

Committed Caring Faith Communities



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Our Mission

To build a community of spiritual healing by empowering and supporting faith organizations in their service to people suffering from substance abuse, addiction, and related problems through prevention, awareness, education, and training.

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2002 Highlights

- ▶ Secured a \$49,000 contract from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to host Committed Caring Faith Communities' (CCFC) first regional conference for congregations, substance abuse treatment and prevention professionals, and others in Kansas City, Missouri. Over 190 people attended from throughout Missouri, other parts of the country, and even from the Republic of Palau in the South Pacific.
- ▶ Established the Missouri Faith-Based Substance Abuse Resources Network—an interfaith group from throughout the state that meets quarterly in Columbia, Missouri to network and exchange information and ideas related to faith-based substance abuse programming.
- ▶ Awarded a \$6,000 grant from the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board and a \$2,000 allocation from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to pilot a 32-hour course for clergy and congregation members on substance abuse in St. Louis called the Addictions Academy.
- ▶ Secured a \$70,000 contract from the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide technical assistance to faith organizations in the area of substance abuse throughout the state of Missouri.
- ▶ Compiled a statewide directory of faith-based substance abuse, HIV/AIDS prevention and gambling programs.
- ▶ Conducted technical assistance workshops in Cincinnati, Ohio and Los Angeles, California at the Department of Justice's Weed & Seed Regional Meetings. Workshops were designed to help Weed & Seed community coalitions obtain the participation of the faith community.
- ▶ Conducted a technical assistance workshop for faith organizations at the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Interfaith Symposium for the faith community and community-based organizations in Washington, D.C. in August.

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From left (seated) Mattie Berry, Daphne Walker-Thoth (Chair), Shirley Armstead, Sharon Ema, Brenda Hawkins. From left (standing) Dennis Trask (Interim Treasurer), Rabbi James Stone Goodman (Chaplain), Michelle Smart, Raymond D. Little, Sr. (Vice-Chairman).

- ▶ Provided technical assistance to faith organizations in St. Louis, Columbia, Sikeston, and Kansas City.
- ▶ Conducted a workshop for Missouri's mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention professionals on substance abuse and the faith community at the Missouri Department of Mental Health's spring training institute in the Lake of the Ozarks.
- ▶ Conducted a workshop on spirituality and its role in recovery and prevention for the Coalition on Addictions in St. Louis in December.
- ▶ Conducted a day-long workshop on grant writing for faith-based and community organizations in St. Louis in November.