

Committed Caring Faith Communities

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Building 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

CCFC Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

On September 29, Committed Caring Faith Communities (CCFC) hosted an open house to mark its 10-year anniversary. On hand for the event at the Holiday Inn – Forest Park in St. Louis were some of CCFC's closest supporters and their guests, including graduates of CCFC's Addictions Academies. Musical selections were rendered by Pastor Gwen Collier and Rabbi James Stone Goodman. Sylvia Woods, director of Hagar's House, and Dr. Dong Won Cho, director of the Behavioral Health Unit of the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, shared stories and remarks about CCFC.



CCFC Vice-Chairman Raymond D. Little, Sr. pointed out the organization's following accomplishments:

- ✚ The hosting of nine statewide/regional faith-based substance abuse conferences in Missouri and Arkansas and two mini-conferences in rural communities in Southeast and Mid-Missouri
- ✚ The creation of the 32-hour course known as the Addictions Academy with seed funds from the St. Louis Mental Health Board in 2002. To date, 363 people have graduated from the Academy and it has been replicated in Cincinnati, Ohio. Arkansas and Maryland are also considering adopting the Academy
- ✚ The creation of the First Step pre-treatment program in 1999 with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of St. Louis
- ✚ The convening of the statewide Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network in 2002
- ✚ Implementation of the Wise-Up Program, a tobacco prevention and awareness program for youth that was conducted by 12 African American churches in St. Louis
- ✚ Creation of Camp Family Re-Union, a weekend camping excursion for recovering families to help them reconnect. This program was featured in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association's national newsletter – *SAMHSA News* – in 1998
- ✚ Being selected in 2004 by the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to serve as the credentialing entity for faith-based organizations in Missouri interested in providing recovery support services through the Access to Recovery (ATR) initiative
- ✚ Being invited in 2005 to serve on the federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's National Faith-Based Expert Panel

**CCFC's Statewide
Directory Now Available
On-Line on ATR Web Site**

CCFC's statewide directory of faith-based substance abuse, gambling, and HIV/AIDS programs is now available on-line at the following address:
www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/ATR/CCFCdirectory.pdf.

The directory has been expanded to include information about the Access to Recovery (ATR) providers throughout the state.

**Spring Addictions
Academy Set for
May 22-26 at
Lincoln University**

The next Addictions Academy will be held May 22-26, 2006 at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. The Academy is a 32-hour course on substance abuse for the faith community. Faith-based and non-traditional organizations interested in participating in the ATR program must complete the Academy as part of the credentialing process. Registration forms can be obtained by calling (314) 951-1033. Classes fill up quickly, so it is best to register well ahead of time. The 2006 Spring Academy will mark the sixth one that has been held. By the end of October, more than 500 people will have completed the Academy.

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**38 Faith-Based & Non-Traditional Providers
Credentialed to Offer Recovery Support Services**

Congratulations to the following faith-based and non-traditional organizations throughout Missouri that have been credentialed to provide recovery support services under the Access to Recovery initiative. If your organization is interested in becoming credentialed, please call CCFC at (314) 951-1033.

Central Region

Church Army Branson
Crossroads Community Recovery Center
Faith Chapel, Inc.
Faith Regeneration Outreach of God (F.R.O.G.) Ministries, Inc.
FaithWalk Ministries, Inc.
L.I.F.E. of West Plains, Inc.
Recovery Chapel
Southwest Missouri Counseling Services
The Hiding Place Ministry, Inc.
Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc.

Eastern Region

BBS Care USA, Inc.
Community Hope Project
Deliverance and Victory Outreach Ministries
Delivered To Make Difference Substance Abuse Ministry/Faith Miracle Temple Church of God Apostolic, Inc.
Dream Building, Inc. dba St. Louis Dream Center
First Korean Presbyterian Church of St. Louis
Great Commission Church
Mission Missouri/Crossing Addiction Freedom Program
New Harmony Baptist Church
Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Inc.
Perry County Community Task Force
Renewal Recovery
Spirit and Truth International Ministry (S.T.I.M.)
UMC Parkview Corporation, Inc.
West End Mt. Carmel Community Outreach

Western Region

Christians Obediently Preventing Substance Abuse (C.O.P.S.)
Church on the Rock - Harrisonville
Concord Hope House, Inc.
Dismas House of Kansas City, Inc.
Footprints, Inc.
Healing House, Inc.
Heart of America Christian Fellowship, Inc.
Sarita' Lynne Ministries
Thank You Christ Ministry
The Salvation Army--Kansas City
The Salvation Army--St. Joseph
Women of Unity, Inc.
Women's 12-Step Recovery Center, Inc. dba Friendship House/Catherine's Place
Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc.