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*We are a family, a  
family in recovery*

## ***Michigan Recovery Network***

The *Michigan Recovery Network* promotes recovery in two ways: **First**, it enhances and makes sustainable the recovery environment in partner organizations by establishing roles, responsibilities, expectations and qualifications between peer and traditional agency staff and by creating models of support and services that integrate Peer Support and other disciplines and **Second**, by building a transparent and accessible network of support and communication between peer-run organizations throughout the state of Michigan. The *Michigan Recovery Network* consists of organizations that serve adults diagnosed with psychiatric disabilities and substance addiction.

To promote recovery environments, the Recovery Institute employs the *Recovery Self Assessment (RSA)* survey to assess each partner organization's performance along the following indices: Diversity of Treatment Options; Consumer Involvement and Recovery Education; Life Goals vs. Symptom Management; Rights and Respect and Individually Tailored Services. The Recovery Institute provides technical assistance to organizations, and their representative workgroups, to assist them in setting strategic outcomes based on the *RSA* and other assessments. Second and concurrently, the Recovery Institute will engage in workforce development activities that include cross-training, cultural and linguistic fluency among peers, providers, administrators as well as mentorship and learning opportunities to fuel these systems changes. The initial efforts will be targeted in the counties of Allegan, Cass, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph. Additional communities will be offered *Michigan Recovery Network* services within the scope of available grant resources.

To build a network of peer-run organizations, Recovery Institute will coordinate the establishment of a representative workgroup, to determine the parameters, insure transparency, promote an equal exchange of information and oversee most matters of the network. To support this project, Recovery Institute will maintain a website, e-mail newsletter and blog.

Ultimately, this project aims to advance a culture of Recovery and related practices, clarify the roles of community actors and address current problems associated with fragmentation of services and support. Individuals being supported in living with the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship will be the ultimate recovery-based outcome. Overall, we hope for a new partnership between the mental health system and public and private community organizations.

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