



Advancing Recovery.
Strengthening Communities.
Transforming Lives.

Annual *Impact* Report

JULY 2025
— *through* —
JUNE 2026



Who we are.

RISE Peer Recovery is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing substance use and mental health challenges through peer-led recovery services.

RISE specializes in serving justice-involved populations, meeting individuals where they are—in jails and in the community—and walking alongside them through recovery and reentry.



In 2025, RISE Peer Recovery continued to expand its role as a leader in peer-led recovery services across Indiana. Through its designation as a Certified Recovery Community Organization (RCO) and implementation of the IRACS (Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support) Program, RISE has built a comprehensive, evidence-informed model that reaches individuals at critical points of need.

This year, RISE served hundreds of individuals across community and correctional settings, delivering thousands of peer engagements, removing systemic barriers, and ensuring continuity of care for justice-involved individuals.

***With a growing workforce,
expanded county reach, and
OVER \$1,648,431 IN SECURED FUNDING,
RISE is positioned as a regional leader
in recovery and reentry services.***

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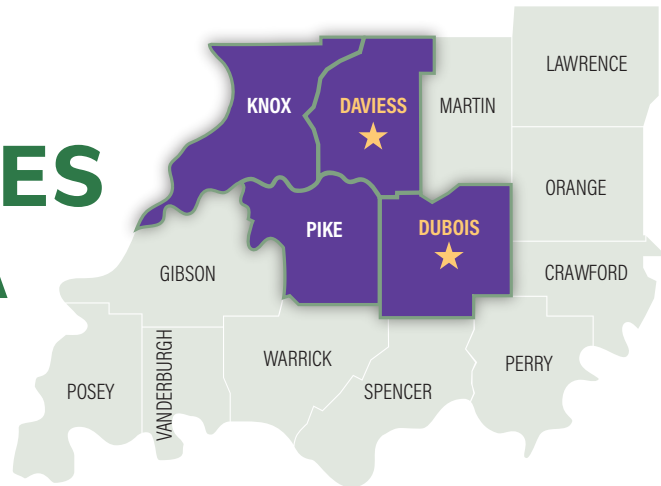
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Serving **4 COUNTIES IN INDIANA**



Certified Recovery Community Organization (RCO)

Through its RCO designation, RISE delivers community-based recovery services focused on engagement, stabilization, and long-term recovery success.

2025 RCO IMPACT

 **450 individuals** served
 **1,158 peer check-ins** and
recovery planning sessions

85+ client transports provided
22 driver's licenses obtained 

 **30 birth certificates** secured



IRACS Combined Impact (2025)



REACH & ENGAGEMENT

330+ individuals served



334 total intakes

159 intake re-activations

PEER ENGAGEMENT

2,917 brief check-ins

GROUP PROGRAMMING

446 group sessions



247 participants engaged

PROGRAM SUCCESS

152 successful completions

BARRIER REMOVAL

61 birth certificates obtained



14 Social Security
cards secured

251 individuals assisted
with insurance

CONTINUITY OF CARE

119 referrals to
community providers

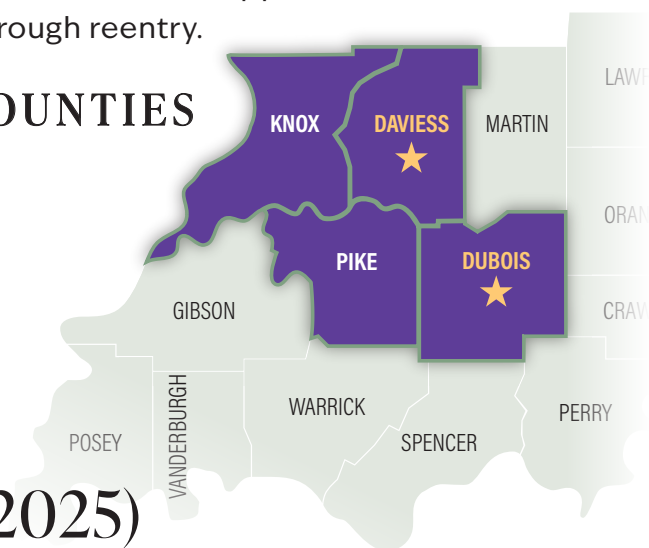
IRACS Program

Integrated Re-entry and Correctional Support

The IRACS program provides **peer recovery support within correctional settings**, ensuring individuals receive consistent support from incarceration through reentry.

ACTIVE COUNTIES

Daviess County
Dubois County



County Level Impact (2025)

DAVIESS COUNTY IRACS



214 intakes | **155** reactivations

2,150 check-ins

365 group sessions | **201** participants

132 completions



59 birth certificates | **8** Social Security cards

237 insured | **112** referrals

DUBOIS COUNTY IRACS

116 participants served

120 intakes | **4** reactivations



767 check-ins

81 group sessions | **46** participants

20 completions



2 birth certificates | **6** Social Security cards

14 insured | **7** referrals

Grants & Funding

From July 2025 – June 2026, RISE secured
\$1,648,431+ IN FUNDING,
supporting expansion across multiple counties.

Major Investments

DAVIESS COUNTY IRACS CONTRACT (MHAI)

\$334,555 for 2025

Switched to a billable model January 1, 2026

DUBOIS COUNTY IRACS CONTRACT (MHAI)

\$327,666.13 for 2025

Switched to billable model January 1, 2026

REGIONAL HUB GRANT (SAFE HAVEN)

\$382,635 for 2025

Covers 4 counties under 13-county initiative

CFS GRANT (CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES)



\$115,000

Grant started November 1, 2026 will end October 31, 2026

Grant used to build the infrastructure of RISE Peer Recovery and support the Peer Coaches of the organization.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING

Pike County: **\$75,000**

Dubois County: **\$107,237**

Daviess County: **\$54,000**

COMMUNITY & PROGRAM GRANTS

United Way Housing Grant: **\$30,000**

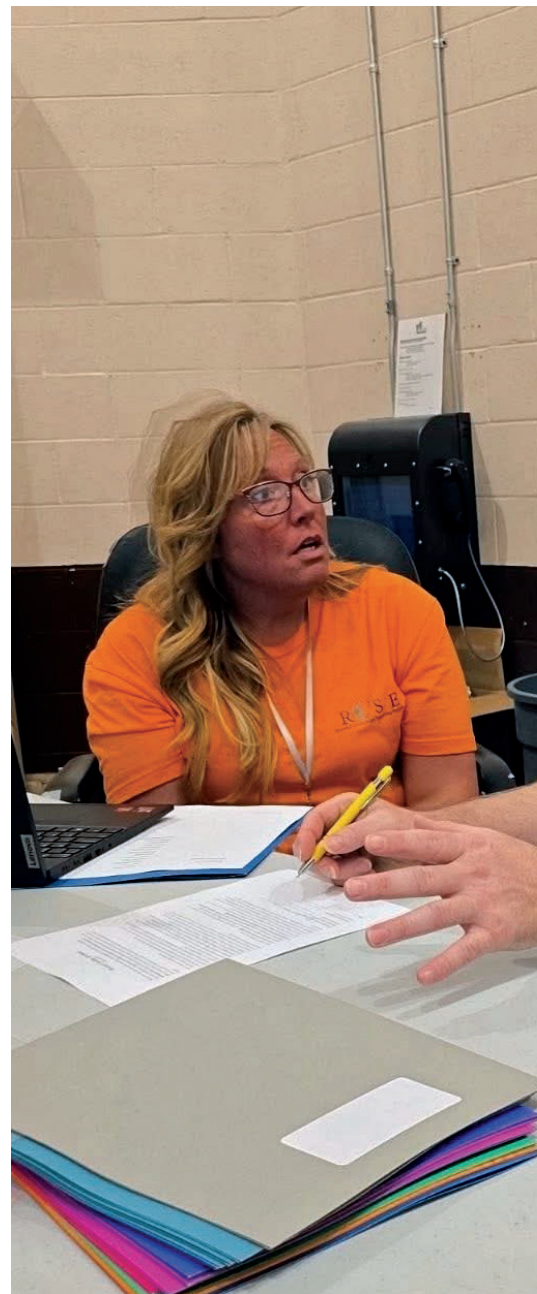
Daviess County Community Foundation: **\$53,618**

Being for Others Grants: **\$10,000 total**

ARC (Advocacy for Recovery Council): **\$3,000**

CEDA Grant: **\$2,500**

LCC Grant: **\$3,000**





This team delivers high-frequency, relationship-based support across both community and correctional environments.



Organizational Capacity

RISE Peer Recovery maintains a strong, scalable workforce:

- 1 Executive Director
- 1 Director of Forensic Services
- 3 Peer Supervisors
- 14 Certified Peer Recovery Coaches

Total Staff: 18

Recognition & Leadership Impact

Elevating Recovery at the State and National Level

From July 2025 – June 2026, RISE Peer Recovery and its leadership team were recognized at both the state and national level for their innovation, advocacy, and impact in advancing peer recovery services—particularly within the criminal justice system.

These accomplishments reflect RISE's growing role as a thought leader in recovery and reentry services.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & RECOGNITION

Recovery Leadership Summit – Washington, D.C.

June 10, 2025

Executive Director Brian Peek and Director of Forensic Services Vanessa Phillips were selected as Opening Morning Keynote Speakers at the Recovery Leadership Summit, hosted by Faces & Voices of Recovery.

This national platform highlights RISE Peer Recovery as a leading model in peer-led recovery and justice-involved reentry services.



POLICY & ADVOCACY IMPACT

Indiana General Assembly Testimony House Bill 1296

Vanessa Phillips, Director of Forensic Services, provided formal testimony before the Indiana House and Senate, sharing:

- Front-line experience from jail-based peer recovery programs
- Insights on reentry challenges and solutions
- The impact of peer support on justice-involved populations

This testimony helped bring real-world recovery perspectives into state policy discussions, strengthening the voice of peer recovery in legislative decision-making.

ACCREDITATION & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Mental Health America of Indiana IRACS Program Accreditation

March 19, 2026

RISE Peer Recovery received official accreditation for its IRACS (Integrated Re-entry and Correctional Support) Program from Mental Health America of Indiana.

This certification validates:

- Program quality and effectiveness
- Evidence-informed service delivery
- Commitment to best practices in recovery and reentry

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Pike County Non-Profit of the Year

RISE Peer Recovery was honored as Non-Profit of the Year, alongside CEDA, at the Pike County Awards Dinner.

This recognition reflects RISE's direct impact on local communities, particularly in supporting justice-involved individuals and strengthening recovery systems.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

NAMI Conference 2026

Change Agent for Mental Health Justice Award

Vanessa Phillips, Director of Forensic Services, was recognized at the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Conference with the: Change Agent for Mental Health Justice Award

This award honors her leadership in:

- Advancing justice-informed mental health practices
- Championing peer recovery within correctional systems
- Driving systemic change at both the state and national level

Why This Matters

These recognitions demonstrate that RISE Peer Recovery is not only delivering services—but also:

- Shaping policy
- Influencing national conversations
- Setting standards for peer recovery in justice systems
- Leading innovation in reentry services

RISE is emerging as a model program with both local impact and national influence.

Why RISE Works

RISE'S MODEL IS BUILT ON:

- Lived experience (peer support)
- High-frequency engagement
- Barrier removal strategies
- Reentry-focused planning
- Strong community partnerships

THIS APPROACH LEADS TO:

- Increased recovery engagement
- Improved reentry outcomes
- Reduced recidivism risk
- Stronger community reintegration





Looking Ahead

As RISE Peer Recovery continues to grow, our focus remains on building stronger recovery systems that create lasting change. In 2026, we will expand the IRACS Program into new communities, launch our redesigned website to improve access to services and resources, strengthen partnerships with justice systems and community providers, and develop innovative programs that address housing, employment, transportation, and other barriers to recovery. Through strategic collaboration, sustainable growth, and continued advocacy, RISE will remain committed to ensuring every individual has access to hope, support, and a pathway to long-term recovery.

An example of our commitment and growth is the Fresh Start pilot program offering peer services in the Pike County Jail.



Recovery is possible.

Reentry is achievable.

And through peer support, lives are transformed every day.

RISE Peer Recovery remains committed to ensuring that **every individual has access to hope, support, and a path forward.**

Support RISE Peer Recovery and make a difference in the lives of those on a journey of recovery.

Rise Peer Recovery is a Recovery Community Organization (RCO). As an independent, grassroots, non-profit organization, we provide a variety of activities and support services available to all community members in recovery. We appreciate every donation.

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