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RECONCILIATION
MINISTRIES

**EMPOWERING
MEN**

*TO OVERCOME
ADDICTION*

Reconciliation Ministries ENDORSEMENT

History reveals that over time, many organizations and ministries depart from their original purpose. I am happy to say that Reconciliation Ministries has stayed “mission true” in presenting the total gospel of Jesus Christ to the total person that changes lives. They are following the original faith-based vision of my brother, David Wilkerson, and me in reaching those lost in a world of drugs and alcohol. For this reason, I wholeheartedly support and endorse this ministry. In my experience with them, they never have turned anyone away that needed help, and, in fact, they go the second mile and beyond to get them into their facilities.

Reconciliation Ministries combines two great biblical examples of serving those that need help. They are like the Good Samaritan who rescued someone near death—and they operate a Samaritan Inn to bring healing to the lost and hurting. And like the cities of refuge, they are a place where someone can run to grace and be saved.

DON WILKERSON,

*Co-Founder of Teen Challenge, Inc
President Emeritus,
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THE LIFE
OF AN

ADDICT

**“A day in the life
of my addiction
felt helpless.**

I felt like a slave to opioids.
I felt like the drugs or
whoever had the drugs
owned me. I felt like I wasn't
in control of my own life.”

- RM STUDENT

What is an ADDICTION?

*Addiction is defined
as a chronic, relapsing
disorder characterized
by compulsive drug
seeking and use despite
adverse consequences.*

In the U.S. for people aged 12 and older...

50%

have used an
illicit substance
at least once

22%

have used illicit
drugs within the
past 12 months

94%

with a substance use
disorder did not
receive any treatment

1 in 7

report experiencing
a substance use disorder

\$740 billion

Drug abuse and addictions
cost American society more
than \$740 billion annually

240,000

Within a 12-month
period over 240,000
people died of an illicit
drug overdose or an
alcohol related cause

4x

Over the past 10
years, overdoses in
South Carolina have
quadrupled

1 in 8

children age 17 and
under live in households
with a parent who had a
substance abuse disorder
within the past year

Top 5 FACTORS

that contribute to an addiction/why people start using:

1

To feel good and feel better

2

Prescription medication

3

Family history and environmental factors

4

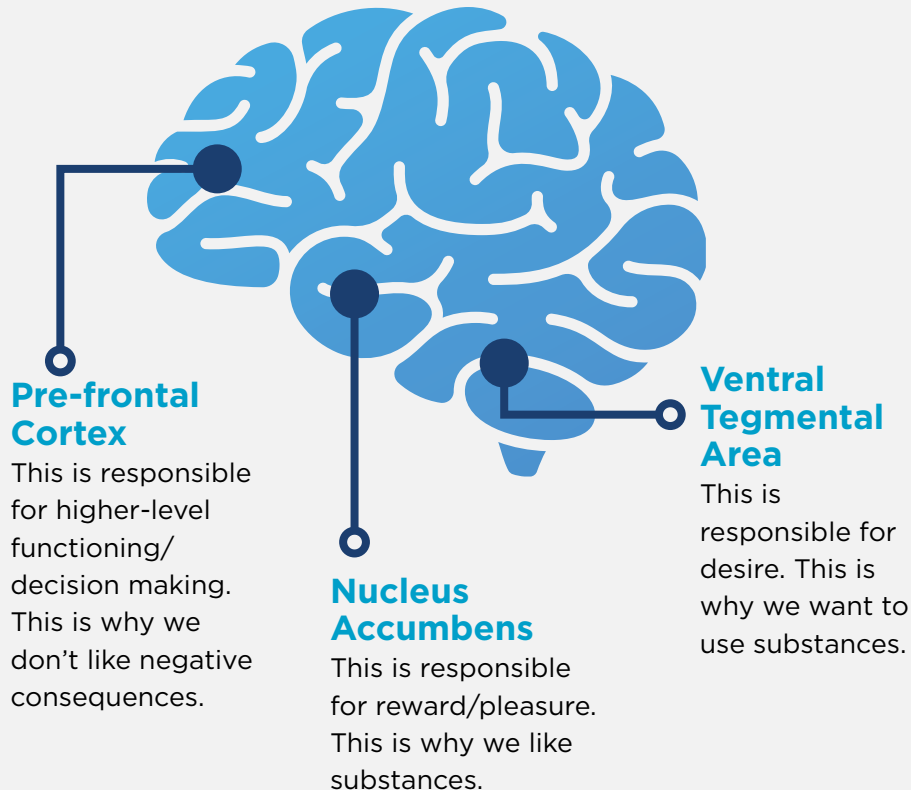
Curiosity and social pressure

5

Avoiding past sexual, mental, and emotional trauma

Why can't people JUST QUIT?

Addiction & the Brain*



Cycle of Addiction*

INTOXICATION

In the intoxication phase of addiction, substances create spikes in dopamine release and produce pleasurable feelings, affecting the brain's reward system. With repeated use of the drug, the brain also learns to associate the pleasure it produces with external stimuli. This causes an individual to repeatedly use the substance.

WITHDRAWAL

In the withdrawal phase, an individual no longer uses a substance to achieve euphoria but to avoid dysphoria. With extended substance use, they will start to suffer withdrawal symptoms when they are unable to get enough of their drug of choice. First, the amount of dopamine released by the same dosage of drugs steadily decreases with consistent use. Next, the brain becomes more reactive to stress, what's called the "anti-reward" system.

ANTICIPATION

In the anticipation phase, an individual seeks out drugs after the effects have worn off. Disruption to dopamine and glutamate regulation occurs and impairs decision making, emotional control, prioritizing tasks, and impulsivity. Once an individual reaches the anticipation phase, they are at risk and filter through the cycle of addiction again.

**Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse*

THREE CHOICES:

1

Use Suboxone or Methadone

2

End up in jail, institutions, or die

3

Enroll in Reconciliation Ministries

THE LIFE
OF AN RM

STUDENT

While in the program, RM students are guided through a series of **three phases**:



PHASE ONE **ROOTED**

Designed to help students establish **a strong foundation built on biblical principles**



PHASE TWO **RESTORATION**

Helps students work towards **mending broken relationships**



PHASE THREE **REMAIN**

Transitions students **back into the community**



“Do not conform to the pattern of this world

but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

ROMANS 12:2

PHASE ONE ROOTED

Phase 1 (“Rooted”) is designed to help students establish a strong foundation built on biblical principles by first developing a relationship with God through daily, communal prayer and worship as well as studying biblical principles leading to Christian living.



CONTRACT 1: SALVATION

Goals:

- I will learn to develop a relationship with God.
- I will learn what a Christian is.
- I will learn to understand what salvation is.

Key Concepts:

- Relationship with God
- Understanding Christianity

CONTRACT 2: MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Goals:

- I will learn that I am worthy in the sight of God and will begin to see myself as He sees me.
- I will learn that God will use every experience good or bad, including my mistakes, to form His likeness in me while preparing a mighty testimony and witness unto others
- I will develop a gratefulness that will carry me through tough times that lie ahead

Key Concepts:

- Self-worth
- Identifying with Christ

PHASE TWO RESTORATION

Phase 2 (“Restoration”) helps students work towards mending broken relationships through leadership development, vocational training, and life skills classes along with group counseling, family visits, and dental and eye care.



CONTRACT 3: SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Goals:

- I will have a basic understanding of how God grows us spiritually.
- I will press in and stay accountable to keep my thoughts pure concerning all things.
- I will develop a deeper inner willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to govern my thoughts and actions.
- I will ask God to give me vision for my future so that it may motivate me to stay on course.

Key Concepts:

- Authority
- Responsibility

CONTRACT 4: RELATIONSHIPS

Goals:

- I will identify major hurts from my past that have hindered my ability to trust others when it comes to relationships.
- I will discover ways of improving my role (wife, husband, father, mother, son, daughter, etc. in my family by being an example.
- I will develop character that will help in handling family responsibilities.
- I will begin to learn the true meaning of love and how I am to express it to my family and others.

Key Concepts:

- Family
- Friendships
- Community

CONTRACT 5: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Goals:

- I will recognize the need for strong biblical truths in my life
- I will develop clear and practical servant leadership that I can live by.
- I will create clear strategies that will prepare me for when I graduate Reconciliation Ministries.

Key Concepts:

- Understanding servant leadership and the benefits to myself and others.
- Learning to develop and apply biblical truths that will produce a healthy Christian lifestyle

PHASE THREE REMAIN

Phase 3 (“Remain”) transitions students back into the community by preparing them to lead their families and churches as they spread the Gospel message while be provided housing on the RM campus.

FAITH-BASED
**PROGRAM
STATS:**

82%

One study showed that up to 82% of clients who experienced a spiritual conversion during substance abuse treatment and recovery were **completely abstinent** at a 1-year follow-up compared with 55% of non-spiritually converted clients.

3x

National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse study found that the adults who do not consider religious beliefs important are more than three times more likely to binge on drinks and almost four times more likely to take illicit drugs.



Through Christ, students can experience restoration, healing and abundance in all areas of their lives. This includes:



**RENEWAL
OF THE MIND**



**IMPROVED
FINANCES**



**ENHANCED PHYSICAL
HEALTH & WELLNESS**



**RESTORATION
OF FAMILIES**



**SAFE & STABLE
HOUSING**



**SALVATION &
SPIRITUAL GROWTH**



**FORGIVENESS
& RECONCILIATION
OF RELATIONSHIPS**



**GAINFUL
EMPLOYMENT**

“I used to dread seeing my son’s number come up on my phone, but **now I look forward to it and can’t wait to talk to him.**”

- RM PARENT

Top 3 FACTORS

in maintaining sobriety
after the program:

God

Family

*Positive
Relationships*

The Importance of Beatty Downs

The safe and inviting neighborhood now provides housing for RM graduates along with a sense of community and accountability as they continue on their journey of faith and sobriety.

One study showed top 3 factors in **maintaining sobriety after the program** were **staying connected to God, family, and positive relationships.**

At RM these factors are provided within the Beatty Downs community:

- 1 GOD** - Weekly church services in Beatty Downs are offered where graduates can carry out their ministerial callings.
- 2 FAMILY** - Stable and affordable housing is provided to restore and reconcile family relationships.
- 3 POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS** - Accountability within a supportive and protective community where graduates are surrounded by people who understand their circumstances and who love and care for them.

THE LIFE
OF A

GRADUATE

In this house we always tell the truth, we make mistakes, we say I'm sorry, we give second chances, we keep our promises, we always forgive, we never give up, we always have fun, we are real, we do really loud, we do love...WE ARE FAMILY



WAYS TO **GIVE**

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*When you give,
reconciliation
happens.*