

S.157: An act relating to recovery residence certification

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Prevention works. Treatment is effective. People recover.

S.157 focuses on Recovery Residences



Residential Treatment

- Treatment and clinical services with 24 hour, onsite supervision.
- Vermont has three levels of residential treatment that align with American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care:
  - 3.1: Low-Intensity, Clinically Managed
  - 3.5: High-Intensity, Clinically Managed
  - 3.7: Medically Managed

Example:
Recovery House



Recovery Residence

- Shared living environments that offer peer support, assistance accessing support services.
- May provide case management and outpatient-related services.
- Vermont primarily offers Level 2 Recovery Residences per the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) certified care*.

Example:
Second Wind Foundation



Recovery Center

- Open during the day for people seeking support in their recovery journey. RSOs offer a range of services including recovery coaching, support groups, referral to services and other peer support.
- No residential services available.
- Provide a safe and substance-free environment for people in all stages of recovery.

Example:
Turning Point Center

*National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) Certified Care			
Level 1: Peer-run	**Level 2: Monitored**	**Level 3: Supervised**	**Level 4: Service Provider**
Peer recovery support in a democratically run living environment.	Peer recovery support and staff-monitored structure.	Peer recovery support, staff-monitored structure plus structed (re)habilitation life skill development.	Peer recovery support, staff-monitored, life skills and clinical programming.

Background on Recovery Residences and Department of Health reports

8 organizations
29 locations
145 beds*

*10 additional beds online as of Jan ‘26 in Essex

VERMONT ALLIANCE FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCES

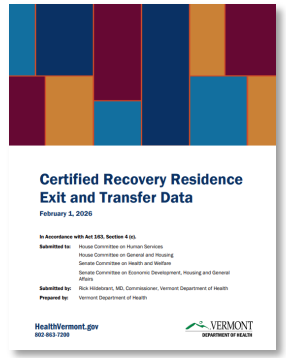
Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences (VTARR)

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National Alliance for Recovery Residences



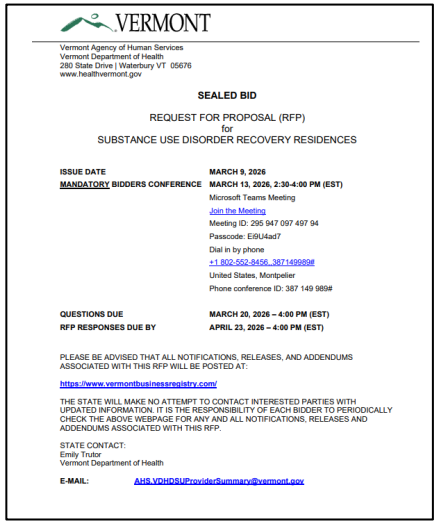
Assessment of Recovery Residences 2025 Report to the Legislature



Certified Recovery Residence Exit and Transfer Data Report to the Legislature

Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Funds Support Recovery Housing System Enhancements and Expansion

Estimated Budget: $8 Million each year from years 1 to 5



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SEALED BID

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
for
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECOVERY RESIDENCES

ISSUE DATE	**MARCH 9, 2026**
MANDATORY BIDDERS CONFERENCE	**MARCH 13, 2026, 2:30-4:00 PM (EST)** Microsoft Teams Meeting Join the Meeting Meeting ID: 295 947 097 497 94 Passcode: E9U4ad7 Dial in by phone +1 802-552-8456,,387149989# United States, Montpelier Phone conference ID: 387 149 989#
QUESTIONS DUE	**MARCH 20, 2026 – 4:00 PM (EST)**
RFP RESPONSES DUE BY	**APRIL 23, 2026 – 4:00 PM (EST)**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL NOTIFICATIONS, RELEASES, AND ADDENDUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RFP WILL BE POSTED AT:

https://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/

THE STATE WILL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT INTERESTED PARTIES WITH UPDATED INFORMATION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH BIDDER TO PERIODICALLY CHECK THE ABOVE WEBPAGE FOR ANY AND ALL NOTIFICATIONS, RELEASES AND ADDENDUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RFP.

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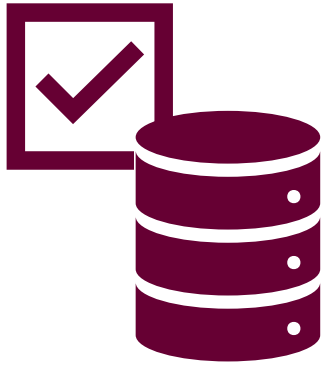
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NARR LEVEL II/III RFP

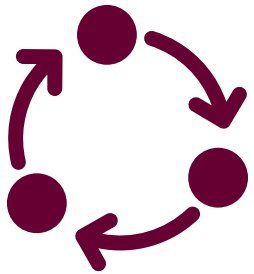
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Recovery Housing



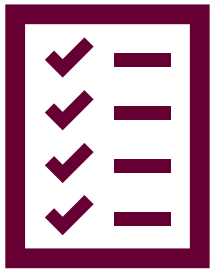
Recovery Housing Certifications & Systems



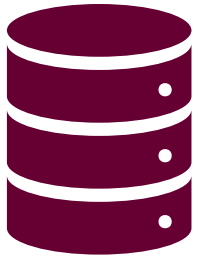
Residence Operations

Expand Capacity | Address Gaps | Data Systems & TA | Train Workforce | Support Operations

The Department of Health supports S. 157 as passed by the Senate



Grants authority to the Department of Health to establish and oversee a certification process for recovery residences



Requires the Department of Health to establish data collection standards and reporting requirements for certified recovery residences



Makes the exclusion for certified recovery residences from landlord/tenant law permanent

Passage of S.157 along with continued investment will lead to an enhanced future state recovery ecosystem

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VTARR Certification

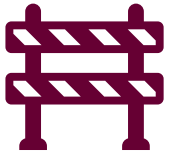
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Passage of S.157
(An Act Relating to RR)

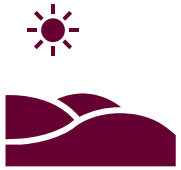


Continued investment in Recovery Residences

Desired Future State



Address barriers to expand capacity



Address gaps in Vermont's recovery residence landscape



Support data collection systems for recovery residences

Thank you!

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