Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web

Recovery-Based Engagement & Drop-in Center

The Web provides peer-driven, peer support in a safe environment guided by unconditional positive regard using a recovery-based philosophy.

The Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web (The Web) is a recovery-based, Consumer-driven drop-in center in Anchorage's Fairview community. The organization's activities are completely free of charge. The Web is funded through grants from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, State of Alaska Division of Behavioral Health and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

The Web serves individuals who experience mental health issues and/or addictions who are oftentimes homeless. The Web has over 2,000 active members who utilize the center over 20.000 times annually for services such as computer access, support for substance abuse recovery, peer mentoring, support groups, assistance with obtaining employment and housing, community involvement, recreation, education and more!

Community Partners

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Alaska Division of Behavioral Health RurAL CAP Catholic Social Services NAMI Anchorage CITC AK Peer Consortium CHOICES Inc. Southcentral Foundation -Alaska Women's Recovery Project Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Mental Health Court Department of Corrections Veteran Administration Domiciliary **Peer Mentoring:** Participants of the Web find that a Peer Mentor is a valuable tool for recovery from mental health issues and substance abuse. A Peer Mentor engages participants in regaining control over their lives, over their recovery process and empowers them to live life to their fullest vision. Participants may choose to work one-on-one with a Peer Mentor on staff at the Web, but also will find many opportunities to form mentorships with other participants in the program.

Women's Support Group: Weekly a Peer Mentor facilitate a weekly group focused on women and their specific needs and support to promote personal growth and recovery in a safe and supportive environment. This group has been assisting women of the Web for the past 6 years.

Employment: Our Peer Employment Mentor assist participants with resume writing, job searching, interviewing skills and clothing. The Web is continually engaged with employers, employment agencies and other community partners to effectively assist participants. Each participant who is seeking employment is assisted and encouraged to obtain meaningful employment.

W.R.A.P: Peer Mentors facilitate weekly WRAP groups for participants to learn and hone skills for recovery and illness self-management. The Wellness Recovery Action Plan® or WRAP®, is a self-designed prevention and wellness process that anyone can use to get well, stay well and make their life the way they want it to be. It was developed in 1997 by a group of people who were searching for ways to overcome their own mental health issues and move on to fulfilling their life dreams and goals. It is now used extensively by people in all kinds of circumstances, and by health care and mental health systems all over the world to address all kinds of physical, mental health and life issues.

Housing: The Housing Peer Mentor provides assistance to some of Anchorage's most vulnerable adults with securing emergency and permanent housing through our partnership with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. Peer Mentors work with participants within the Web program, or by special referral from partner agencies within the community.

Quality of Life Recreation: The Web provides community integration outings such as performances at the Preforming Arts Center, Alaska Zoo, fishing trips, hiking day trips just to name a few. The Web's 12-person van provides for greater opportunity for participation in the many activities in our community

Mind Body & Spirit: Weekly this group meets to support participants in their life journey. Participants engage in self-discovery and that "Understanding comes a little at a time over a lifetime." Stress management, nutrition, meditation, exercise, rest are key elements.

"We offer HOPE with No Red Tape and No Strings Attached."

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday--8:30 am to 5:00 pm Saturday-- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday—Closed

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