

The Tennessee state government has a dedicated department of faith-based initiatives that support those with a substance use disorder and needing recovery support.

TN FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE GOALS:

- Connect individuals struggling with addiction to treatment
- Increase knowledge of what addiction is
- Facilitate understanding of substance use disorder treatment and recovery
- Understand the continuum of care and collaborate with it
- Spread awareness of the Faith-Based Initiative certification and its requirements
- Help groups understand and implement the best practice model
- Promote and improve effectiveness of the faith-based initiative and how it connects the community with recovery and support services

TN FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE RESOURCES:

- Join TN's faith-based recovery network
- Become a TN Certified Recovery Congregation
- Sign up for the faith-based initiatives newsletter by contacting amy@jmplprevent.org
- Learn how to become a certified recovery congregation
- Access the faith-based organization toolkit
- Connect with the faith-based community coordinator for Middle TN - Will Taylor at wtaylor@pc4s.org
- Request a training about the church's response to supporting those in addiction through the TN Director of Faith-Based Initiatives, Monty Burks at monty.burks@tn.gov
- Learn how to start an AA/NA/Celebrate Recovery group at your church

TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/faith-based-initiatives>

