

Return On Investment

FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES FIGHTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

A PROVEN MODEL

The success of the Recovery Kentucky program, upon which our model is based, has been documented for eight straight years by the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research.

	AT INTAKE	YEAR LATER	IMPROVEMENT
Illegal Drug Use	41%	8%	80.5% are drug-free
Opioid Use	68%	4%	94.2% are opioid-free
Homelessness	38%	5%	86.9% have a home
Employment	48%	82%	82% are employed
Rearrest	58%	8%	86.3% don't get rearrested
Incarceration	75%	13%	82.7% don't get incarcerated

OUTSTANDING ROI

Total avoided costs in relation to expenditures showed a \$2.56 return on investment for every dollar spent.

ESTIMATED
\$2.56
COST-SAVINGS
FOR TAXPAYERS

Using national estimates of the cost of substance abuse and applying them to clients' substance use before and after program participation, there was an estimated \$2.56 return in avoided costs for every dollar invested in providing recovery services.

HUGE TAX SAVINGS

Cost of care is low because residents and peer mentors assist in daily activities like housekeeping, kitchen work, and counseling.

\$6.4 million - **\$0.5 million** = **\$5.9 million**

Cost of drug and alcohol abuse for RCOS clients at intake Cost of drug and alcohol abuse for RCOS clients at follow-up Aggregate cost reduction to society after participation in Recovery Center

\$2.56

return on every dollar spent

+

\$5.9

million in taxpayer savings

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ROI

the kind we'd all love to have