

Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem Building: Finding the Right Partners

A key early step in building your recovery-to-work ecosystem is identifying current and potential partners to collaborate with. Use this diagram and the examples of types of organizations in each category (below) to create a list of the organizations in your region that are part of the recovery-to-work ecosystem.

TIP: Organize your regional list in a database that includes contact information and other important information about their role in the ecosystem.



| Employers | Regional Development & Local Government | Justice System |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private-Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Corporations ○ Small Businesses • Nonprofit • Public-Sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Development Districts • Government Departments, Agencies, Task Forces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health Departments ○ Human Services Departments ○ Family Services Departments ○ Mental Health Departments ○ Economic Development Departments ○ Workforce Agencies ○ Task Forces focusing on substance abuse ○ Task Forces focusing on community Development. • Council of Governments • Planning Districts Commissions • County Governments • Public-Private Partnerships and Coalitions • Municipal governments • Rural community councils • Tribal Governments • Economic Development Districts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Court • Family Court • Legal Offices • Probation/Parole Offices • Court-Appointed Social work agencies • CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Offices • Police Departments |
| Public Health Systems | Treatment & Recovery Supports | SUD Education & Awareness |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State/Local Public Health Agencies • Community/Public Health Centers • Hospitals • EMS Agencies • Minute/Urgent Care Clinic • Preventive/Curative/Rehabilitative Care facilities • Laboratories | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation/Addiction Treatment Centers • Detox Centers • Mutual support/ Anonymous groups • Mental Health/SUD/Treatment & Recovery-focused Nonprofits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Forums • Community Outreach Organizations • Public/Social Awareness Campaigns • Local Media Stations |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Medical Practices • Medicine Distribution Centers • Pharmacies • Nursing Homes • Hospice Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Hotline Offices • Counseling/Therapy Providers • U.S Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Hotline | |
| Nonprofits & Human Services | Workforce Development & Training | Business & Employer Supports |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social/Human Service Nonprofits • Health Services/Healthcare Nonprofits • Mental Health Service Nonprofits • Housing Nonprofits • Education Nonprofits • Community Management Nonprofits • Human Rights/Legal Advocacy Groups • Food Pantries • Community Foundations • Corporate Philanthropies • Religion-Based Organizations • Social and Recreational Clubs • Professional/Recreational/Casual Associations • First Responder Departments (Fire and Rescue) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Boards • American Jobs Centers • Staffing/Temp Agencies • Traditional/Contingency Employment Agencies • University/Industry Internship/Externship Programs • Executive Search Firms • Union Groups • Volunteer Groups and Centers • Recruiter Firms • Public Workforce Resource Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chambers of Commerce • Professional Associations • Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) • Entrepreneurial Incubation Centers • Business Campus Management Centers |