# Parents in Recovery Programming

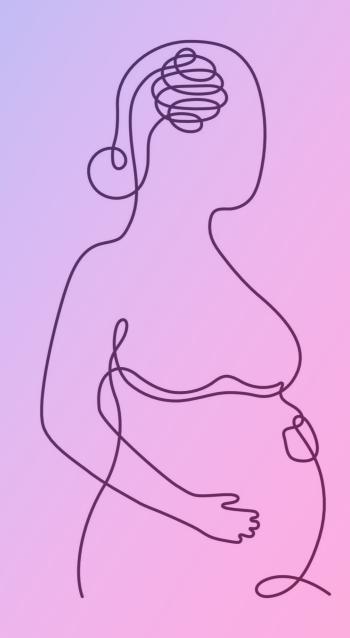
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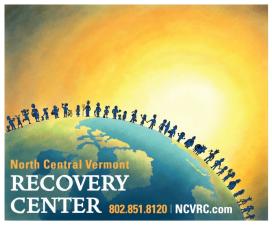
# Turning Point Center of Central Vermont

Our mission is to help people find, maintain, and enhance their substance abuse recovery by providing peer-based recovery supports to individuals and families; conducting educational programs that aid in building and enriching a healthy life; and maintaining a safe haven for sober recreation and social activities.



# North Central Vermont Recovery Center

Our Parents in Recovery program offers anyone in a parenting role the hope, help, and support needed to thrive in recovery. We help families flourish by building individualized support systems, bridging gaps between organizations, fostering positive relationships, and providing a safe, judgment-free space.







# From experience to framework: A recovery journey

- Lived experience with substance use disorder:
  - Pregnant in early recovery
  - New parent in early recovery
- Built a network for parenting and personal recovery

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- Lived experience with substance use disorder
- Early childhood education
- Somatic approach to recovery work



# Recovery Coaching with Perinatal Populations

- Evidence Based Practice
- Based in motivational interviewing
- Recovery coaches all have lived experience with SUD and a minimum of two years of abstinencebased recovery
- The opposite of addiction is connection







# Recovery Coaching with Perinatal Populations

- Barriers for our Perinatal population:
   Transportation and childcare can be barriers to accessing consistent services
- Our response: connected with local doulas, childcare available on site, and knitting together existing community resources.

# Vermont Perinatal SUD Trends

Data and Trend's from Vermont's Maternal Mortality Review Panel:

- From 2020 to 2023, the last year of full reviews, all deaths have been in the post partum period.
- Since 2012, 43% of perinatal deaths in Vermont were the result of accidental overdose. Substance misuse contributed to a significant majority of overall deaths.
- Of the 8 maternal deaths reviewed by the panel since 2021, all were related to opioid misuse - 7 were directly caused by overdose and one by endocarditis due to IV drug use.



# TPCV and Central Vermont Community Response Collaboration

- Turning Point Central Vermont is embedded into the Central Vermont Community
   Response Team
- Central Vermont Community Response Team:
  - Follows the Charm team Model
  - We track pregnant or newly post-partum mothers who are current using substance or are in recovery and need additional support.



### Parenting Classes & Education

Nurturing Parenting Curriculum

- Evidence-based, trauma-informed, and designed for families in recovery.
- Provides tools for positive communication, stress management, and breaking cycles of trauma.
- Tailored sessions for parents of young children to support both recovery and healthy family dynamics.

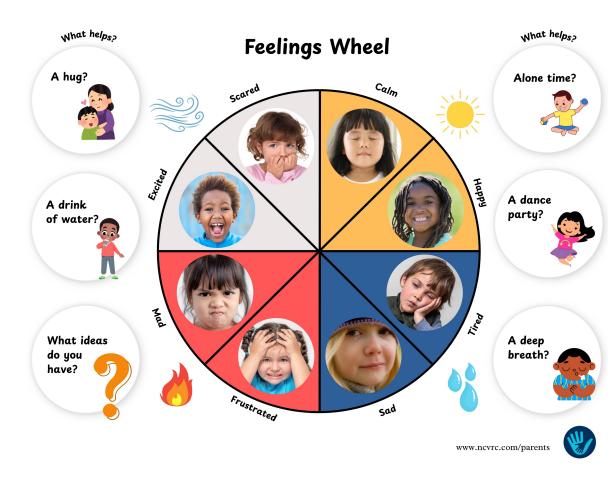
In addition to the parenting curriculum we offer, our recovery center hosts complementary groups like Seeking Safety. While not part of our program itself, it strengthens what we're able to provide by giving parents more tools for stability and healing.



### Parenting Classes & Education

Parent-Child Tools

- Simple, practical tools created for parents to co-regulate with their kids.
- Helps reduce stress, improve emotional connection, and build resilience.
- Supports both recovery and parenting goals by strengthening the parent-child bond.



## Parents in Recovery Advocacy & Support

Walking alongside parents & caregivers

- Support with child custody, DCF involvement, and reunification efforts.
  - Collaboration with DCF: office hours, participation in care teams.
- Court accompaniment and emotional support during legal challenges.
- Connection to resources and community partners to strengthen family stability.



### Parents in Recovery Community & Connection

Monthly Events & Family Engagement

- Regular family-centered events: Cooking Classes, shared means, craft nights, etc.
- Creates community and reduces isolation.
- Gives kids positive experiences of recovery-friendly environments.







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## Recovering Loudly

We partnered with Lund on a storytelling project for Moms in recovery to share their recovery stories.

We will continue to offer story telling coaching.

https://lundvt.org/recovering-loudly/



Central Vermont Medical Center



Bringing community to



families and their babies

#### Partners in the work

Referrals

#### **Central Vermont Medical Center**

- Taking referrals from Birthing Center
- Taking referrals for parents from E.D.

Staff Development

#### **Prevent Child Abuse Vermont**

 Our staff have been trained to be facilitators of the Nurturing Families trainings

Integrating Services

#### **Good Beginnings**

 Supporting newly post-partum families during co-visits- 'Visiting Angels Program'







#### Partners in the work

Integrating Services

#### **Department of Children and Families**

On-site two days a week Co-Visits and Monthly Case Review

Integrating Services

#### **Family Center**

- Co-Visits and Monthly Case Review
- Collaborating to offer a 'Women in Recovery' group

Future Partner

#### **The Doula Project**

 A future collaboration partner: The Doula project based out of Washington County's Mental Health Services



#### Partners in the work

Integrating Services

#### **Clarina Howard Nichols Center**

- On-site visits
- Accepting Referrals
- Future collaboration partner on educational offerings



Referrals

#### **Department for Children & Families**

- Office Hours
- Collaboration on individual's case plans



Future Partner

#### **Lamoille family Center**

A future collaboration partner on educational offerings & support groups

# Funding and Project Sustainability

- Vermont's Department of Health provides us with CDC's Overdose Data to Action funds for this project
- Vermont Department of Health: MMRP data, conversations with multiple partners highlighted a need to integrate peer recovery supports into existing clinical and community supports for birthing people.
- Peer supports are in the process of getting Medicaid billing actualized so TPC's can provide the services for years to come.





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