



The History of Recovery in the United States and the Addiction Profession

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Description: Since its inception, the addiction profession has been a leader in the recovery movement. This webinar will outline major milestones in the history of addiction recovery in the United States and its role in the addiction profession. The presentation will span the rise of Native American recovery circles in the 1700s through the rise of a new recovery advocacy movement, new recovery support institutions and new recovery support roles in the opening of the 21st century. The Webinar will conclude with suggestions of the implications of these recent historical trends for addiction professionals.

Learning Objectives: As a result of participating in this webinar, you will be able to:

- List at least three pairs of recovery mutual aid groups with each pair respectively representing a secular, spiritual or religious pathway of recovery;
- Discuss at least 3 issues addressed within AA Traditions that contributed to AA's survival and growth as an organization;
- List at least 4 recovery support institutions that are not recovery mutual aid societies that are rapidly growing in the U.S.; and
- Discuss at least 2 clinical implications of the diversification of recovery mutual aid societies in the U.S.

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He has also recently published three seminal monographs:
Recovery Management and Recovery-oriented Systems of Care: Scientific Rationale and Promising Practices, Peer-based Addiction Recovery Support: History, Theory, Practice and Scientific Evaluation,
and
Recovery-oriented Methadone Maintenance
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Addiction Recovery Management: Theory, Research and Practice

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