SUNRISE COMMUNITY
FOR RECOVERY & WELLNESS

Creating Community Through Lived Experience

2025 Impact Report

48,843

peer supported interactions in 2025

13+

community programs implemented successfully throughout WNC.

14,000

bus passes given to peers enabling them to go to jobs, medical appointments, and more

OVERDOSE PREVENTION & OUTREACH

662 reported overdoses reversed with Naloxone distributed by Sunrise.

11,045 visits to our Drop In Recovery Center

134,011 syringes returned for safe disposal- higher than Nat'l average

SKILLS TRAINING

390

peers trained to increase their job readiness and certifications

111

peers trained towards certification as a Peer Support Specialist

HEALTH & WELLNESS

14 Recovery Centers funded and supported throughout WNC

252 Peers referred to treatment facility

6,802 peers participated in support groups and community activities

3,542 Overdose Reversal Kits distributed

HOUSING & RESPITE

319 peers housed or provided housing referral

171 peers stayed for up to a week at no charge in our Respite House

85%

Respite guests said they would go to Respite instead of Emergency Room

SUNRISE PROGRAMS

- **Sunrise Recovery Center in Asheville and Sylva, NC.**
For many, Sunrise begins at our Drop-In Community Center — a safe, welcoming space where anyone can access peer support, resource connections, basic needs assistance, support groups, and community activities. No intake or application required, and individuals are free to engage at their own pace.

- **Blair H. Clark Respite House**
Guests can stay for up to seven nights in a comfortable, home-like environment staffed 24/7 by Sunrise Peer Support Specialists. This free program offers a voluntary, non-clinical alternative to psychiatric hospitalization for those experiencing stress or emotional crisis.

- **Siquo Danvhna (They Are Living Again)**
Serving the Qualla Boundary and surrounding areas, this program offers culturally aligned peer support to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) members and individuals reentering the community after incarceration or court involvement.

- **Tohi Edasdi (A Place of Peace) Recovery Center**
A culturally rooted safe space on the Qualla Boundary offering peer-led groups, classes, and recovery resources for individuals and families.

- **HOPE Program**
Providing peer support and resource navigation for individuals living in recovery housing to help build stability and long-term success.

- **Kevin's Place Bridge Housing**
In partnership with Vaya Health, this five-bedroom home offers peer-supported transitional housing for adults with serious mental illness, helping residents build skills and connect to resources that lead to independent living.

- **Community Connections Aftercare**
In partnership with Vaya Health, Sunrise provides ongoing aftercare for individuals transitioning out of bridge housing, ensuring they remain supported as they step into independence.

- **Harm Reduction Services**
Based at Buncombe County Health & Human Services in downtown Asheville, this program meets individuals where they are — offering dignity-based harm reduction strategies, education, and resource connection to reduce the risks associated with substance use.

- **Foothills Recovery and Employment Ecosystem**
Bridging recovery and workforce development, this program connects peers in Polk, McDowell, Rutherford, and Cleveland counties to employment opportunities while engaging employers and resource providers in building recovery-friendly pathways.

- **Peer Education & Training**
Sunrise offers all required training for NC Peer Support Specialist certification, along with continued professional development workshops such as Wellness Recovery Action Planning, Recovery Coach Academy, and Forensic Peer Support.

- **RCC Pass-Through Funding & Technical Assistance**
Designated by the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS), Sunrise provides funding support and technical assistance to organizations developing or enhancing Recovery Community Centers across Western and Central North Carolina.

- **Problem Gambling Support & Education**
This program assists individuals experiencing gambling-related harm, trains community members to recognize the signs, and equips recovery professionals to integrate problem gambling awareness into their work.

Thank you to all of YOU,

our peers, supporters, partners and compassionate community!

"Sunrise was my guiding light to what recovery could look like.
I would come into the Drop In Center and not say a word to anyone.

But ya'll came up to me. Asked me how I was doing. Did I need a cup of coffee or water? You can't know what that did for me. It changed my life."

-Sean a.k.a. "Struggle"

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