Transforming Youth Recovery looks specifically at the community, educational and peer networks that influence youth development and achievement, and is both studying and conceiving novel approaches that have the potential to dramatically expand family and school-based prevention, intervention and recovery support services.
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Addiction is the most underfunded public health crisis in this country that causes the greatest destruction to society. Overdose is currently the number one cause of accidental death, surpassing automobile accidents. Addiction begins between the ages of 12-19 years old, but treatment and resources for young people in recovery are few and far between. Compounded by a host of factors such as the lack of information regarding addiction, the overprescribing of painkillers, the lack of addiction training in the medical/research community, and the criminalization and stigmatization of addiction has led us to the desperate situation we are facing.

There is hope: a comprehensive approach across multiple fronts is needed to dramatically stem the tide of addiction, and promote and implement sustainable solutions for prevention, recovery access and support.

Transforming Youth Recovery has seized an unprecedented opportunity to fill these voids and is creating radical, life-saving shifts for youth and families in recovery with its strategic partnerships, research studies, and grant programs. This leap into action is creating ripple effects among communities and altering infrastructures to scaffold more at-risk youth into recovery continuums, providing wraparound services throughout the educational landscape and beyond.

We invite you to learn about the multiple recovery support service mechanisms Transforming Youth Recovery is embedding across communities, and to understand our approach to achieving collective impact. Join us, as we continue to emerge as a national leader in the addiction field and a beacon of light in the recovery movement.

Ivana Grahovac
Executive Director
Transforming Youth Recovery
Transforming Youth Recovery’s Impact on the National Recovery Movement

Impact on Education

“Recovery high schools and collegiate recovery programs are emblematic of the kind of approaches we think make sense. They provide services and support and respond to addiction as chronic disorders. They not only help people in recovery reach their full potential, they prevent untold social and economic cost. They save lives. There could hardly be any more important work that we do.”

Michael Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Keynote Address, Association of Recovery Schools Conference, June 25, 2014.

Collegiate Grant Initiative

Despite 22.9% of all college students meeting the medical criteria for addiction issues (CASA), only 34 colleges out of 4500 had collegiate recovery programs to support students in recovery in 2012. This significant gap in services impacted the continuum of care for the 143% increase in college students seeking treatment for addiction between 1999-2009. As a result, families were left with a difficult, painful choice: whether to risk sending their students back to campuses where there was zero support, or to simply not allow their students to go back to school due to risks of relapse as a result of the “party culture” and lack of support systems on campuses.

Recognizing the need to implement life-saving measures on campuses, our collegiate recovery initiative began in the fall of 2012 when Stacie began awarding $10,000 grants to universities to support the creation of new collegiate recovery programs. A landmark research study was completed in the spring of 2013 that identified 38 community-based assets that could help college students in recovery to thrive, and a companion toolkit and web platform were developed. To date, TYR has funded 69 seed grants to institutions of higher education to initiate recovery programs on their campuses; in addition, 12 support grants have been awarded to encourage the growth of existing programs. This means that TYR has more than tripled the number of recovery efforts in progress across the country, and paved the way for merely a ‘notion’ to become an established community, and in many cases a registered student organization on campus. Approximately 1000 students are currently attending events and activities within communities that are supported through the TYR collegiate grant program. With continued technical assistance and support, these programs have the potential to impact nearly 25,000 students seeking recovery support. Now, families’ financial and emotional investments in their students’ recovery will be protected at the campuses they attend.

Perhaps even more significant than the initial financial investment is the support the staff at TYR provides to every grantee. Each school is connected with a program manager that offers ongoing coaching for a period of three years. We recognize that each collegiate recovery effort is unique in its own way and they are encouraged to take incremental steps toward developing into a mature, sustainable program that reflects their campus environment and leverages existing resources to meet the specific needs and interests of their students. This flexibility and ongoing monitoring allows schools to empower students in recovery on their campus to lead these efforts, while navigating the significant
challenges that bureaucracy in higher education may pose. TYR’s commitment overcomes the staff turnover that is common at colleges and universities, and gets schools connected to supportive community members as well as to each other. We know the college environment can be challenging for young people in recovery so we are proud to support so many campus partners as they pledge to make their schools a more recovery friendly place.

Unprecedented Rate of Growth

High School Recovery

Association of Recovery Schools (ARS)

Transforming Youth Recovery has been instrumental in the reorganization and growth of ARS. ARS is a registered 501 (c) 3, nonprofit organization comprised of recovery high schools as well as associate members and individuals who support the integral growth of the recovery high school movement. ARS is a national organization that is recognized by the National Office of Drug Control Policy and has been mentioned in the largest Bill for recovery support as follows:

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2014. SEC. 303. NATIONAL YOUTH RECOVERY INITIATIVE. 4, (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means (A) a high school that has been accredited as a recovery high school by the Association of Recovery High Schools;

TYR funds and in-kind donations of staffing assistance have gone towards ARS rebranding, ARS website development, an ARS High School market study, development of the ARS Accreditation process, compensation to hire a full time Executive Director, the development of the ARS 2013 and 2014 national...
conferences, consulting services to provide an organizational assessment of ARS’ current infrastructure, and to identify and elements within ARS that require further development.

Through TYR’s contributions, ARS now sets the gold standard for educating and supporting students in recovery, and collaborates with a broad and diverse global network to advocate for a continuum of support and a readiness for student transition in and out of Recovery High Schools. TYR’s continued support of ARS has allowed ARS to provide deep expertise, resources and data-driven best practices to Recovery High Schools through training, consulting and accreditation services, while serving as advocates for the educational inclusion of youth recovery. Currently there are 33 Recovery High Schools operating in the U.S. and approximately 1,000 students in attendance nationwide.

**The Influence of TYR Studies: Science-Based Research**

TYR was launched by The Stacie Mathewson Foundation to look specifically at the community, educational and peer networks that can influence youth development and achievement. The intention has been for TYR to both study and conceive novel approaches that have the potential to dramatically expand family and school-based prevention, intervention and recovery support services.

To fulfill this intention, TYR approaches every effort from a capacity-building perspective. This starts by making visible the assets, relationships, and resulting practices that can contribute to healthy and thriving lifestyles among young people. Specific attention is given to those at-risk for drug and alcohol substance abuse. The 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that an estimated 23.9 million Americans age 12 and over (9.2% of the population) were current illicit drug users, of which 2.4 million were young people between the ages of 12-17. Additionally, an estimated 9.3 million underage persons (aged 12 to 20) were current drinkers of alcohol in 2012, including 5.9 million binge drinkers and 1.7 million heavy drinkers. This reflects a public health cause that TYR is striving to address without hesitation.

Supporting studies seek to find those promising prevention, intervention and recovery practices that call out for the capacity to do them more often, in more places, with greater consistency. When TYR finds places where such practices live and breathe, the organization strives to rapidly spread that knowledge so that connected networks can take collective action.

TYR’s work is about cultivating cross-sector networks that can influence students, parents, educators and community leaders. This is undertaken by partnering with those who are committed to the implementation of these effective and evidence-based practices that positively influence the well-being of young people and their families.

In all we do, TYR stays ever mindful that everything must push to those primary social environment that directly influence individual attitudes and actions within everyday community, academic and cultural settings. It is a reminder that real-world change happens one student, one school, one community at a time.

**Closing the Gap on Access to Top-Tier, Evidence-Based Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programs Available to K-12 Students in the U.S.** (To be Published, 2014)

Although 56.5% of U.S. schools are implementing substance use prevention programs, only 10.3% are using evidence-based curriculum. This research has discovered an alarming gap between the number of
students who have access to effective evidence-based alcohol and other drug prevention programs and the total number of K-12 students in the U.S.

The TYR prevention study has determined the following three actions are required to address this access gap so that more K-12 students will receive effective prevention education:

1. Identify and make known the Best-in-Class evidence based alcohol and other drug prevention programs available to K-12 students in the U.S.
2. Find and map the prevention practices that accompany effective program implementation so as to build capacity for broader dissemination of Best-in-Class prevention programs.
3. Cultivate a network of parents, schools, governmental agencies, organizations and communities that can accelerate the sharing and implementation of thriving prevention practices in support of national youth health standards and public health services.

The Assets for Building Collegiate Recovery Survey Report (Published April, 2014)

The annual Collegiate Recovery Asset Survey aims to update studies undertaken to identify community assets that can help students in recovery to thrive in the fullness of the college experience. Starting in 2014, the survey was lengthened to ask program coordinators about the nature of their collegiate recovery program/effort (CRP/E), the relationship between their CRP/E and local community-based assets, and the practices that are a result of their CRP/E. Results from the survey are used to annually evaluate the usefulness of 38 assets as well as the progress of TYR-sponsored programs.

The Assets for Building Collegiate Recovery (Published April, 2013)

This research funded by The Stacie Mathewson Foundation leverages asset models to describe community-based assets. To date, asset models have had limited application within the field of collegiate recovery. The application of asset models in this context can aid and inform researchers and practitioners interested in the advancement and proliferation of collegiate recovery programs. Importantly this work is not intended to evaluate the effectiveness of any given college-based recovery program. Rather, the intent is to identify the assets that a community can apply to establish, support, grow and sustain collegiate recovery efforts.

- Based on the collegiate recovery asset study, The Stacie Mathewson Foundation developed a capacity-building granting program, to be administered by TYR, to initiate early stage collegiate recovery efforts and extend support to existing collegiate recovery programs. Since the receipt of its first grant application in early 2013, collegiate recovery has grown from 2 identified efforts and 37 identified programs (39 total) to 53 identified efforts and 50 identified programs (103 total). This translates to a 62% increase in a little over one year.

- In direct support of the granting program, the asset study provided the basis for creating a new toolkit (Capacity Building for Collegiate Recovery, First Edition with a second edition in development) available to colleges and Universities looking to initiate or extend collegiate recovery efforts. The toolkit includes activities specifically designed for program staff and students in recovery as they set out to build asset-rich communities. The keystone activity of community mapping has contributed more than 700 unique community-based assets to a centralized database for collegiate recovery efforts. This database, hosted on the networking
Capacity platform, is the largest known collegiate recovery specific repository of community-based assets in the United States.

- As a service to the research community in the recovery field, the references used to inform the asset study (as well as the recovery high school study that followed) were catalogued and made publically accessible via an on-line library hosted on Scribd. **Those references have had more than 8,580 views in service of field study advancements.** Mapping and publication resources made directly available on TYR’s web site have had 1,853 views from 3,334 visitors.

- Perhaps most important has been the educational advancement provided through conference presentations aimed at helping professionals apply an asset-based approach to collegiate recovery efforts. A listing of those presentations are provided. While the influence that may extend from these presentations may not be fully known, assumptions can be drawn from the fact that the *38 Assets for Building Collegiate Recovery Capacity* can be found referenced in complimentary peer presentations (see *Emerging Adults: Enjoying a Collegiate Sober Life*, M. Shadley and D. Fred) or as online references available through institutional sites such as [Washington State University](http://www.wsu.edu).

  - November 2, 2013
    2nd Annual California Unified Collegiate Recovery Conference – University of California Riverside
  - April 2-4, 2014
    Pathways to Understanding: Neuroscience Addiction and Young Adults—Kennesaw State University, GA Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery
  - April 3, 2014. California State University Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Conference – CSU Channel Islands. "The Easy Way to Begin or Expand Recovery Support on your Campus"
  - April 11-13, 2014
    University of California Collegiate Recovery Retreat – Santa Cruz, CA
    “Workshop—Asset Mapping”
    “Workshop—Drafting The Stacie Mathewson Foundation Grant Application”
  - May 29, 2014. American College Health Association Annual Meeting – San Antonio Marriott River Center, TX
“Building Recovery from Within: How to Implement a Sustainable Collegiate Recovery Program that Unites the Campus Community”

“Early Stage Capacity Building for Residential Collegiate Recovery Communities: Essential Assets and Campus Examples”

June 12, 2014
Healthy Campus Communities Coalition Annual Meeting—Black Mountain, North Carolina
“Mobilizing Campus Assets and Community Coalitions for Building Collegiate Recovery Capacity”

June 26, 2014. Association of Recovery Schools Conference – Hilton Del Mar, CA

August 7, 2014
Generation Rx University Conference – The Ohio State University
“Collegiate Recovery: A Higher Vision”

August 12, 2014
Statewide Substance Use Disorder Conference – Hilton Costa Mesa, CA
“Collegiate Recovery Programs: Essential Assets and Campus Examples”

September 8-9, 2014
Stronger Together: California Colleges & Universities United for Student Mental Health – The Westin Los Angeles, CA “How Collegiate Recovery Programs Create Communities of Wholeness”
“Collegiate Recovery Programs: Essential Assets and Campus Examples”

September 19, 2014
North Texas Recovery Film Festival and Conference – University of North Texas
Keynote Address

Scheduled Presentations, 2014

October 14, 2014
Pacific Coast College Health Association Annual Conference – Seattle, WA
“Supporting the Growth of Collegiate Recovery in the Pacific Region’”

November 8-9, 2014
3rd Annual California Unified Collegiate Recovery Conference – University of California Riverside
“Asset Mapping and Network Modeling for Collegiate Recovery Success”
“Galvanizing your community to amplify recovery”

- The collegiate recovery asset map has become an important reference for government officials working to advance the broad agenda of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (see ONDCP
Recovery Update. Fall, 2012 announcing the effort.) Since its launch, ONDCP officials have used the map to signal the growth and define the current landscape for recovery efforts in the United States. Additionally, NGOs such as The Coalition of Higher Education Association for Substance Abuse Prevention cite the 38 assets as a means by which to build a recovery community (see Why and How Campuses Should Address Substance Abuse Prevention). Finally, the overall capacity-building efforts initiated by the asset study has directly contributed information and data to important social movement initiatives such as the Many Faces 1 Voice (Faces & Voices of Recovery) campaign.

- The studies and overall work of The Stacie Mathewson Foundation and TYR are directly influencing and informing emerging legislative initiatives with specific attention to the proposed National Youth Recovery Initiative proposed within the Americans in Recovery Act (see Americans in Recovery Act, Discussion Draft).

Market Study for Recovery High Schools (Published September, 2013)

The 2013 Market Study for Recovery High Schools supported by The Stacie Mathewson Foundation presents the landscape of recovery schools (recovery high schools) in the U.S. and offers an analysis of the conditions that will promote or hinder the future expansion of this type of school-based recovery support.

- The market study was undertaken on behalf of the Association of Recovery Schools (ARS) as a means to reinforce and expand the Association’s role as the recognized resource for recovery high schools in the United States. ARS’ positioning in this regard is quite extensive and is illustrated by its listing as an available resource in SAMHSA’s National Recovery Month (September, 2014) directory.

- Importantly, the study provided, for the first time, a set of distinguishing characteristics for school-based recovery support efforts. ARS has adopted the study’s recommended definition for recovery schools which is being applied for the new national Accreditation Process releasing in 2014.

- The definitional framework described above is also being used by well-established recovery school researchers such as Dr. Andrew Finch and Dr. Paul Moberg as a means to identify defining criteria for studies intended to discuss sustainability and expansion activities among recovery schools. This criteria was directly applied in Dr. Finch’s latest publication, Continuing Care in High Schools: A Descriptive Study of Recovery High Schools Programs (2014).

- The favorability analysis completed in 2013 offers the first cataloguing of national policies and programs, on a State-by-State level, that might support the expansion of recovery high schools in the U.S. This foundational work will be expanded upon once ARS reaches this strategic point in the year ahead.

Recovery Campus Magazine

Recovery Campus Magazine serves the young adult population and raises the awareness of the growing number of Collegiate Recovery Communities (CRC) across the country. Through the support of
Transforming Youth Recovery, the magazine was able to double its distribution from 5,000 copies per issue to 10,000 copies per issue. Due to the funding provided by TYR, the magazine is currently distributed to over 80 colleges across the U.S.

Recovery Advocacy

Young People in Recovery (YPR)

The TYR $50,000 matching grant challenge has allowed YPR to grow from a 15 member organization with zero chapters to a 465 member organization with 31 national chapters. TYR’s funding supported multiple strategic planning sessions for YPR’s leadership that determined how they wanted to impact the country. The result, YPR created a national organization that empowers, equips, and releases leaders into the national community and supports local chapters that assist youth before, during, and after they go to treatment. YPR provides support to young people returning to their communities and helps them find jobs, obtain secure housing, and explore continuing education.

TYR’s donation of funds allowed YPR to hire a fulltime staff person to manage all of these chapters, to recruit more Board members, and to fundraise.

YPR presently has presence in 22 states, with more than 31 chapters, and a staff of four fulltime leaders. Additionally, YPR is merging with Faces & Voices of Recovery, (F&V) which is the national organization that oversees the Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO) that is made up of nearly 100 Recovery Community Organizations (RCO). Through this merger, the combined organizations will have a staff of five full time employees overseeing 125 locations, and operating from an ~$850,000 budget.

Many Faces 1 Voice: The Anonymous People Movie

TYR became a Founding Partner and Sponsor of the documentary, The Anonymous People. To date, over 500,000 people have viewed the movie resulting in over 150,000 people interacting with the Many Faces 1 Voice website, and another 25,000 became followers on social media. This film went on the win the 2014 PRISM Award for best film in the Feature Film Documentary category. The PRISM Awards are presented annually by the Entertainment Industries Council, Inc. (EIC), and honor the portrayal of mental health and substance use disorders, in TV shows, movies, music, DVD, and comic book entertainment.

Many Faces 1 Voice is a multifaceted campaign to mobilize people in recovery, family members, friends and allies to advance the addiction recovery advocacy movement.

Phoenix Multisport

Phoenix Multisport fosters a supportive, physically active community for individuals who are recovering from alcohol and substance abuse and those who choose to live a sober life. Through pursuits such as climbing, hiking, running, strength training, yoga, road/mountain biking, socials and other activities, they seek to help their members develop and maintain the emotional strength to stay sober.

TYR provided funds to this nationally acclaimed, CNN Hero award winning organization to pay for the leasing of a new building in Costa Mesa, CA. for one year to serve as a new Phoenix Multisport location.
This free recovery support program will serve much of Orange County and the surrounding area. The building is accessible by the surrounding communities and is in close proximity to formal treatment programs which will allow Phoenix to establish fee for service partnerships with these programs. These partnerships help pay for the free services offered to anyone in the community who is 48 hours clean and sober.

Fed Up! Rally and Coalition

TYR sponsored the first rally for a federal response to the opioid epidemic held in Washington D.C. on October 1, 2013. Rally organizers and participants called for immediate, coordinated and comprehensive federal action to end the epidemic, including moving hydrocodone products from Schedule III to Schedule II and ensuring that the millions of people who have become addicted are able to access effective treatment. In 2014 the Fed Up! Rally became the Fed Up! Coalition. This grass roots movement is comprised of 5,799 supporters and organizations advocating for an end of addiction and overdose deaths attributed to opioids (including heroin) and other prescription drugs.

Technology: Capacitype Mapping System

Transforming Youth Recovery developed the web-based Capacitype mapping platform to help expand recovery support and service for students struggling with addiction. The Capacitype mapping system is a free, interactive service that allows students and recovery services to plot their recovery supports to specific geographical locations nationwide.

Since it was launched in July 2014, the TYR Community Asset Map system is actively used by over 1,000 school and higher education staff, students, parents, treatment providers, the National Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and other government administrators. This number will continue to grow as TYR amplifies its marketing/outreach efforts.
Community Projects and Outreach

Doors to Recovery Fundraiser

Transforming Youth Recovery sponsored the Doors to Recovery Public Art Project in Reno Nevada, to celebrate the countless courageous young people who daily confront the devastating disease of addiction and are rebuilding their lives in recovery.

Using antique doors from Reno’s Lear Theater, over 40 renowned and emerging local artists transformed small pieces of history into works of art to inspire hope for the future of our young people. The completed art-doors were on display for the entire month of July in select locations around downtown and midtown Reno, in conjunction with Artown.

The entire collection was displayed on the evening of August 9th, 2014 at the Nevada Museum of Art. They were auctioned to the public that evening, in support of the vital work of Transforming Youth Recovery and project partners.

The funds raised from this event support Transforming Youth Recovery and project partners: Tour de Nez, Artown, and the Nevada Recovery and Prevention Community at University of Nevada, Reno and TMCC.

The Josh Montoya Beach Memorial

For National Recovery Month, Transforming Youth Recovery commissioned renowned artist Andres Amador to help participants create a living memorial in honor of those lives lost to addiction. Each person was encouraged to draw a flower in the sand to represent their loved one. This annual community event is offered free as a public service in the effort to erase social stigma and to raise public awareness for this disease, further allowing families to heal from the devastation of addiction.

Tour de Nez Outreach
For the last two years, Transforming Youth Recovery has been the Title Sponsor for the Tour de Nez bike race held each year in Reno, Nevada. Proceeds from this event are used to support Reno, NV youth organizations. The mission of Tour de Nez Outreach is to promote cycling as the ultimate environmentally sound, healthy, family-oriented, fun-for-all-ages, accessible, community-minded activity.

**Other Organizations Impacted by TYR**

**Mother’s Against Prescription Drug Abuse (MAPDA)**
The primary goal of MAPDA is to bring awareness to the dangers of prescription drugs and correct the misconceptions about their safety. They provide outreach programs and speak to groups and individuals to educate them on the real dangers backed by scientific research.

**Betty Ford “Beamer’s World” Children’s Program**
TYR has made major donations Beamer’s World Children’s Program offered though the Betty Ford Center. The program helps kids learn about addiction through age-appropriate activities so they realize that the disease is not their fault, they are not alone and they are not to blame. Children talk openly in a safe, supportive environment and are encouraged to express their feelings about this disease. No child is turned away due to the inability to pay, and this program is open to children not attached to adults in treatment.

**Life Changes Inc., Reno, NV**
Life Changes, Inc. provides sober living housing in Reno, NV to women who have successfully completed treatment for addiction. Funding from TYR has allowed Life Changes to expand from one to three sober homes operating in the Reno, NV area.

**Voices in the Life, NV**
This organization provided social commentary on human trafficking by the Nevada Shakespeare Company.

**Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN)**
JTNN’s mission is to build successful partnerships to create healthy, drug free communities. JTNN brings citizens, agencies, businesses, and government together to form a whole that has the ability to identify, measure, and develop strategies to deal with substance abuse problems. They provide community assessment, planning, grant funding and administration services.

**The Children’s Cabinet, Reno, NV**
The Children’s Cabinet’s mission is to keep children safe and families together by providing services and resources that address unmet needs through a unique and effective cooperative effort between the private sector and public agencies in Nevada. In 2013 our foundation issued a grant to provide funding for the Nell J. Redfield School of life.
Rancho Community Reformed Church – Seams of Gold
The Seams of Gold conference invited Southern California church leaders to gather and attend a free conference that provided addiction education information to participants.

Mountain Shadows Foundation
This organization provides housing to developmentally disabled individuals in the North County San Diego area.

National Association of Mental Illness
Transforming Youth Recovery participated in the NAMI San Diego Walk in memory of Sherry Robinet.

Felix Foundation
The Felix Foundation of Orange County, California provides support for children growing up in the foster care system.

H.O.P.E. Foundation
This New York City charity helps at-risk youths nationwide with guidance and scholarships.

Empowering Parents
This website offers real parenting techniques that work to change a child’s behavior.

The Ranch Recovery Center, Palm Desert, CA
TYR provided funds for local shelters to purchase bedding for homeless shelter services.

Conferences and Summits

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
CADCA’s network of more than 5,000 community coalitions brings together key leaders within the community to address local conditions from underage drinking to prescription drug abuse. Coalitions are comprised of parents, youth, educators, law enforcement, the faith community, healthcare providers, social service providers, civic and government officials, business leaders, members of the media and other concerned citizens. In 2013, we provided Executive Committee sponsorship.

Kennesaw State University – The Neuroscience of Addiction Conference
A sponsorship donation was made by TYR for this conference.

University of California, Riverside – California Unified Collegiate Recovery Regional Conference
A sponsorship donation was made by TYR for this conference.

National Outdoor Leadership School
Sponsorship in honor of Josh Montoya was provided to a USC student to attend the National Outdoor Leadership program.

National Leadership Summit
We sponsored an evening reception for the National Leadership Summit on Youth Recovery.
Influence on State Legislation

California Law
Stacie Mathewson changed Family Law in California to acknowledge parental abuse of prescription drugs in child custody cases. Assembly Bill 2356 for family code 3011 (d) already provided that the family court consider a parent’s history of alcohol or illegal drug use in child custody determinations, but did not mention the use of prescribed drugs subject to abuse be a parent with a history of addiction.

Nevada Law
TYR is actively working to improve Good Samaritan laws as well as laws pertaining to the best interests of children of addicts and to increase the accessibility to Naloxone, an antidote drug used to prevent opioid overdose.

Awards
To date, Stacie Mathewson has received 15 awards for her innovative efforts from National, State, and Local organizations in the areas of recovery advocacy, education, and science-based research.

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Conclusion

Transforming Youth Recovery envisions a world...where students and young people in recovery are supported by their communities. Where they are treated like heroes for having the courage to conquer their addictions. Where they can easily find and connect to assets that will help them thrive: the key people, activities, and programs they need to ascend higher in their lives, via education and sustained sobriety. A world where addiction stigma is a thing of the past, no longer affecting a sober person’s ability to succeed throughout their life. A world where more families celebrate healing in recovery together, instead of grieving the destruction of addiction.

Transforming Youth Recovery is working to create that world by changing the way our nation’s education and community systems approach recovery. We are working towards our vision to unite and amplify the communities that cherish and support students in recovery.

We are seeing young people getting into recovery earlier, and we are seeing their schools transforming in order to provide the ongoing supportive communities they need to live new lives. We are creating environments that will support these students to graduate sober and succeed in achieving long, healthy, productive lives. The changes this current generation will experience as a result of our dedicated efforts will continue to impact a legacy of hope, breaking cycles of addiction for generations to come.

We thank you for supporting our commitment to changing the educational and community landscape so that more young people can get sober and stay sober throughout all their stages in life.