

RECOVERY COACHES IN CT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS



In March 2017, the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) partnered with the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) to pilot an initiative that pairs on-call recovery coaches with Emergency Departments in four hospitals in eastern Connecticut. The recovery coaches assist people who are admitted with opioid overdose and other alcohol or drug-related medical emergencies and connect them to treatment and other recovery support services. With information from this successful pilot and support of federal grants, the program expanded to additional hospitals in 2018, and by 2023 recovery coaches will be working in all the hospital emergency departments in CT.

- Trained recovery coaches link Emergency Department patients with substance use disorder treatment and community-based recovery resources
- Recovery coaches are trained, skilled professionals who support patients, family members and hospital personnel, providing assistance to help people begin recovery or to stabilize recovery when needed
- As people with lived addiction recovery experience, the recovery coaches demonstrate that people can recover, offering guidance and hope to those who are living with substance use disorders.

The hospitals participating in the initiative are as of 2023:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Hospital (Southington) • Bristol Hospital (Bristol) • Bridgeport Hospital (Bridgeport) • Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital (Torrington) • Danbury Hospital (Danbury) • Day Kimball Hospital (Putnam) • Greenwich Hospital (Greenwich) • Griffin Hospital (Derby) • Hartford Hospital (Hartford) • Hospital of Central CT (New Britain) • John Dempsey Hospital (Farmington) • Johnson Memorial (Stafford Springs) • Lawrence + Memorial Hospital (New London) • Manchester Memorial Hospital (Manchester) • Middlesex Hospital (Middletown) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-State Medical Center (Meriden) • Milford Hospital (Milford) • New Milford Hospital (New Milford) • Norwalk Hospital (Norwalk) • Pequot Health Center (Groton) • Rockville General (Rockville) • St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center (Hartford) • St. Raphael's Hospital (New Haven) • St. Mary's Hospital (Waterbury) • St. Vincent's Hospital (Bridgeport) • Stamford Hospital (Stamford) • Waterbury Hospital (Waterbury) • William W. Backus Hospital (Norwich and Plainfield) • Windham Hospital (Windham) • Yale New Haven Hospital (York St)
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