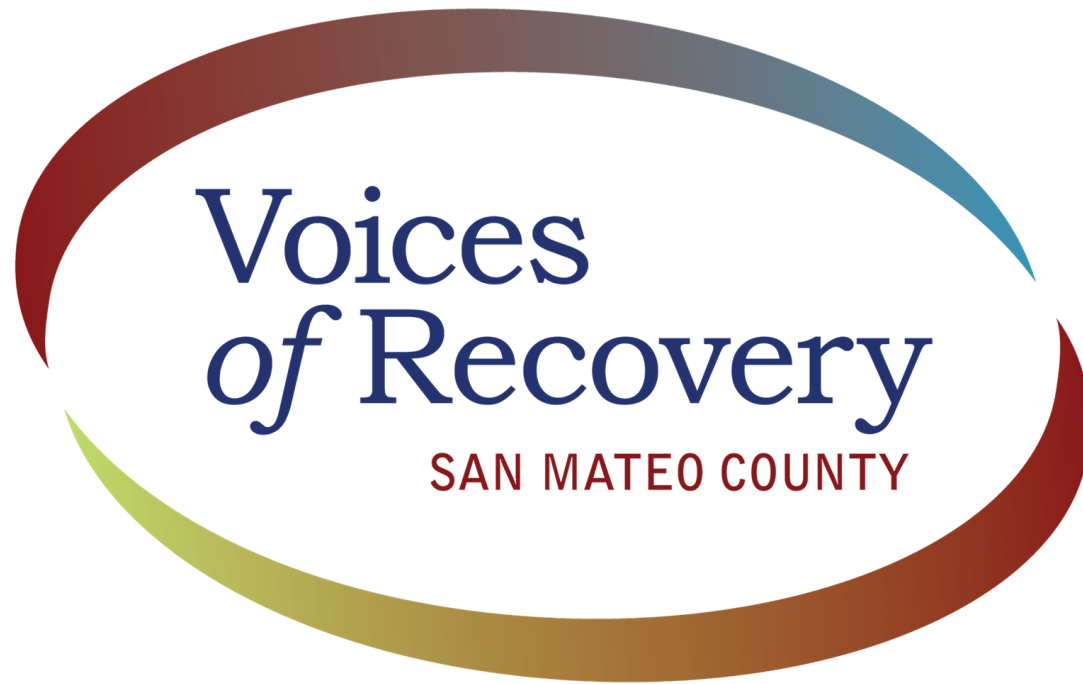




Supporting Lifestyles
Free from Addiction

Presented by Victor Barfield

Overview of today's presentation

- Our Mission
- Who We Are
- Recovery Connection Center
- Our Services
- Sober Events
- Collaboration & Partnerships
- Our Supporters
- Recovery Connection News

Our Mission

Empowering recovery through peer-led education, advocacy, wellness, and support for individuals, families, and communities affected by substance use and mental health challenges.



Voices of Recovery
SAN MATEO COUNTY

Who We Are: Over 17 Years of Peer Support in San Mateo County

- Founded in 2008 by Raymond Mills and Steve Kaplan, former SMC BHRS Director
- 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status since 2011



- Exclusive Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Training Provider in San Mateo County
- The only peer-led substance use recovery community organization serving San Mateo County.
- Opened the Recovery Connection Center in downtown Redwood City in October 2023, just two blocks from the San Mateo County Government Center.



Recovery Connection Drop-in Center

Our flagship location, 6500 sq. ft. with meeting spaces, event space with A/V equipment, basic kitchen and dining area.



650 Main Street
Redwood City, CA 94063

Mon 11:00a-7:00p
Tue 11:00a-7:00p
Wed 11:00a-7:00p
Thu 11:00a-7:00p
Fri 11:00a-7:00p

(650) 980-1920
info@vorsmc.org

Voices of Recovery
SAN MATEO COUNTY

Providing 100% Free Services to the Community



- Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Groups/Trainings
 - Community hybrid groups including Spanish only Weekly
 - Personalized groups for residential programs
 - Free WRAP Seminar I and II for San Mateo County Employees and Residents

- Drop-in Center open Monday-Friday
- Health & Wellness Discussion Groups
- Peer to Peer Support Group
- One-on-One Recovery Mentoring Program
- Hosting weekly Narcotics Anonymous meetings and other community-based recovery support groups.
- Volunteer and Job Opportunities
- Monthly Free Community Events



Monthly Clean and Sober Community Events

Voices of Recovery San Mateo County offers a variety of no cost, clean and sober community events that encourage connection, support, and fun in recovery.

Partnered:

- Black History Month
- Farmworker Appreciation
- Juneteenth

Annual:

- Recovery Happens Month
 - Art Show
 - Candlelight Vigil
 - Breakfast & Philomena Walk of Hope
 - Recovery Picnic
 - Dance
- Halloween Monster Bash
- Holiday Gift Giveaway
- Volunteer Appreciation

Other Activities:

- Art Workshops
- Movie Nights
- Sports Watch Parties
- & More



Voices of Recovery
SAN MATEO COUNTY

Our Participants

- Adults and families seeking recovery support for substance use and mental health challenges
- Primarily serving San Mateo County, while welcoming participants from surrounding communities
- Individuals who are justice-involved or returning from incarceration
- People at all stages of recovery—from those seeking help to those maintaining long-term recovery

Last Fiscal Year:

- More than 7,700 participants attended Voices of Recovery support groups
- More than 3,800 visits to the Recovery Connection Center Drop-In Center



Our Key Partners

- San Mateo County BHRS
- County Health Equity Initiatives
- County Health Ambassador Program
- The Latino Commission: Addiction Recovery Programs
- HealthRight 360 Women's Recovery Association
- Our Common Ground (Residential & Outpatient)
- Free at Last
- Service League Hope House
- Project Ninety
- Service Connect



Supporters

- Matthew Perry Foundation
- Advocates for Human Potential (AHP)
- Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Mental Health Services Administration (MHSA)
- Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative
- Philanthropic Ventures Foundation (Meta)
- Kaiser Permanente
- Atkinson Foundation
- Stanford



Recovery Connection Center - News

- Now accepting applications for new Board Members
- Seeking volunteers for Recovery Happens 2026 events throughout September.
- Recently expanded our WRAP leadership team to 10 Advanced Level WRAP Facilitators (3 recertified, 7 newly certified).
- Several staff members are CalMHSA Certified Medical Peer Support Specialists
- Continuing to expand peer-led recovery support services and community partnerships throughout San Mateo County.
- Recently Hired New Executive Director Madisyn Coniglio

Upcoming Events



RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2026

info@vorsmc.org | (650) 980-1922

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

Join Voices of Recovery and community partners this September for a series of free events throughout San Mateo County celebrating the strength, hope, and resilience of recovery. Enjoy resources, speakers, food, music, entertainment, and opportunities to connect. Whether you're in recovery, support someone who is, or want to learn more, everyone is welcome!



9/1-9/30 **Recovery Happens Art Show**
Center for Creativity
800 Main Street, Redwood City
Open weekly to the community



Tues 9/1 **10th Annual Candlelight Vigil**
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Courthouse Courtyard
400 County Center, Redwood City



Wed 9/9 **Picnic at Coyote Point Park**
10:00am - 2:00pm
Coyote Point Park - Eucalyptus Area
1701 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo



Tues 9/15 **Proclamation Breakfast & Walk of Hope**
9:00am - 1:00pm
Courthouse Courtyard
400 County Center, Redwood City



Sat 9/26 **Recovery Dance**
6:00pm - 10:00pm - Ages 18+
Project 90 Friendship Hall
416 2nd Avenue, San Mateo



Recovery PICNIC

Wednesday, September 9th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mention "Recovery Picnic" at the entrance for **FREE PARKING**

.....

Music by DJ Network, Guided Nature Walk,
Table & Outdoor Games, Free Food, Resource Fair, and Raffles

Join Us!

**Coyote Point Park:
Eucalyptus Area**
1701 Coyote Point Dr.
San Mateo, CA 94401

For more information call: (650) 980-1922
or email: info@vorsmc.org

Voices of Recovery
SAN MATEO COUNTY

Any Questions?

Contact Information:

Victor Barfield- Outreach Coordinator
vbarfield@vorsmc.org

Madisyn Coniglio- Executive Director
mconiglio@vorsmc.org

General Information: 650-980-1920 info@vorsmc.org
<https://www.vorsmc.org/>

THANK YOU!
That's a WRAP