St. Louis, MO, for ex-offenders returning to life outside of prison. The goal of the program is to provide above minimum wage paid employment and on-the-job training to men and women ex-offenders, without regard to their ethnicity, race, gender, or criminal record, to directly assist their transition back into the community and reduce the high rate of recidivism by means of addressing the overarching problem of unemployability. This program will expand resources and grow the reach of the mission statement. For more information on Laughing Bear Bakery, visit <https://laughingbearbakery.org>

➤ **Massachusetts General Hospital f/b/o Fatherhood Project – Dads in Recovery**

The Fatherhood Project (TFP) is unique among organizations addressing father engagement in that its research is integrated into and informs both programming and evaluation. TFP’s mission is to improve the health and well-being of children and their families by empowering fathers to be knowledgeable, active and emotionally engaged with their children. TFP will partner with recovery organizations to offer sessions of “Dads in Recovery,” an innovative evidence-based program that enhances the system of care provided to men struggling with substance use disorders. The program is a psycho-educational intervention aimed at improving parenting skills and level of emotional engagement with children. For more information on Dads in Recovery, visit <http://www.thefatherhoodproject.org/programs>

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➤ **Mental Health America of Palm Beach County, Inc. – Peers Empowering Peers (PEP)**

The Peers Empowering Peers (PEP) program trains and deploys Nationally Certified Clinical Peer Specialists to help their peers living with a mental illness navigate the healthcare system, reduce rehospitalization rates, improve behavioral health, and improve quality of life. Their PEP program will work to help patients who were hospitalized with behavioral health diagnoses and then will follow them into the community to assist them in their recovery. For more information on PEP, visit <http://www.mhapbc.org/PEP>

➤ **National Family Caregivers Association/Caregiver Action Network (CAN) – Blueprint for Family Caregivers**

The Caregiver Action Network (CAN) will develop a “Blueprint for Families of a Loved One with Mental Issues” website which will include four resources: a Medication Monitoring Guide, a HIPAA Guide, Discussions with Doctors Guide, and a Peer-To-Peer Forum to address real barriers that get in the way of family members with loved ones affected by mental health concerns. For more information on the National Family Caregivers Association, visit <http://caregiveraction.org>

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➤ **National Sheriffs’ Association – Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) With Justice Involved Populations**

The National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) will develop a “Compendium of Model Jail-Based Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Programs.” This resource will give sheriffs examples of ongoing successful programs that can bolster their efforts to help support policymakers, corrections staff, and treatment providers, and guide their efforts to implement similar programs. The project’s ultimate goal is to increase the number of MAT programs, thereby decreasing the number of individuals, families, and communities devastated by the opioid crisis. For more information on NSA, visit <http://www.sheriffs.org>

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➤ **Phoenix Multisport, Inc. – Lowell “Inside & Out” Program**

The “Inside & Out” program is a collaborative pilot between Phoenix Multisport, Inc. (Phoenix) and the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office (MSO) that empowers individuals to identify as stronger than their disease and socially connect to a sober active community. The innovative project will help individuals with substance use disorder and those involved with the justice system sustain long-term recovery, minimize recidivism and become contributing members of society. Through health and wellness programming and workforce development, Phoenix and MSO will launch peer led classes with CrossFit, strength training, and yoga available to the entire MSO population and greater Lowell, MA, community. For more information on Phoenix Multisport, Inc., visit <https://thephoenix.org/>

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➤ **Ten Thousand Beds, Inc.** – *10,000 Beds 2018 #Ontheroad4recovery*

This program will support Ten Thousand Beds' critical efforts to reach as many people as possible throughout the U.S. to change perceptions of recovery and addiction, and to provide scholarships for addiction treatment. The 2018 #OnTheRoad4Recovery Campaign's circular itinerary will include focused events to stimulate elevated conversations, provide hope, change perceptions, touch more lives, develop partnerships with new treatment programs, support families, and help a larger number of people seeking scholarships. For more information on Ten Thousand Beds, Inc., visit <http://10000beds.org>

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➤ **This is My Brave** – *This Is My Brave: Mini Documentary - Living Brave*

This is My Brave, Inc. ignites and actively promotes a positive, supportive national conversation about mental illness through unique storytelling productions in cities across the country. The organization will capture the changes that take place in a This is My Brave storytelling by following cast members from start to finish in a video documentary, educating viewers on mental illness, addiction, and various pathways to recovery, and inspiring new brave storytellers as a result. For more information on This is My Brave, visit <https://thisismybrave.org>

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