



Choices Recovery Trainings

Law Enforcement Aroostook County Maine Oct. 2020

“I have to say that I did not realize that that I was "old fashioned" in my approach and thinking towards SUD and recovering addicts until this training. 23 years in law enforcement, sometimes we become complacent in our way of thinking. While I am open, this is a new way of thinking, I have to put my trust (and I do) into you guys, because you're the experts. You went through this and recovered, I never had an addiction and never experienced what it was like of your journey to recovery. The most eye opening for me is when you guys talk about what you went through with your families. All too often we see someone struggling and don't see the affect it has on family and friends. Thank you for being so open. “

“Excellent training, keep up the good work.”

“I enjoyed this lesson plan. It is nice to see something is now available. And I do know its a place to start and better than what we had prior. I commend those who have entered the program and accessed RRN. Thank you all.”

“The Rural Recovery Network and the trainers did a great job. Continue keeping it real, seeing the emotion as the trainers talked about the effect on their families and the day to day struggle of wanting to stay clean was powerful. As police officer we deal with people suffering with addiction for a relatively short time and then they are off into the system. Work with drug courts, I have seen some good things happen there when I was a Deputy Sheriff in South Carolina. Chief Gahagan was right in his statement about the correct laws and what can be held against you, however if you have a officer willing to put the time and effort into the case and is willing to work with the ADA, that information can be used in a positive outcome through court as far a recovery efforts, whether court mandated or just an agreement through court. Look forward to see how this program grows.”

“I appreciate hearing more from people in recovery to get their perspective on what is helpful and what is not...their story basically”



“While I normally don't like video classes, I felt you guys did a great job putting this together. There is a lot of information to disseminate and I was glad you taught the class in 6 parts. This is a whole new way of thinking for us cops and ex-cops, but I find it refreshing, I'm not saying that it's going to be easy, but it defiantly gives us an opportunity to re-evaluate our old way of thinking. Listening to the trainers that have gone through the addiction and recovery process were the biggest benefit to me and it added a realism to the training. Especially what they went through as far as the recovery time. It would have been nice if you had a police officer or a ex-cop involved in your program that can give insight to what they have seen working with recovering addicts and his thought on how his views have changed. Cops trust other cops, and I believe they would be a benefit in getting other law enforcement onboard with this program, I believe in your program and appreciate all you guys have done.”

“I feel this is good that the training is split into sections, this gives us a time to reflect and think about that we learned in each episode. If this training would have been one long block, I would worry that some of the information would be lost and retained.”

“Keep doing what you're doing. Great insight and very informative. Thank you!!”

“Format worked well, able to print slides to take the time to understand the information presented.”

Testimonies from Concord, NH Fire Department, Feb. 2021

‘Great program and thank you for providing quality education. As an EMS provider i feel I have a better understanding to help my patients get into recovery.’

‘The communication during the class was encouraged by the instructor. Good back and forth discussions.’



'I was impressed, for a virtual training, the interaction with the group and facilitator. Ginger's passion and knowledge made it very informative and genuine. Her time management was outstanding.'

'It was a good overview of addiction. I have been interested in the topic and have done some reading on my own. I think that for many in emergency services, ignorance is the biggest issue when it comes to dealing with people suffering from addiction. It is important to educate caregivers on stigma and inherent bias, not only in addiction but in many other social issues.'

'One important factor taken away from the training is that SUD can occur to everyone and it does not focus on one particular race, group or religion.'

"One of the most realistic and applicable presentation on recovery I've ever attended."

Carol - Florida GAL

Thank you for this webinar series. We need it.

Steve - Child Welfare Attorney, HI