

HOMESTEAD
RECOVERY
CENTER
2023

ANNUAL
REPORT

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A LETTER FROM OUR CENTER DIRECTOR

I am honored to present the 2023 Annual Report for Homestead Recovery Center, reflecting the dedication and progress made over the past year in our pursuit of healing and recovery. As the Center Director, I am immensely proud of the accomplishments and impact we have achieved together.

Throughout the year, our team at Homestead has remained committed to providing heartfelt and comprehensive care for individuals seeking recovery and support to the community at large. The challenges of the past year have only strengthened our resolve, as we adapted to new circumstances, implemented innovative solutions, and continued to prioritize the strength and well-being of our recovery community.

As we move into the new year, we are excited about the opportunities for growth, collaboration, and continued impact. Our commitment to peer led recovery services remains strong, and we will continue to explore innovative approaches to better serve our community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our staff, volunteers, interns, committed partners, and generous supporters. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those on the path to recovery.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in the mission of Homestead Recovery Center.

Sincerely,

Mollie Bolick

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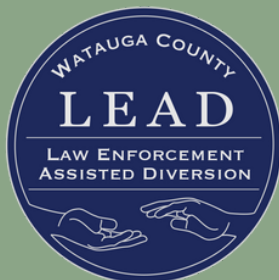
WHO WE ARE



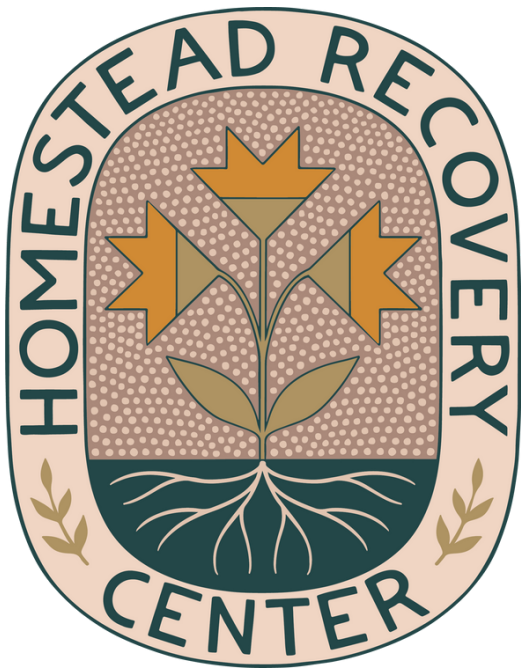
Homestead Recovery Center houses the peer-led programs of the Mediation and Restorative Justice Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, including two case management programs, peer recovery services, recovery-to-work initiatives, and recovery court advocacy.

Our vision is a recovery community where all people can improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

Our mission is to be a unified voice and access point for peer-led recovery in Watauga County through welcoming, inclusive and supportive spaces where all community members can participate in recovery.



MEET OUR STAFF!



**Mackenzie Laney,
MSW**

*Community & Programs Specialist
Project Director for MRJC ARC
INSPIRE Initiatives*



Mollie Bolick, MSW
*Homestead Recovery
Center Director*



**Melissa Monday,
BS, NCCPSS**
*Recovery Court
Advocate*



**Dale Hudler, LCSWA,
NCCPSS**
*LEAD Clinical Case
Manager*



**Crystal Trivette,
NCCPSS**

*Watauga LEAD Peer
Support Specialist*



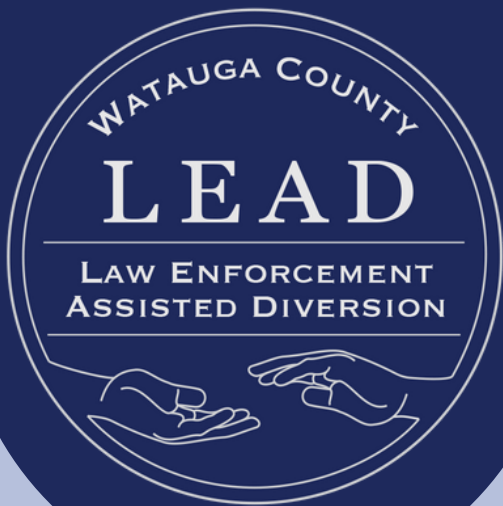
Pam Greer, NCCPSS
*Recovery on the Inside
Peer Support Specialist*



**Katlynd Taylor,
NCCPSS**

*Peer Services
Coordinator*





Watauga LEAD's goal is to reduce harm, empower individuals, and improve public safety by connecting community members at risk of justice system involvement with services, support, and compassion, and to provide local law enforcement, stakeholders, and individuals with tools, training, and resources as alternatives to arrest and/or incarceration.



Watauga LEAD is a pre-arrest diversion program serving community members at-risk of justice system involvement through peer support, case management, clinical services, financial sponsorship for supportive housing, transportation, and harm reduction supplies.

Case Management
Sessions

432





ROI offers support and resources free of charge and judgment to anyone experiencing substance use or mental health challenges while incarcerated at the Watauga County Detention Center. Our services are client-led and client-driven. We help clients identify their own goals and work towards achieving them together.

Peer Support

Case Management

Linkage to Care

6



Unique Individuals
Served

175

recovery court advocate

Unique
Individuals
Served

33



Recovery Court Advocates work alongside the Recovery Court Treatment Teams and communities to support individuals through the treatment court process. This position offers guidance and support through challenges and successes and act as a bridge between the justice system and recovery. By working to address the root causes of addiction and justice system involvement, advocates foster a path toward recovery and resilience.

The Mediation and Restorative Justice Center operated Recovery Court in Madison, Yancey, Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga Counties.

EST. 2023



Reentry SERVICE STATION

The Reentry Service Station is a workforce development program that assists people reentering the community after a period of incarceration or other gap in employment.

Unique
Individuals Served

56

Gained
Employment

19

Connections to
Identification
Services

22

Workforce
Readiness &
Preparation
Sessions

20

Peer



Services



Peer Services are available to anyone, regardless of participation in other programs, and include supplies, basic needs, groups, meetings, training, and events.

TOTAL
CHECK-INS

2,410

LOADS OF
LAUNDRY

287

SSP PROGRAM
KITS DISTRIBUTED

178

SHOWERS

660

GROUPS HELD

211

PEOPLE TRAINED

400

OUR 2023 GROUPS

OVERDOSE RESPONSE & PREVENTION

Basic harm reduction and safer use information. Overdose reversal training, Narcan and fentanyl test strips included. Coed. Led by staff.

I LOVE YOU BUT NOT YOUR ADDICTION

A support group for any person struggling with the challenges of a family member or friend with substance use disorder. Coed. Led by Dale Hudler, LEAD Case Manager.

SEEKING STRENGTH

Seeking Strength is a group for women who have experienced trauma, substance use and/or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This group focuses on teaching safe coping skills in the present for general wellbeing and development of coping skills while connecting with other women in the community. Seeking Strength is a free group for women, led weekly by our ROI Peer Support Specialist Pam Greer.

SMART RECOVERY

SMART Recovery is a global community of mutual-support groups. At meetings, participants help one another resolve problems with any addiction (to alcohol and other drugs or to activities such as gambling or over-eating). Participants find and develop the power within themselves to change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by a science-based 4-Point Program. This is a free coed support group led weekly by Certified Smart Recovery Facilitator Ken Connelly.

NEW IN 2024

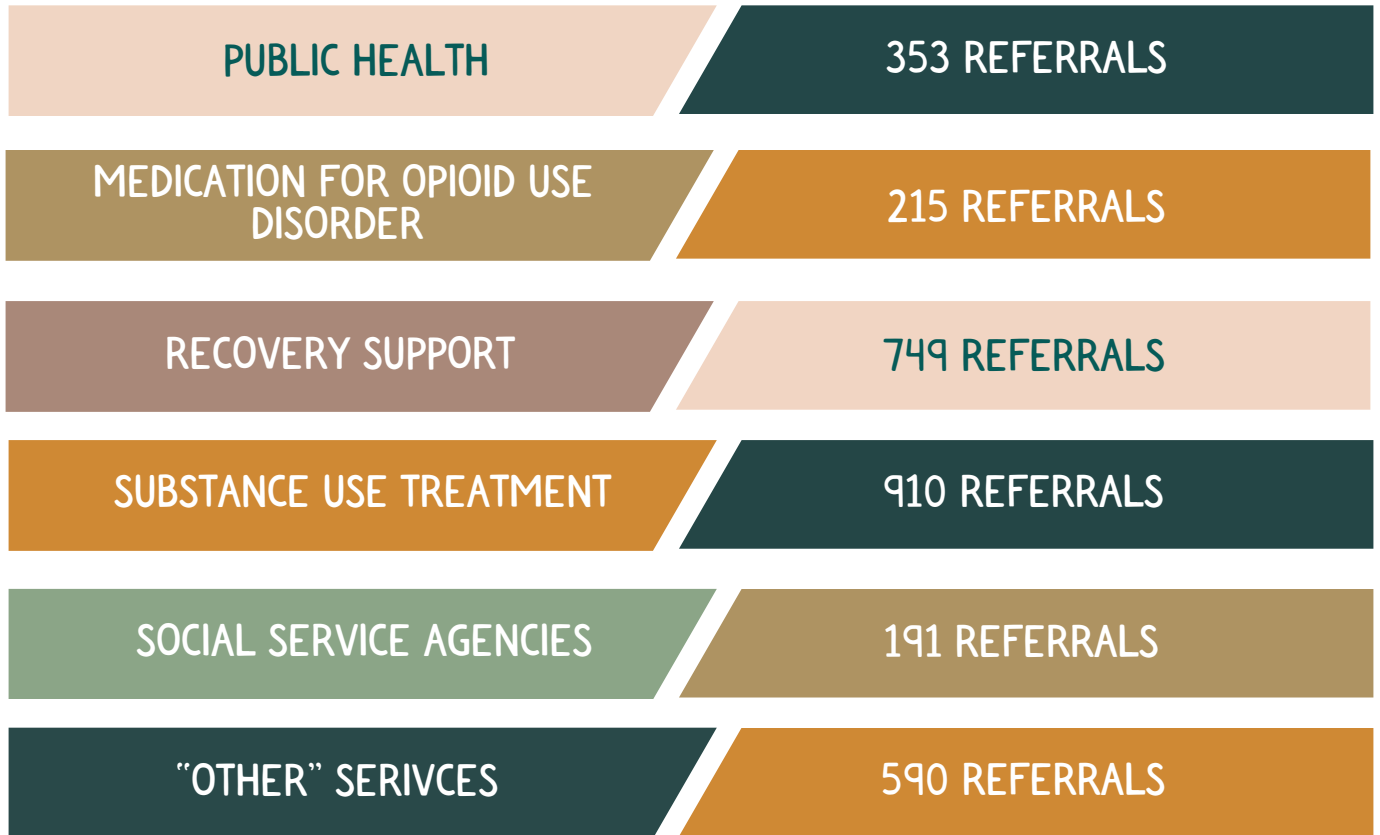
WISH YOU WERE HERE

Wish You Were Here is a support group for anyone who has been affected by grief. This group is open and uses book work, open discussion, and activities to help members navigate the complexities of grief. The group focuses on “normalizing” life again, reintegration, and healing from loss.

Wish You Were Here will meet Monday nights at 6:30pm beginning February 5th and is free and open to the public. This group is lead by our Recovery Court Advocate Melissa Monday, a certified grief group facilitator.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

12



RECIDIVISM RATE AMONG CLIENTS
ENGAGED WITH CASE MANAGEMENT

13.03%

[NC STATE RECIDIVISM RATE: ~40%]

NUMBER OF CLIENTS WHO ENTERED
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT OR RECOVERY
HOUSING

115

NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED

313

Transportation

WE WANT TO SEND OUT A HUGE THANK YOU TO DON, HELEN AND TAMARA FRANKS FOR DONATING THEIR VAN TO US IN 2023!

THIS VEHICLE WILL ALLOW US TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION TO RECOVERY SERVICES AND SUPPORT ACROSS THE HIGH COUNTRY AND BEYOND.



MILES DRIVEN BY CAR:
19,438.2



MILES PROVIDED
BY BUS:
1,401



OUR WORK HAS SHOWN THAT IN RURAL AREAS TRANSPORTATION IS A LIFELINE TO ANY FORWARD MOBILITY. WATAUGA COUNTY LACKS ANY DETOX FACILITIES, INPATIENT TREATMENT OPTIONS OR RECOVERY HOUSING. THIS LACK OF OPTIONS OFTEN MEANS MANY RESIDENTS MUST LEAVE WATAUGA COUNTY IN ORDER TO ACCESS THESE TYPES OF RECOVERY SUPPORT.

Grand Opening



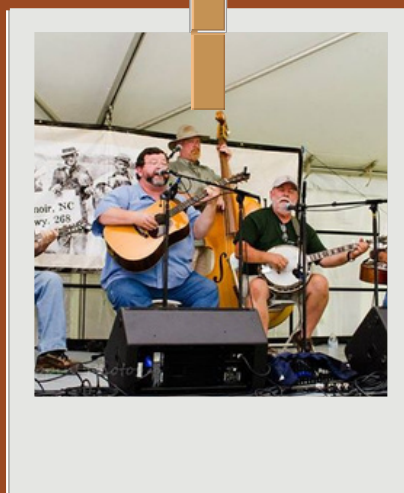
RECOVERY COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY 2023

PARTICIPATING VENDORS

- North Carolina Injury & Prevention Branch
- Vaya Health
- Hunger & Health Coalition
- Boone United Methodist Church

- Valencia Flavors
- The Fat Straw
- Hooked on Smoke BBQ
- NC Works
- Interfaith Mental Health Coalition
- Stepping Stone
- Daymark Recovery Services
- WCCI

- Mountain Mama Flair
- 4:7 Boutique
- Boone Party Keepers
- Paperpie
- Malik the Sheik arts
- Club 12
- Community Mental Health Project
- OASIS



SPONSERS

CORNERSTONE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

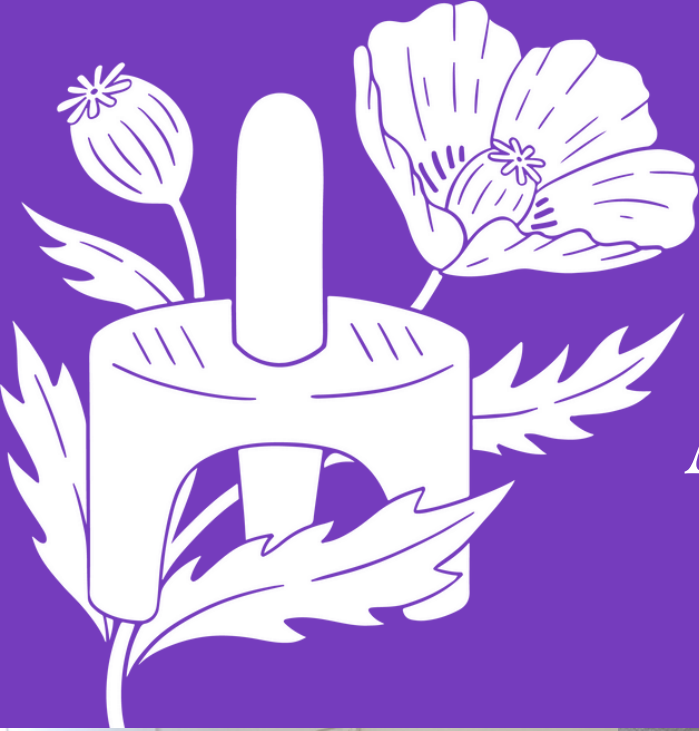


High
Country



New River
Building Supply &
Lumber Company





OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

08.31.2023



HOLIDAY OUTREACH

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In 2023, Homestead Recovery Center opened its doors for our 3rd annual Thanksgiving meal in November and Christmas event in December. Holidays can often be a difficult time for people in recovery, but we're proud to use this time as an opportunity for outreach and connection in the community.

STITCHES OF HOPE

Holiday Fundraising Event



WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2024

NEW LOCATION

We are now located at
2554 Hwy 105
Boone NC, 28607



RECOVERY HOUSING PROJECT

Men's & Women's Recovery Housing

HOMESTEAD RECOVERY CENTER

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS



CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN CONNELLY, RECIPIENT OF
THE 2023 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Watauga County. “Watauga County Opioid Settlement”

Town of Boone. “Partnership for Embedded Case Worker”

Sunrise Community Center for Recovery & Wellness, “Recovery Community Center Establishment Funding”

NC Department of Health and Human Services, “McKinsey Opioid Settlement”

NC Department of Health and Human Services, “Supporting Justice Involved Individuals During COVID-19”

U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, “Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Programs”

2023 SPECIAL MENTION DONORS

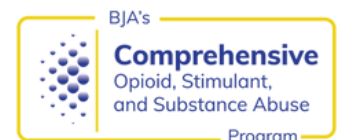
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church- Blowing Rock Tour of Homes

Ann Rhyne

Boone United Methodist Church

Consignment Cottage Warehouse





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