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Recovering Together: Community Unites for Recovery Month 2025

Find Support, Find Recovery

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment and Prevention Workgroup of the Human Service Collaborative Body invites community members to celebrate National Recovery Month throughout September. Recovery Month aims to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery while celebrating the strong and proud recovery community. To bring this celebration to Livingston County, our partners have planned a variety of community events.

This year the SUD Workgroup held a T-Shirt contest inviting the Livingston County Community to design this year's Recovery Month T-Shirt. There were so many wonderful designs submitted for this year's T-shirt! The SUD Workgroup voted on one design submitted by Gudrun P. This year's shirt theme is Recovering Together. Thank you to all who participated in this contest! We look forward to continuing this in the future!

Unfortunately, addiction has impacted many individuals and families in our community. Additionally, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office reported that there were 47 overdoses in 2022 and 44 overdoses in 2023. Livingston County EMS reports a decrease in fatal overdoses from 10.9 per 100,000 residents to 7.3 per 100,000 residents. Fentanyl continues to be the top commonly used substance in overdose deaths in 2024. Despite these statistics, we want the community to know that recovery is possible!

Discover the power of community in a fun and supportive environment at these Recovery Month events:

- August 23 International Overdose Awareness Day, With Mitchell's Hope, 3-5 pm at 9585 Roberts Rd Gregory
- August 27 International Overdose Awareness Day, With Amber Reineck House, 6pm-9pm at Brighton Mill Pond
- September 1 Labor Day BBQ, 11 am 9 pm at Livingston County Area Alano Club (Bring a dish to pass!)
- September 2 <u>Inaugural Livingston Recovery Film Festival</u>, Every Tuesday this Month! Doors open: 6pm, Movie at 7pm at Historic Howell Movie Theater (FREE Movie, Popcorn and Soda)
- September 12 <u>Adult Mental Health First Aid Training</u>, 9 am-5 pm at CMH 2280 E Grand River, Howell.
 Registration Required
- September 13 <u>Recovery Advocates with the Dogs!</u> Arise United Methodist Church, 11211 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Pinckney from 10am-3pm and Bingo @ 12pm
- September 14 <u>Scramble for Sobriety</u>, 9 am at Hawk Meadows Golf Course. Registration Required by Aug 25
- September 18 RAIL Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 3:30pm-5pm at 8002 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton 48114
- September 18 Community Conversations, 4:30pm-6pm at Howell Carnegie Library. Registration Required
- September 20 Recovery Hoedown, 5-9pm at Livingston County Area Alano Club (Music & Food). No experience needed!
- September 22 <u>The NAZ 20th Anniversary Celebration</u> With Comedian Jonnie W. at The NAZ Brighton at 7pm. Free Event for Adults ONLY!
- September 24 Livingston County Catholic Charities Open House, 2895 W Grand River Ave, Howell at 3pm
- September 25 <u>"Save a Life Day"</u>, Michigan's Biggest Naloxone Giveaway! Pick up kits at RAIL (8002 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton 48114)
- September 28 **Recovery Speaker**, 6:30pm at Stepping Stones- 2020 E Grand River Ave, Suite 102, Howell. Will have Cornhole and snacks!

These events and more can be found in a <u>comprehensive flyer</u> compiled by the Substance Use Disorders Treatment & Prevention Workgroup of the Human Services Collaborative Body.

Want to show your support?

Order your recovery shirt by 8/22 - Ivory Vines Brighton.

Want to learn about recovery in Livingston County?

Check out our updated Recovery Fact Sheet.

The Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention Workgroup of the Human Service Collaborative Body is a partnership of local substance use agencies that work together to create a continuum of services and support for people experiencing addiction through recovery. We strive to help educate the community on important and timely topics related to substance use disorder/addiction. To obtain more information, go to our SUD Workgroup Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LCSUDPxandTx or contact Sarah McGeorge, 517-545-5944 or sarahm@livingstoncc.org

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