

RECOVERY COACHES IN CT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS



In March 2017, the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) partnered with the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) to launch an initiative that pairs on-call recovery coaches with Emergency Departments (ED) in four hospitals in eastern Connecticut. The recovery coaches assist people who are admitted to the ED with opioid overdose and other alcohol or drug-related medical emergencies and connect them to treatment and other recovery support services.

With the support of federal grants, ten additional hospitals now offer Recovery Coach Services to ED patients.

The model:

- 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:

- Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital (Torrington)
- Danbury Hospital (Danbury)
- Day Kimball Hospital (Putnam)
- Hartford Hospital (Hartford) *
- Hospital of Central Connecticut (New Britain)
- Johnson Memorial Hospital (Stafford Springs)
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital (New London)
- Manchester Memorial Hospital (Manchester)
- MidState Medical Center (Meriden)
- Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center (Hartford)
- St. Mary's Hospital (Waterbury)
- Stamford Hospital (Stamford)
- William W. Backus Hospital (Norwich)
- Windham Hospital (Windham)

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