

Family Recovery Peer Support Resources: Connecticut And Beyond

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In this presentation we will explore one resource in great detail (Youth Recovery CT/SMART Recovery) and also provide a brief overview of additional local and national resources











Youth Recovery CT Uses The SMART Recovery National Model To Support Youth And Families In CT



Let's Learn More About The SMART Recovery Model

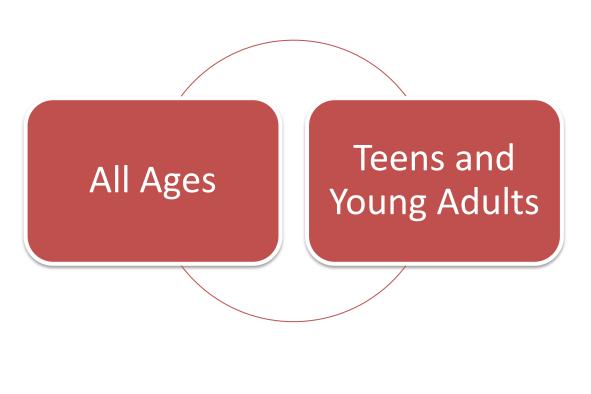






SMART Recovery, nationally and internationally, serves people of all ages.

In Connecticut, in addition to all the ages meetings, we have a special emphasis on hosting meetings for teens (ages 15-18) and young adults (ages 18-30) through our Youth Recovery CT Initiative





Populations Served



Under umbrella of both SMART Recovery there are two types of meetings

Youth Recovery CT also offers these two types of meetings, as well as alternative peer support groups for youth







SMART = Self Management and Recovery Training

Facilitated, free weekly SMART Recovery meetings Self-help peer-support program with evidencebased tools

Emphasis is on selfempowerment. There are no steps or sponsors and no requirement of long-term membership

It has meetings all day long, all over the world, both in person and online





• We support medication assisted recovery

 Prescribed medication can be critical to recovery and decrease overdose deaths

We support a secular approach

 The use of religious or spiritual beliefs and practices in recovery is a personal choice, but not part of the SMART Recovery program

We are self-empowering

 Participants are in charge of their own recovery and seek mutual support resources as they choose









National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism



National Institute on Drug Abuse









NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence





(1) Building and maintaining the motivation to change.

(2) Coping with urges to use.

(3) Managing thoughts, feelings, and behaviors in an effective way without addictive behaviors.

(4) Living a balanced, positive, and healthy life.



An Example Meeting Format



- Introduction/Orientation
- Check In is 1-2 minutes per person, participants can offer a discussion topic (all optional)
- Discussion of Topics:
 - "Cross talk" is allowed, sharing of tools/resources is encouraged
 - SMART Tools are brought up by the facilitator during the discussion
- Brief Check out

(there are other meeting formats too)



A National Meeting Format



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- Successes, Milestones, or Gratitude (all optional)
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SMART Recovery is a Tool Driven Program







<u>SMART Recovery's Tools Are Accessible</u> <u>On Their Website And App</u>



Participant Toolbox

ABC Tools

CBA: Cost-Benefit Analysis

Change-Plan Worksheet

DEADs: Deny/Delay; Escape; Avoid/Accept/Attack; Distract; Substitute

DIBs: Disputing Irrational Beliefs

DISARM: Destructive Images and Self-Talk Awareness and Refusal Method HOV: Hierarchy of Values

Lifestyle Balance Pie

Role-Playing/Rehearsal

Urge Log

VACI: Vital Absorbing Creative Interest

USA: Unconditional Self- Acceptance

Goal-Setting

SMART Recovery Toolbox - SMART Recovery



Tools for Urges



Destructive Imagery and Self-talk Awareness and Refusal Method

Defeat the Addiction Salesman in Your Head

DISARM is a tool that helps us see the self-talk and images that tell us to use as lies, excuses, and rationalizations. It challenges those urgeproducing thoughts at every opportunity, shooting them down like a gunslinger or reducing them to the point of absurdity.







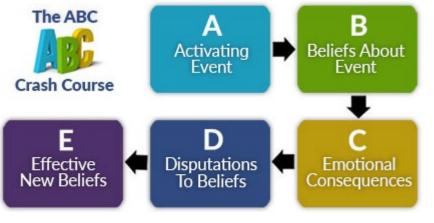


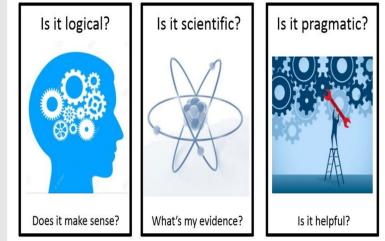


Date	Time	Rate 1-10	Length of urge	What triggered my urge?	Where/who was I with?	How I coped and my feelings about coping	Alternative activities, substitute behaviors
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Vheeler **Tools for Managing Thoughts, Feelings, and Behaviors:** Innovative Care. Positive Change. The ABCs and DIBS (Disputing Irrational Beliefs) Disputing Irrational/Unhelpful Beliefs The ABC B Α Is it logical? Is it scientific? Is it pragmatic?



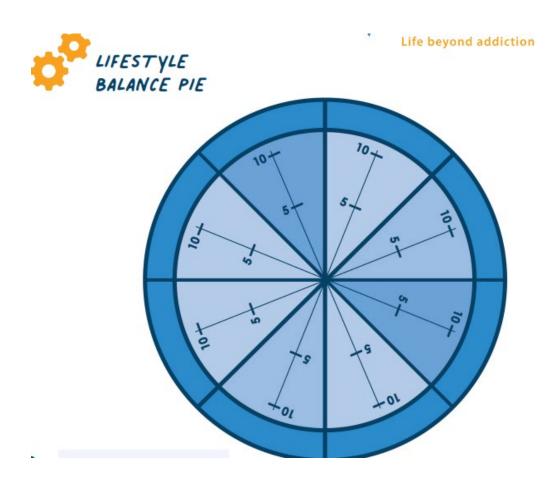




Tools for Living a Balanced Life:

Lifestyle Balance Pie, VACI, Hierarchy of Values





VACI= Vital And Absorbing Creative Interest

HOV= Hierarchy of Values



Building Motivation: Cost/Benefit Analysis Tool



Decision Making Worksheet / Cost Benefit Analysis

The substance or activity to consider is:	Date:											
Using or doing												
Advantages (benefits and rewards)	Disadvantages (costs and risks)											
NOT using or NOT doing												
Advantages (benefits and rewards)	Disadvantages (costs and risks)											



Participant Quotes



"Super action based and helpful, it actually helps you find strategies to deal with things. SMART is helpful for anyone in recovery even if you don't think abstinence will work for you"

"If someone is struggling, SMART is a great tool and an awesome community to be involved with. I look forward to meetings every week."

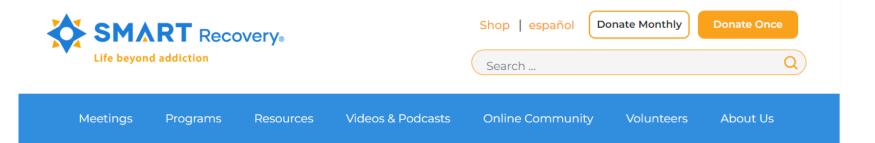
"This was the first meeting I've been to where people were actually my age. All the other groups I've done, everyone was 35+. It was great hearing from younger people struggling with the same things. "

"I love this. So much more accessible [to me] than 12 step meetings. I love the guided discussion format"





SMART Recovery Has A Useful Website



Ready to Overcome Your Addiction?

Participants tell us that our program is valuable because we stress self-directed action and base our practical tools on cognitive science. If you're choosing to learn how to move beyond an addiction of any kind, we're here to help with free mutual support meetings and resources of all kinds.



SMART Recovery's Website



SMART Recovery Has A Meeting Finder Tool



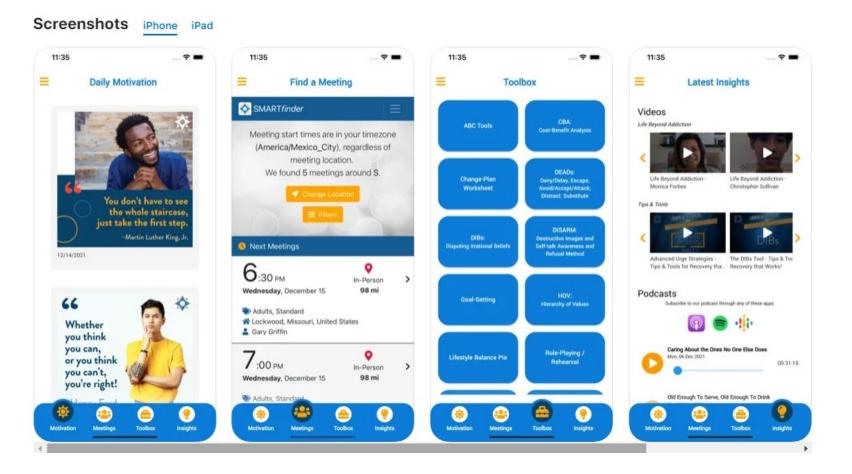
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SMART Recovery - Meeting Finder Tool



There is a Free SMART Recovery App

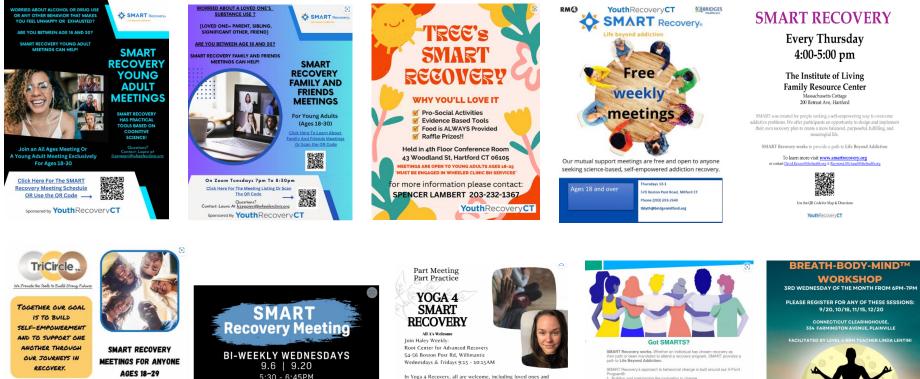






Youth Recovery CT Local Partner Flyers





EVERY TUESDAY 7:00-8:00PM, BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST, 2023 ALSO: FUN ACTIVITY ONCE A MONTH!



MASTER'S MANNA 428 S. CHERRY ST. WALLINGFORD, CT. 06492 IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO JOIN THIS MEETING VIRTUALLY (BY PHONE OR COMPUTER) EMAIL WERECOVER2020@GMAIL.COM FOR VIRTUAL OPTION INFORMATION

FUNDED BY: Youth RecoveryCT



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You can register by emlailing connect@yoga4change.org This meeting was made possible by:

patterns of all kinds.

those curious about working on their recovery from addictive

This practice is part supportive share, part gentle yoga practice and

lasts 60 minutes. Join us in creating a safe, supportive community.

All yoga levels are welcome and modifications will always be given

to support students on their personal journey toward the self.

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Activities for young adults ages 18-24 Golfing lessons, hiking, arts & crafts, movies and more

Rev Ortiz (959)221-5835

North Hartford Youth Recovery CT Ascend Pipeline

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or scan the QR code

Youth Recovery CT New for September SMART Recovery and Peer Activities 2023

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EARLY CHILDHOOD **PRIMARY & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION** WELLNESS & RECOVERY







What is SMART Recovery Family and Friends?

Facilitated, free weekly meetings for people impacted by a loved one's substance use disorder or other harmful habit Tools from both SMART Recovery AND

CRAFT (Community Reinforcement and Family Training) There are meetings in person or online

There are no steps or sponsors and no requirement of long-term membership

It has meetings all day long, all over the world





<u>SMART Recovery</u> <u>Family and Friends Groups</u>



ONLY the family or friend that is impacted by ANOTHER person's habits attends this group. The person with the substance issue does not attend.

It is ok for multiple family members impacted by the addiction to attend together, such as both parents that are concerned about their teenager

A "family or friend" could be a spouse, parent, a sibling, a roommate, a classmate, etc



A two-pronged approach:

- The wellbeing of the attendee is strongly emphasized. Tools based on cognitive therapy are taught to help participants manage their emotions. Additional tools focus on balance and self-care.
- Tools are shared for providing effective, non-confrontational support for a loved one with a substance use issue:
 - Effective Communication Skills
 - Boundary Setting
 - Learning about the recovery process and dispelling myths





"Our mutual desire is that your loved one will take on the choice to pursue their own recovery and that you will learn ways of improving your life at the same time."





How is SMART Recovery

Family and Friends Different



Than Other Groups for Families?

- It uses the CRAFT Model: This method has been proven to be more successful than harsh interventions or complete detachment.
- It helps a loved one understand both substance use disorder and the recovery process
- It has a trained facilitator guiding the meeting
- It is secular and science-based
- It can be attended in addition to other programs such as Al-Anon or Families Anonymous



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Family and Friends Program:



- It has different tool set than SMART Recovery and has a separate handbook
- It contains 14 sections with a wide range of topics such as:
- Change and Motivation
- Positive Communication
- Healthy Boundaries
- Safety and Support
- Coping with Lapses
- Disable the Enabling
- Trust and Forgiveness







Additional Resources For Family Recovery



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WORKING TO CREATE THE BEST OUTCOMES

for infants born substance-exposed and their families

SEPI-CT works with both providers and families across Connecticut to bring awareness to substance exposure during pregnancy, and to ensure families have access to the treatment, recovery, and support resources they need.

What is a Family Care Plan?



Substance Exposed Infant Initiative CT | Creating Better Outcomes (sepict.org)



SEPI-CT's List Of Family Recovery Resources Is Useful For Any Family





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FAMILY RECOVERY RESOURCES

Substance Use & Pregnancy

Substance Exposure & Your Baby

What is CAPTA?

What is a Family Care Plan?

Resources

Treatment Resources for Substance Use and Mental Health

Family Recovery Resources

SMART Recovery Family and Friends Program

SMART's methods are based on the tools of SMART Recovery and CRAFT Therapy (Community Reinforcement & Family Training). Our meetings – available both in-person and online – provide concerned significant others the tools they need to effectively support their loved one, without supporting the addictive behavior. These tools also help Family & Friends better cope with their loved one's situation and regain their peace of mind.

Family Recovery Resources | Substance Exposed Pregnancy Initiative (sepict.org)







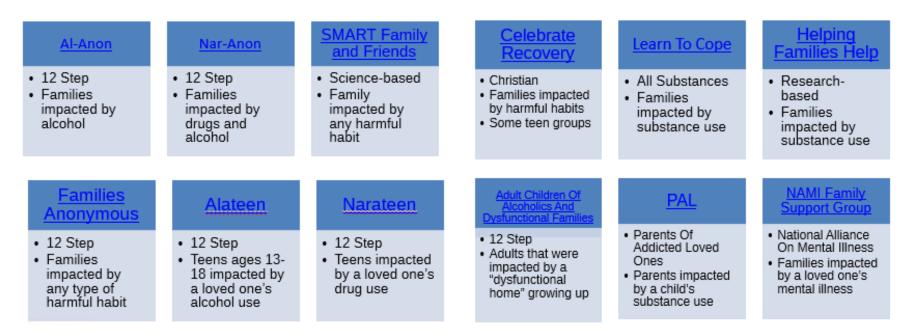
<u>Parents & Caregivers | LiveLOUD Families</u> <u>Hope & Support Groups – Tricircle</u> <u>Young People and Family Services – CCAR</u> <u>New Canaan Parent Support Group</u> NAMI Family Support Group



National Family Peer Recovery Supports



FAMILY Peer Recovery Meetings



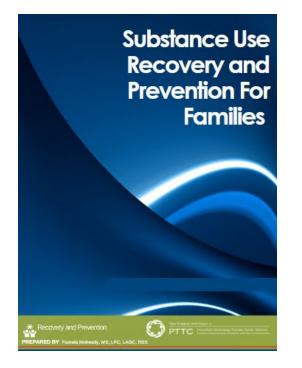
There are many family peer recovery meetings however these are some the largest, most commonly attended ones.

Meetings can be online in person or both and are typically ONLY for the family members, not the person with the addiction (Note: Celebrate Recovery meeting often start with everyone together and then separate into separate groups depending on the issue)



National Family Peer Recovery Supports



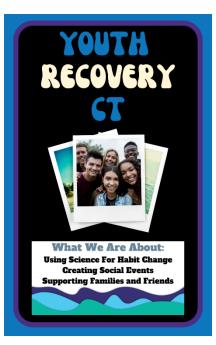






Link For Canva Family Recovery Handout







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