

Recovery AT Work

MARRCH Position Paper: Faith-Based Treatment Programs

Faith-based treatment programs are an important part of our effort to treat all individuals needing substance abuse treatment services, according to the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH), a statewide association of agencies and professionals dedicated to the treatment and recovery of individuals who abuse alcohol and drugs.

Although open to individuals of all religious beliefs and backgrounds, or none, MARRCH agency members recognize the importance of spiritual growth and insure religious counsel for all clients who request it. But, while MARRCH supports faith-based (or religion-based) treatment programs, these programs:

- Must meet all licensing requirements of the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services and Department of Health
- Employ licensed alcohol and drug counselors (LADCs) in accordance with State Law

The rules and regulations governing the delivery of substance abuse and addiction treatment are designed first to protect the public, and MARRCH does not support any exceptions or exemptions from those standards.

MARRCH provides regular training and education programs to ensure substance abuse professionals stay abreast of the most current practices in the field and are proficient in the competencies of the profession. We welcome practitioners working in faith-based programs to join MARRCH and actively participate in these events.



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