

RECOVERY REVOLUTION, INC.
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Dear Supporters of Recovery Revolution Inc:

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The following is Recovery Revolution, Inc.'s (RRI) Annual Report for the period June 30, 2006 through July 1, 2007 which highlights accomplishments and changes throughout this past fiscal year. RRI is a nonprofit Drug Free Outpatient Program licensed on November 22, 2005 by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure.

RRI has notably cooperated with the Two Rivers Health and Wellness Grant and Colonial Academy to create a Prevention/Education Program which has provided prevention services to 6 separate classes a week; inclusive of both the Emotional Support and Alternative Education Population. RRI has also coordinated assemblies specific to Prevention/Education to over 250 students at Colonial Academy. The success of the assemblies was in large part due to the fact that these were the first such assemblies in Colonial Academy's history. Based upon feedback sheets, personal testimonies and posttests received it seems clear that the students at Colonial Academy feel that they benefited greatly from the services rendered. Our hopes are to build both programs so that more adolescents may receive services.

During the past year, RRI increasingly focused on community outreach and community events, and became a member of both the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce as well as the Bangor Business Association. RRI staff volunteered their time at many community events, notably including the Easter Parade. Collaborative efforts were offered to aid other community agencies by way of promoting their services which provide a comprehensive treatment paradigm for our clients. RRI also held a 12-hour event entitled “Recovery Day” on St. Patrick's Day. Eleven speakers, countless volunteers, sponsors, and community donors of material and door prizes made Recovery Day both tangible and vibrant. The speakers lead the listeners through inspiring and enriching journeys of growth and hope to celebrate recovery.

Several staff changes were made throughout the time period, which allowed Recovery Revolution Inc. to function with less administrative payroll expense while simultaneously allowing a greater percentage of overall salary to become dedicated to staff who directly service clients. This important shift allows RRI to not only operate with greater fiscal responsibility, but also to treat more clients.

Recovery Revolution, Inc. had a surprise site inspection from the Department of Health Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure on February 2, 2007. The surprise inspection revealed no deficiencies, and no adverse implications for RRI were noted. RRI also successfully completed its annual site inspection on June 11 and 12 after which RRI was approved to continue operating as inspected under the full privileges of licensure.

On behalf of Recovery Revolution, I offer my personal and most sincere thanks to each and every individual that supports and aids in our mission to treat, educate, and prevent the disease of addiction for the betterment of our community members. May peace and joy be yours, and thank you for the opportunity to serve a present need in the community.

Sincerely,

Jana Morris, Executive Director

Recovery Revolution, Inc: History of Program

Recovery Revolution, Inc. (RRI) is a non-profit outpatient agency that treats adolescent and adults struggling with alcohol and drug abuse issues. After researching the area that has the highest need for and lack of drug and alcohol services in Northampton County, we were directed to create services in the Slate Belt Region (Bangor). The Slate Belt Region is very low on the economic scale and lacks public transportation options. The majority of the community members were unable to pay for substance abuse services provided by for-profit organizations or be able to transport themselves to larger populated areas (such as Easton or Bethlehem) where these for-profit organizations exist. Therefore, an alternative was needed and Recovery Revolution, Inc. was created to meet that alternative in July 2005. By RRI being a fully functioning, recognized public charity non-profit organization, we can better provide the opportunity for the population to receive the substance abuse services they need the most and both financially because fees are based on a sliding scale and locally because of the need for less travel and/or transportation. Our staff is highly dedicated to our mission and provides professional, ethical and client-driven service.

RRI issued its recognition as a Pennsylvania non-profit organization Public Charity on June 9, 2005, received its license to operate substance abuse services in Pennsylvania from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, through the Division of Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure on November 22, 2005 and its Federal Internal Revenue Service 501(c) (3) public charity non-profit recognition on August 4, 2006. We are licensed as a Drug Free Outpatient Facility to provide both outpatient treatment and intensive outpatient treatment to adolescents and adults (adolescents and adults are treated separately). We are currently given a maximum limit of 85 clients by the Alcohol and Drug Licensure Division.

RRI has a contract with Colonial Academy (Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 located at 1353 Jacobsburg Road, Wind Gap PA 18091) to provide outpatient substance abuse treatment services since April 20, 2006. The services are provided to students who fall under the headings of Emotional Support or Alternative Education and include students from Northampton, Monroe and Lehigh Counties. All students are assessed as having special, "at risk" needs and the majority were expelled from previous schools for drugs, alcohol, truancy, or violence. Due to the high drug and alcohol treatment need, Colonial Academy recognized the benefit of having a school-based substance abuse treatment program. We offer assessments, individual and group therapy during school hours so that adolescents can access the drug and alcohol treatment that they need. We also began a Prevention/Education program to service both Emotional Support and Alternative Education classes in September 2006. This program allows all of the students to receive drug education, coping and decision-making skills, self-assessment for alcohol or drug problem, information regarding addiction, recovery, life changes, sober supports and community resources.

Our treatment philosophy is based in the 12-Step principles, however we incorporate many different modalities. We strive to have our clients to develop healthy relationships with one another and the community. Our clients look forward to being apart of our programs because it is a safe and nurturing environment.

Recovery Revolution, Inc: Current Programs and Statistics:

RRI offers drug and alcohol treatment services on an outpatient and intensive outpatient basis at 26 Market Street in Bangor, PA. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9am-9pm. Early morning appointments and weekend appointments are available as needed. We provide services to adolescents and adults. A highly trained professional completes an assessment on each new client,

which involves gathering information; assessing level of care needs, and includes a urine drug screen for a comprehensive evaluation. If they meet criteria for outpatient or intensive outpatient, we offer individual, family and group counseling sessions. We offer many adult groups to accommodate the special needs of our clients. Our group schedule is as follows:

“Addiction and Recovery Principles” on Monday from 6pm-8pm

“Morning Group” on Tuesday from 9am-11am

“Women’s Group” on Wednesday from 1pm-3pm

“Men’s Group” on Wednesday from 6pm-8pm

“Advanced Recovery” on Thursday from 6pm-8pm

“Addiction and Recovery Principles” on Friday night from 6pm-8pm

We encourage anyone significant (family/friend/sponsor) in the client’s life to be involved with the treatment process to support success in recovery. We also offer psychiatric services to include medication management at no cost to our active clients. In addition, our professional and caring staff complete assessments and aid in transfer to higher levels of care, such as inpatient or detox facility. To assist our clients in a holistic manner, we also offer referrals to intensive case managers, medical professionals, mental health facilities, domestic violence centers, job placements, etc.

In the fiscal year of 2006-2007, Recovery Revolution Inc. (RRI) treated 132 active clients in our main office location to include adolescents and adults and completed 31 assessments, which warranted subsequent referrals.

RRI continues to provide school based outpatient drug and alcohol treatment services for Colonial Academy for the school year of 2006-2007. We were able to provide services to 52 adolescents, which included assessments, individual and group therapy as needed throughout the school year. The school reported that during the 2007-2008 school year, that they expect their census to grow to approximately 360 students and is requesting us to meet the need for more adolescents to access treatment. We are planning to expand the program for 2007-2008 school year.

We continue to provide prevention/education services to the students at Colonial Academy. Last fiscal year, an estimated 275 students were provided with curriculum to help them make better choices and gain knowledge regarding progression of addiction. From posttests, feedback sheets and personal student testimonies, Colonial Academy is impressed with our prevention/education services. They have requested that we provide more hours for the school year of 2007-2008. In addition to the in-class program, RRI orchestrated two assemblies for the students. On May 10, 2007, RRI brought the first ever assembly to the students at the Colonial Academy. There were two speakers from AA who volunteered to tell their life stories to benefit the students. The participation in the event was strictly voluntary, however 85% of the school signed up to attend. Overall the student’s behavior was phenomenal and many of them personally wrote letters to thank the speakers for this moving presentation. On June 6, 2007, RRI invited the “Head’s up Program” from the Philadelphia Police to Colonial Academy for a presentation on drugs, overdosing, violence and gang affiliation. All students were in attendance and the powerful presentation allowed for the students’ full attention. RRI was publicly thanked for bringing in these programs and we hope to continue these in the upcoming school year.

Recovery Revolution, Inc. wants to continue to assess needs in the ever-changing community and expand programming to meet those needs. We are honored to be able to serve the community and feel privileged to improve the quality of life for individuals, their children and their families.