

2018 Grant Award Recipients

Behavioral Health Innovators

RAMP™ Multimedia Peer Toolkit - The Risk Addiction Mapping Progression™

(RAMP™) program is a multi-media peer tool-kit which highlights discrete and risky behaviors in youth to interrupt the pathway to addiction. A collection of education and social media tools will be co-developed with young people in recovery for SUD prevention.

Entertainment Industries Council

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Briefing for Entertainment Writers

A briefings program to address distribution of science-based knowledge to the entertainment community, with open call to TV shows, network and studio development and standards executives, TV and film production companies, and independent writers and producers. Topics will include importance of early diagnosis, stigma, role of family, caregiver support, relapse, and the reality of recovery. The project goal is to support accurate portrayal of mental health and substance use disorders.

The Moyer Foundation

Camp Mariposa – Youth Addiction Prevention and Mentoring Program

A national youth addiction prevention and mentoring program which utilizes a peer mentoring model to support children impacted by a family member's substance use disorder. Multiple weekend camp sessions and support activities focusing on education, connection, self-care and mentoring are offered at no cost to youth and their families who face a range of mental health issues and greater risk of substance use disorders.

The JED Foundation

JED Storytelling & Voices

When individuals with mental health issues share their stories, it helps others feel less alone and promotes understanding and empathy in the broader audience resulting in increased connectedness and more supportive communities. The JED Storytelling & Voices initiative combines in-person events and multimedia storytelling to tackle shame and prejudice. The goals are to bring communities together around issues of mental health and substance abuse; empower those with lived experience to speak openly about their challenges; provide a safe forum for

discussion and education; and foster new norms that reject shame and prejudice, while promoting support, help-seeking and help-giving.

Minnesota CIT Officers Association

MN Crisis Intervention Team Online Training

The Minnesota Crisis Intervention team will develop online training for public safety officers and first responders teaching them how to provide support and resources to safely de-escalate crisis situations for persons living with mental illness.

National Sheriffs' Association

What Sheriffs Clearly See

What Sheriffs Clearly See is a program offering training to sheriffs to understand the complexities of mentally ill inmates along with empowering sheriffs to employ the resources and mental health treatment options available to inmates.

Pets Helping People

Improving Resources for Women Exiting Prison

Pets Helping People will provide work skills and resources through a program training women with criminal backgrounds to become certified to work in the pet grooming industry upon release from prison. 95% of the women have struggled with mental illness, substance abuse or addiction and/or trauma. The program's job placement service helps graduates find steady employment.

Rosie's Place

Rosie's Place's Community Collaborative with Boston Public Schools

Supporting Rosie's Place's five-year expansion plan for its innovative Community Collaborative with the Boston Public Schools. By 2023, Rosie's Place aims to be a presence in every public school in the city, providing groceries and advocacy, housing and job search assistance to the mothers of children attending these schools. Rosie's Place knows that by helping these poor and sometimes homeless women—many of whom are struggling with mental illness and addiction—we are helping families to maintain or attain stability.

Ross County Community Action Commission

Ross County Youth Photography Project

Project for court-involved youth (13-18) involved with the Juvenile Court and at high-risk for substance use to assess risk and support appropriate therapeutic services, address transportation

barriers, and offer a 20-week photography fine arts program as a component of prevention and recovery support. By nurturing students' creativity, classes provide opportunities for self-exploration, self-expression, and renewed self-worth. Students will also experience a transformative impact outside the classroom, where their work adds a powerful voice to the arts and generates greater understanding of substance abuse and mental health. A group art exhibition will be held to represent photographs and artist statements.

10,000 Beds

#ontheroad4recovery

The 10,000 Beds #ontheroad4recovery nationwide outreach program provides opportunities to change perceptions of recovery, develop new partnerships, and extend the message of hope to individuals and families impacted by addiction.

The Fatherhood Project

Parents in Recovery Training

Parents in Recovery is an evidence-based program that enhances the system of care for parents struggling with substance use disorders. A psycho-educational intervention aimed at improving parenting skills and level of emotional engagement with children, the program helps recovering parents re-engage with their children. Parents who complete Parents in Recovery and connect or reconnect with their children are more likely to recover and sustain that recovery. The Fatherhood Project will hold four training conferences for clinicians and other Behavioral Health professionals in New England, Arizona, Minnesota and the Southeast to teach them how to implement the program in their communities.

This Is My Brave

The Show Campus Edition pilot

This is My Brave "Campus Edition" is a pilot program featuring college students sharing their experiences with mental illness and substance use disorder through storytelling and creative expression. This program will bring awareness to college students about the implications of stigma surrounding these conditions, and the while incorporating a measure of Mental Health literacy in young adults.

University of Massachusetts Medical School

Arts and Music Initiative – Severe Mental Illness

In partnership with local artists, musicians, and other relevant partners and stakeholders, this community based initiative will provide an opportunity for individuals with severe mental illness to

accelerate their recovery process through different types of creative arts and music. For example, individuals with psychosis and co-occurring substance use, working together with medical students and health care providers from UMass Medical School, will craft, rehearse, and stage a drama to illustrate the experiences and journeys of recovering from dual diagnosis.

Voices of Hope, Lexington

Recovery Community Center Educational Programming to Promote Long-term Recovery

Recovery Community Centers serve as a hub for people in recovery to access services designed to enhance recovery capital and reduce relapse rates. We will offer educational programming to support people to acquire the physical necessities that are critical in recovery, such as safe, sober housing, employment readiness classes, and financial literacy classes. Further, we will offer classes designed to help people build a network of relationships that support sobriety, including parenting classes and family recovery support groups. Our educational programming will celebrate all pathways to recovery and support individuals with a strengths based, person centered approach.