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on

"RECOVERY CAPITAL"

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Based on more than 5,000 individual recovery stories and years of published research on how people recover from addiction, Dr. Best proposed a change in the philosophical underpinnings of how we view the process of recovery:

RECOVERY IS STRENGTHS BASED



From expertpatient to partnership



From deficits to strengths



From clinic to community



From the individual to the social



From professional to peer-based



From replication to continuous innovation

The client takes priority, they own their own recovery journey; the locus of recovery is the community, not the clinic; recovery is a fundamental social process that passes from one peer to the next where both parties grow and benefit.

A CORE SUMMARY OF RECOVERY RESEARCH SHOWS THAT RECOVERY CONSISTS OF:

♣ Jobs-Something to Do

♣ Topic Control

• Topic Contro

Friends-Someone to Love

🖶 Houses-Somewhere to Live

WHAT IS RECOVERY CAPITAL?

"The breadth and depth of internal and external resources that can be drawn upon to initiate and sustain recovery from AOD [alcohol and other drug problems." White and Cloud (2008):



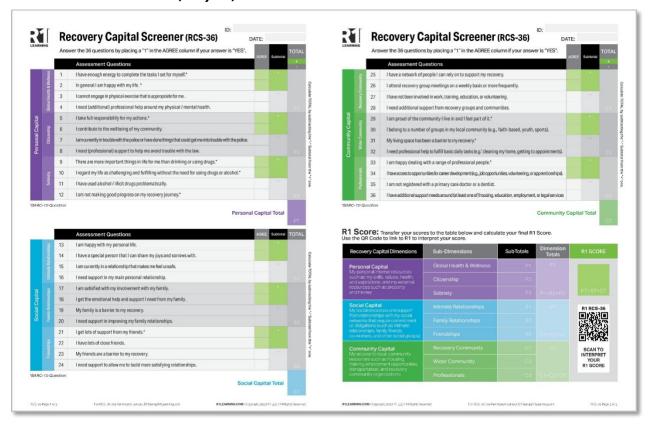
"Recovery capital and restorative capital are unlike financial capital in that they are not depleted through use....."

• Braithwaite, 2022, p. 363

RECOVERY CAPITAL GROWS AND IT'S MEASUREABLE



"Recovery Capital builds and grows through trust, it ripples into the community, and it can be measured."-Dr. David Best, July 11, 2024





RECOVERY IS SHARED MUTUAL GROWTH AND GIVING BACK, A KIND OF RECIPROCAL ALTRUISM. EXTEND THAT TO COMMUNITIES AND YOU HAVE AN INCLUSIVE RECOVERY CITY---ONE WHERE EVERBODY WINS.