

Virginia
Recovery
Coalition



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The non-partisan Virginia Recovery Coalition advocates for legislation and executive action in Virginia that will address the addiction crisis and help people in recovery.

It is composed of groups and individuals who have deep experience with addiction and recovery and their allies.

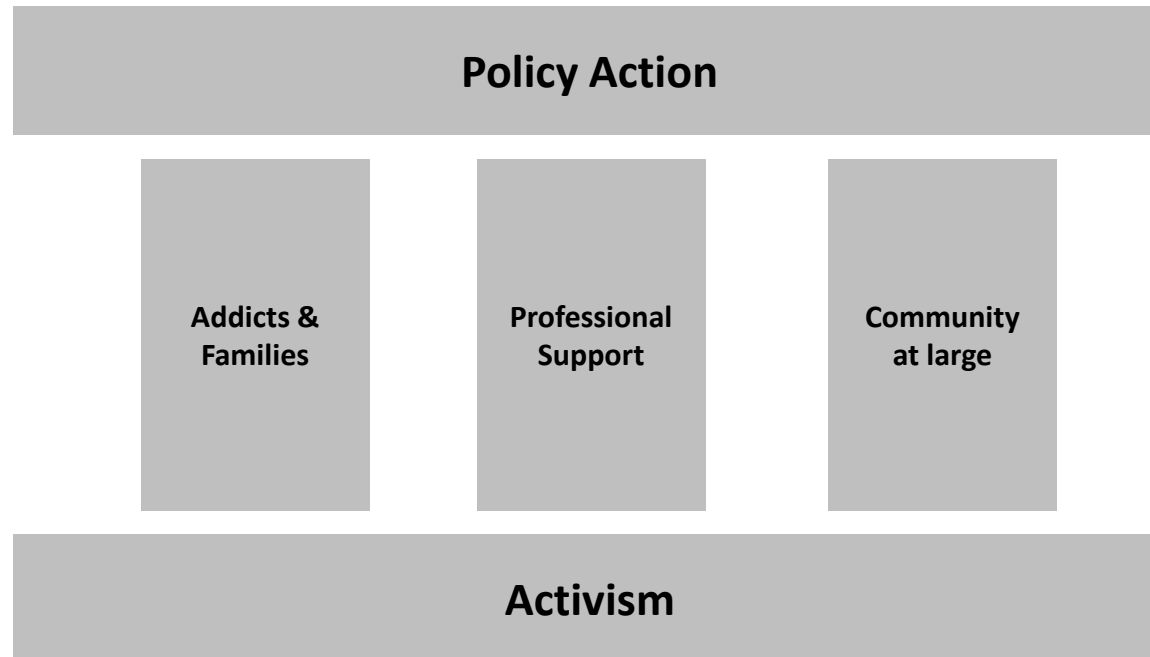
Our goal is to develop a Virginia Recovery Agenda with at least three major items that will have a meaningful impact on the lives of people and families that suffer from addiction.

We will take our agenda to the 2021 session of the General Assembly.



Thee Pillars of VRC Activism

The goal of VRC activism is to mobilize and coordinate the efforts of people impacted by addiction, professionals who treat and support those who suffer from addiction, and the community at large.





Road to 2021 General Assembly

Accomplished to date:

- November 2018: Initial Meeting began process to identify legislative agenda
- November-December 2018: Conducted survey to prioritize agenda items
- May-June 2019: Organizational meetings to establish process

Planned Actions

- July-September: Solicit Input
 - ✓ Direct contact with allied organizations and individuals
 - ✓ Community Input Meetings
- October: Publish Virginia Recovery Agenda & Kick Off Event
- October/November: Community Mobilization Campaign
- December/January: Advocacy at General Assembly



Potential Agenda Items (Not in priority order)

Will be refined and
prioritized through
community input
process

- Make addiction treatment and recovery services available to every person that needs help.
- Improve prevention programs to limit the impact of addiction
- Support provision of addiction recovery services for special needs populations
- Ensure that the Medicaid program efficiently supports treatment of addiction and recovery
- Ensure that all students at every public higher education institution in Virginia have access have access to a on-campus high-quality recovery program
- Enact Improved HARM reduction legislation
- Ensure that Opioid Overdose Reversal Drug (Naloxone) is available everywhere that it may be needed to include schools, college dorms, and emergency rooms
- Support policies that reduce fraud and abuse in the delivery of recovery services
- Support recovery by reducing stigma and barriers to employment, housing, and support services

Sample Input Slide

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Action Items

- Support legislation to address barrier crimes (e.g., time limits) so that recovery professionals may be employed in settings that place restrictions on prospective employees with criminal backgrounds.
- Seek increased reimbursement for providers of services for clients in residential settings whose children are housed with them.
- Seek equitable reimbursement for providers of recovery services regardless of settings in which services are provided--hospitals, residential or other community-based settings.
- Establish a scholarship/student loan incentive program for preparing individuals to become licensed substance abuse treatment providers/professionals.
- Advocate for more comprehensive reimbursement of CSACs.
- Advocate for increased funding for trauma-informed care in community settings, schools, and services settings.
- Support medication-assisted treatment in jails and prisons.
- Seek regulatory changes in levels of care offered by CSACs.

Lead Individual/Organizations

Supporting Organizations

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Ursula Murphy
July 10 at 10:34 AM
It's a shame that a 30 day inpatient program for someone homeless is 2 1/2 hours away and took 6 months to find... SMH, gotta do better
Ron Pritchard and 1 other 12 Comments Seen by 125

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Ursula Murphy Sooooo, Arlington is alot farther than anticipated... Finally home after getting my friend to The Phoenix House...hopefully he will be able to stay the full 6 weeks
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