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Vision Statement

The American Association of Adult Residential Communities, AAARC, is a unique collaborative peer-driven certification program that is responsible for certifying America's recovery residences. The voluntary certification program insures the public that AAARC certified programs are stable, safe and healthy and provide our residents the continuum of care necessary for a successful transition back into the communities and neighborhoods in which we live.

Mission Statement

The American Association of Adult Residential Communities strives to improve the quality of life for those individuals committed to recovery and struggling with mental health and co-occurring addiction, regardless of their ability to pay.

Goals

1. Voluntary peer-driven Certification Program: The AAARC will create standards that are based on best practices and research.
2. Halfway House Reform: The AAARC will reduce or eliminate the negative stigma attached to halfway houses by first referring to them as Adult Residential Communities and raising the standards for housing through the certification process.
3. The development of user friendly linkage with day-care and vocational rehabilitation programs and services that more efficiently meet the needs of our indigent populations.
4. Education and Training: The AAARC will promote the education and training of Adult Residential Community employees by offering opportunities to learn about current trends in research and best practices in the recovery field.
5. The creation of employment opportunities through our equity-sharing job program, in partnership with Work Force One.
6. Community Partnerships: The AAARC will strive to forge partnerships with organizations and agencies that can help to promote the improvement of Adult Residential Communities.
7. Moral Code of Ethics: The AAARC will promote a moral code of ethics within the Adult Residential Community. Through the certification process, Adult Residential Communities must demonstrate that practices are both moral and ethical with respect to the care and living conditions of its residents.