



Local Recovery Center Develops Resource for Reestablishing Life Following Relapse

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Clean Recovery Centers has released an article today sharing resources and answering questions for individuals who have resumed substance use. The resource highlights the importance of understanding why relapse occurs and why it is a common occurrence after a long abstinence from substances. The article highlights the importance of action after first returning to use, and how to watch for warning signs that it may happen again.

Clean Recovery Centers in Bradenton provides a comprehensive continuum of care for individuals recovering from substance and alcohol use disorders. Drawing on both clinical expertise and lived experience, the team offers an informed, well-rounded perspective on recovery needs. This article is a useful guide for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) and alcohol use disorder (AUD) who may be experiencing or have recently experienced a relapse.

Relapse is not a sign that treatment has failed or that the individual who has returned to use needs to start over. In the article, Clean Recovery Centers states, "Setbacks don't erase the progress you've made. They highlight where your support system needs reinforcement." The article emphasizes that recovery is not a

linear process. Relapse often happens after treatment and can be a sign that something is not working for the individual in recovery. The article recommends the individual speak with a therapist, sponsor, or counselor who can evaluate what caused the relapse and what needs to happen afterward. It is not recommended for individuals to evaluate their relapse alone: ?Trying to figure it out alone can lead to minimizing the risks or delaying help.?

When one returns to substances after an extended period of time, they are at a high risk of an overdose and may require immediate medical attention. Clean Recovery Centers recommends that individuals experiencing relapse reach out for support. This can prevent continued use, as well as an overdose, and can provide the individual with accountability and support through the relapse process. The first 24 hours after relapse are important for regaining stability and preventing a continued return to use. During this time, risk can be reduced by establishing a connection to a support system, assessing needs, and establishing long-term plans. Long-term plans can include a return to a treatment center for inpatient or outpatient care.

The article goes on to discuss the warning signs of relapse and how to identify them. ?Relapse is rarely a sudden event. It typically unfolds in stages, often building long before the moment of use.? The first stage is an emotional relapse and includes an individual withdrawing from recovery support, losing structure, and not talking about emotions. The second stage is described as a mental relapse where individuals may find themselves fantasizing about returning to substance use. Physical relapse is the third stage and is described as a full return to patterns of substance use. The article offers rules and resources for individuals and their families in the event of a return to use, including asking for help, prioritizing safety, and returning to treatment.

Clean Recovery Centers is committed to equipping individuals with the knowledge needed to make informed, confident decisions about their care. The treatment center provides care for individuals with substance use disorder, alcohol use disorder, and co-occurring mental health conditions. With a community-focused approach and a deep understanding of the recovery journey, Clean Recovery Centers supports individuals at every stage of treatment, including ongoing recovery. This latest article provides support and guidance to individuals returning to substance use that helps individuals and their families identify signs and make changes for lasting recovery.

For more information about programs for substance use, alcohol use, and co-occurring mental health conditions at Clean Recovery Centers, call (888) 330-2532.

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