



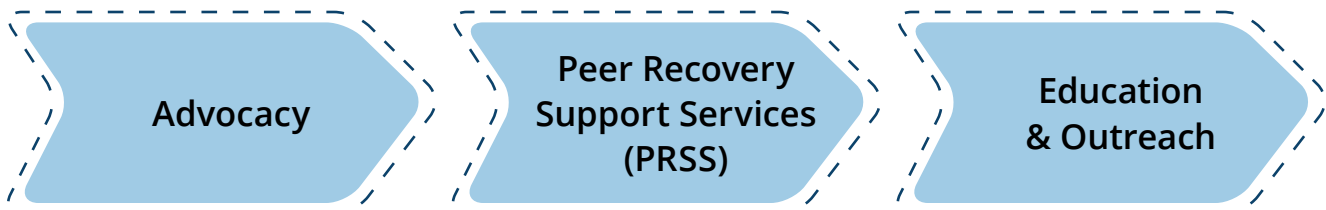
## WHAT IS AN RCO?

*A **Recovery Community Organization (RCO)** is an independent, non-profit organization led and governed by representatives of local communities of recovery.*

- Phillip A. Valentine
- William L. White
- Pat Taylor, 2007

RCOs increase the visibility and influence of the recovery community and engage in activities that fall under one or more of the three core activities of Policy and Advocacy Activities, Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS), and Recovery-Focused Community Education and Outreach Programs.

These activities are available to all community members and are not restricted to individuals enrolled in a specific educational, treatment, or residential program.





### 10 BEST PRACTICE IN 3 AREAS

Governance

Programs & Activities

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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Non-Profit

Recovery from Substance Use Disorders

All Pathways

Led & Governed by Recovery Community

Grassroots  
Participatory Processes  
Peer Recovery Support Services

Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Policies, Practices, and Services  
Recovery-Friendly Language  
Code of Ethics and Grievance Policies

### RCOs CORE PRINCIPLES

Authenticity of Voice

Recovery Vision

Accountability to the Recovery Community



RCO Toolkit

Recovery community led, with at least 51% of board members in recovery from substance use disorders

A mission focused on the solution of recovery

Grassroots & participatory processes by and for the recovery community