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Recovery, Hope, Opportunity, and Resiliency

A Fletcher Group initiative funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER Program to improve SUD response, expand the workforce, and revitalize the economies in Kentucky's most distressed coal regions.

GOALS

- Create new centers modeled after the Recovery Kentucky program
- Move as many individuals as possible into long-term, meaningful employment through intensive training and placement



STRATEGIES

- Develop Recovery Ecosystems
- Form partnerships at the intersection of SUD response with other applicable entities
- Integrate best practices within a proven model while adapting to current realities
- Create new assessment tools, training programs, and certificates to align with current employment needs



OUTPUTS

- New facilities in coal-impacted regions of Kentucky
- Formation of innovative new public/private partnerships
- Innovative financial models
- Workforce development and sustained participation
- Greater focus on building "recovery capital"
- Assessment, screening, and placement
- Social enterprise facilitation
- Interaction with and technical assistance for existing programs in the 54-county ARC region
- New toolkit to replicate the model across the 13-state ARC region



PARTNERS

- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Community Mental Health Agencies
- KCTCS
- FAHE
- EKCEP
- Kentucky Chamber
- Area Development Districts
- University of Kentucky
- Operation UNITE



ACTIVITIES

- Providing technical assistance, conducting research, bridging gaps, identifying resources
- Coordinating all involved entities to form a true "ecosystem" of applicable partnerships
- Facilitating workforce programs by creating tools and training materials



IMPACT

- Greater capacity and efficacy to address the SUD epidemic
- New jobs created through new facilities and enhanced training programs
- Greater sustainability
- More flexible and more individualized programs
- Lower recidivism, overdoses, and fatal overdoses
- Reduction in state and county inmate populations
- Improved economic impact from facility development and a more stable workforce

