

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

October 1 Cut-off Date for Rural Access to Recovery Applications from Faith-Based & Non-traditional Providers

October 1, 2006 is the cut-off date for rural faith-based and non-traditional organizations to submit applications to the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide recovery support services under the Access to Recovery (ATR) program. St. Louis and Kansas City were cut off earlier this year because of the high number of organizations from the urban areas that enrolled.

Missouri now has 112 credentialed faith-based and non-traditional recovery support providers throughout the state. Please see the map showing the locations of ATR providers on page 2 of this newsletter. Our original goal was to enroll 100 recovery support providers.

Location for October 23-27 Addictions Academy Has Changed

The Addictions Academy scheduled for October 23-27 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia has changed to another location in Columbia. Please watch your mail for information on the new location. CCFC had a contract with the hotel, but it just learned that the Ramada Inn in Columbia is closing in mid-September. CCFC is in the process of obtaining a contract with another facility in Columbia.

CCFC's First Advanced Addictions Academy a Success

A total of 49 faith leaders completed CCFC's first Advanced Addictions Academy July 31 – August 2, 2006 at Lincoln University. The 20-hour Academy was co-sponsored by the St. Louis Mental Health Board and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Rev. Edwin Sanders II of Metropolitan Interdenominational Church of Nashville, Tennessee, kicked off the Advanced Academy with a dynamic lecture on *Achieving and Sustaining Recovery Through Spiritual Growth*. Other topics addressed by a variety of instructors were *The Art & Science of Addiction and Recovery*, *Prevention & Intervention for Children of Addicts*, *Crafting Sermons on Substance Abuse*, *The Latest in Prevention: Strategic Prevention Framework*, *Gambling & Sex Addiction and Eating Disorders*, *In-Depth Look at Co-Dependency*, *Strategic Relapse Prevention*, *Recognizing Co-Occurring Disorders*, *Pastoral Counseling Related to Addiction*, *Re-entry into the Community After Prison*, and *the Church as a Catalyst for Community Ministry: Identifying Spiritual Gifts*.

Participants made the following remarks: *"I thoroughly enjoyed this Academy."* *"This was helpful. Thank you for all you do."* *"I gained much and loved the Academy."* *"I loved it. I came with excitement and expectation, and I learned so much. Thank you so much for all your hard work."* *"I received knowledge & understanding – blessings! I caught the heart and spirit of this cause from the instructors."*