



## The Life-Saving Power

# Local Rehab Exposes the Importance of Alumni Care to the Public

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New Port Richey, FL ? Clean Recovery Centers is a local rehab that recently published an article outlining the importance of alumni care after completing a substance use treatment program. Their facility boasts one of the most active aftercare and alumni networks, keeping their clients connected and engaged in recovery.

?After completing a substance use disorder program, it is important to have an aftercare plan that promotes success. This is not as simple as returning the person to their family and living situation; however, this is most often what happens. Those relationships are often still toxic ? the friend, family member, or even their spouse has not yet stopped taking substances.

?The foundation of recovery is built through support from the facility, peer groups, and personal efforts. When there is a lack of support and resources, the person is returned to the same environment where they were taking substances. This can be as simple as an enabler?s home or an area they are unfamiliar with. Without proper recovery support, these situations create multiple triggers, which diminish the rate of success for

long-term recovery. Having professional support to navigate relationships is crucial in these situations. Studies have found that a key reason for divorce is a partner continuing to use substances while their spouse does not. Being prepared for divorce or lost friendships will improve recovery outcomes," the article reads.

Maintaining an active connection between alumni and treatment facilities ensures that clients continue to receive care beyond the initial treatment stay. Structured alumni programs offer follow-up check-ins, workshops, and mentorship opportunities that align with the principles of ongoing care. By integrating these alumni networks with professional support systems, individuals will have access to resources such as therapy, coping skills sessions, and prevention of a return to use. This is conducted through group therapy, peer-led discussions, and specialized networks.

The basis of succeeding in recovery is not based solely on treatment; after completing the program, community support and accountability are key factors in achieving success. Facilities that provide a rigorous alumni program for continued education, support, and camaraderie help ensure each person is held accountable in their recovery and are putting in the effort to help others.

"In recovery, one factor of success is to have something to do. When actively taking substances, the day-to-day schedule revolves around getting the substance, using the substance, and recovering for the cycle to continue. This consumes most or all of the person's time, leaving little to no space for other activities or hobbies. At Clean Recovery Centers, we see the need to fill the time void with healthy and enjoyable activities. In our alumni program, we offer participation in various sports and even have the opportunity to join leagues. Having friendly competition and the chance to be part of a team boosts mood and encourages physical activity to support recovery.

"In addition to sports, our clients will have the opportunity to connect with alumni members in person and through our private Facebook group. Recovery is not simple — individuals don't enter a treatment program, finish the timeline, and become "cured." Recovery takes continued work and connection to both peers and professional staff. Cravings are likely to occur, especially during times of high stress or challenging life circumstances. Staying connected improves accountability and promotes successful recoveries. The thought of facing a strong support squad after a return to use invokes feelings of guilt or shame, which helps prevent a return to use in both the short and long term," the article continues.

Having connections in recovery is essential for keeping a substance-free lifestyle. Local AA/NA groups, as well as meetings held at the facility, help maintain accountability and provide an opportunity to share individual stories. Clean Recovery Centers offers access to both options, leading to better outcomes for successful recovery.

The Clean Recovery Centers community offers a unique, three-phase approach to addressing substance

use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders. They have locations along the Gulf Coast, all of which provide housing options for those who need them. Their program has helped hundreds to get clean, live clean, and stay clean.

For more information about Clean Recovery Centers, please call (888) 330-2532 or visit their website.

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