



Stacie Mathewson,

Founder, CEO & President of Transforming Youth Recovery

Stacie Mathewson's personal and professional mission is focused exclusively on promoting addiction awareness, recovery, prevention and education at the local, state and national level. Stacie is personally connected to the cause, witnessing since childhood how the addiction disease can tear families apart and span generations. With the loss of her son, Josh Montoya, who first faced the disease of addiction in his early adolescence, Stacie's commitment to preventing addiction and protecting the health of our youth is unrelenting.

In the fall of 2012, Stacie initiated a collegiate grant program to assist universities in developing or expanding existing recovery support services to help each university establish institutionally accepted, financially sustainable collegiate recovery programs. To date Transforming Youth Recovery, which Stacie founded in 2013, has funded over 100 grants across the country, resulting in an increase in the number of established or emerging collegiate recovery programs from approximately 35 in 2012 to over 160 today.

Stacie has invested significant resources into restructuring, rebranding, and developing the accreditation process for the Association of Recovery Schools (ARS). As a result of these efforts, ARS has become a viable organization. It is recognized by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and is mentioned in The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2014.

Her generosity and commitment to changing the face of addiction led her to provide a grant to the Washoe County School District (WCSD). The grant provides \$1 million a year for 13 years, the longest research-based grant covering K-12 in our nation's history. Stacie Mathewson is proud to bring this pilot program for prevention and intervention to the WCSD, while providing outcomes from the research to schools throughout the nation.

Doors to Recovery, a project of Transforming Youth Recovery, is focused on finding solutions for Northern Nevada with the intention of breaking the stigma of addiction and creating a truly innovative, integrated, and sustainable recovery-oriented system of care. In July of 2015, the Doors To Recovery Community Asset Mapping Report was published. Based on this research, gaps were identified in the continuum of care that allowed Stacie to significantly impact the Northern Nevada community. She helped establish The Young Offender Specialty Drug Court for ages 18-25 emerging adults (2015) and augmenting this program, has opened two youth treatment homes for this population; a third is in the planning stage.

This year Northern Nevada Hopes Hospital opened the Stacie Mathewson Community Wellness Center that provides wellness services on a sliding scale regardless of the ability to pay. Hopes will expand its services to include addiction treatment, including back-to-work programs, with Stacie's partnership.

Stacie has received 25 awards for her innovative efforts from national, state, and local organizations in the areas of recovery advocacy, education, and science-based research. She previously served on the Congressional Finance Committee Board at the request of Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack.

Stacie's vision and dedication to prevention and recovery support for our youth is making a significant impact on Northern Nevada and the nation.