

The New Recovery Advocacy Movement

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Presentation Goal

Summarize the goals, kinetic ideas and major strategies of the new recovery advocacy movement in America

History of Mutual AID (Pre-AA)

- Native American Sobriety Circles
- Washingtonians
- Fraternal Temperance Societies
- Reform Clubs
- Institutional Support Groups
 - Ollapod Club
 - Godwin Association
 - Keeley Leagues
- The Drunkard's Club
- United Order of Ex-Boozers
- The Jacoby Club

Other Abstinence-based Religious Revitalization Movements

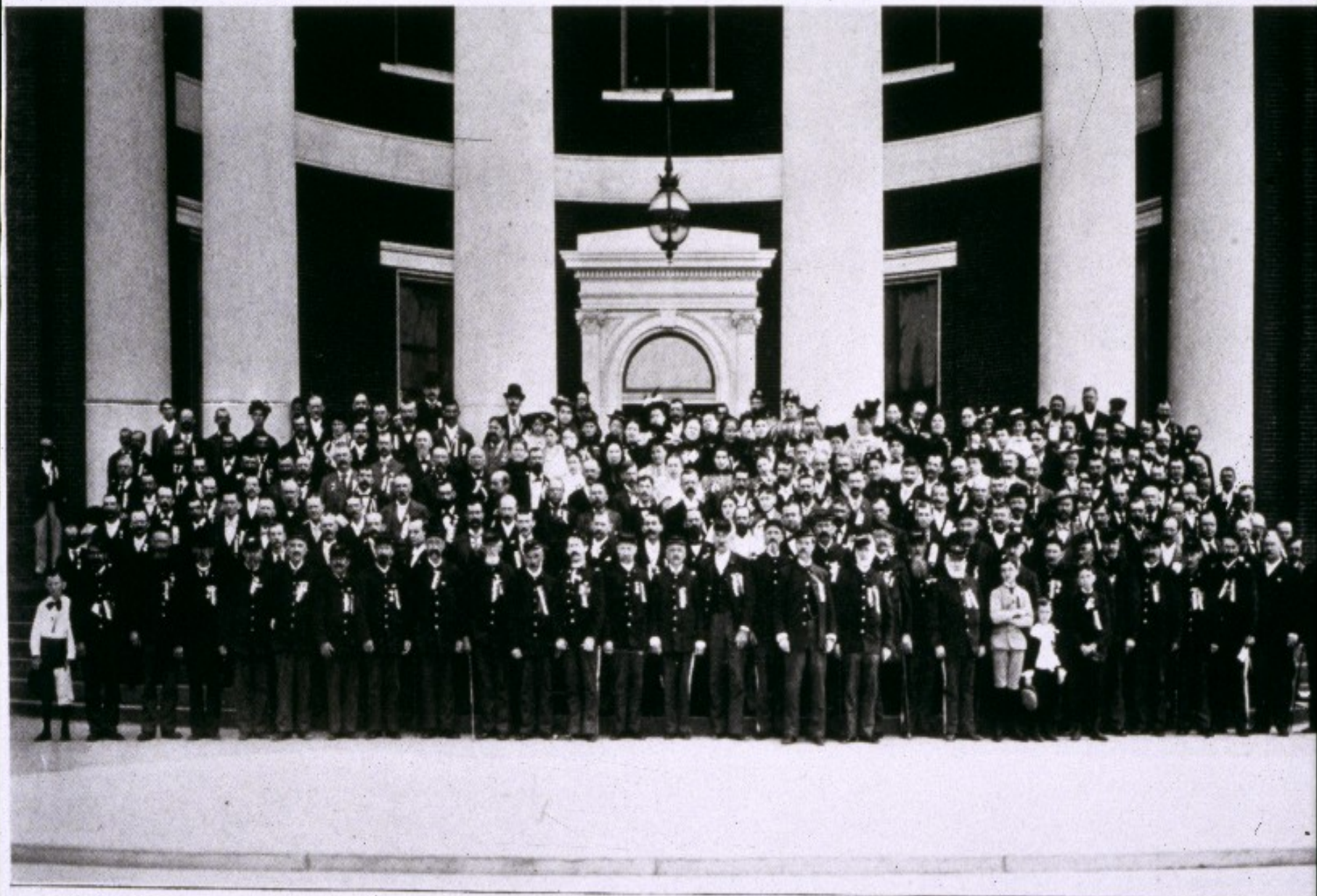


- The Shawnee Prophet
- The Kickapoo Prophet
- The Indian Shaker Church
- The Native American Church (Quannah Parker)

THE LAW MUST RECOGNIZE A LEADING FACT,
MEDICAL NOT PENAL TREATMENT
REFORMS THE DRUNKARD.

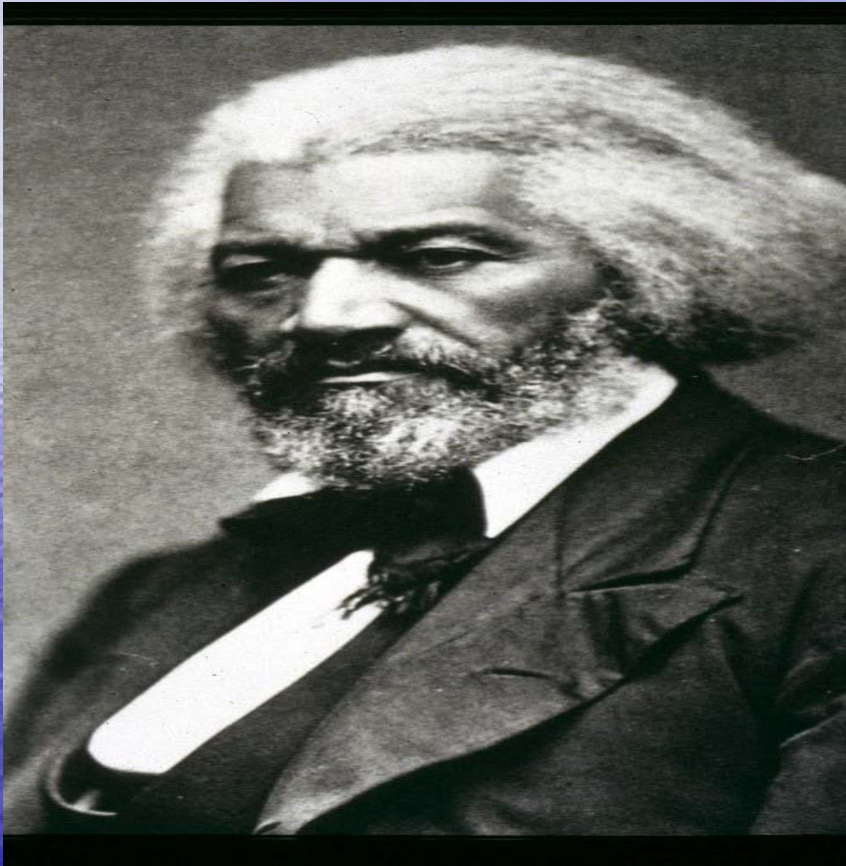


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The Colored Temperance Movement



- Douglass pledge in 1845
- Black Temperance Societies
- Role of the Black Church in addressing alcohol problems

Early Treatment

- Inebriate Homes
- Inebriate Asylums
- Addiction Cure Institutes
- Bottled Home Cures
- Urban Missions and Rural Inebriate Colonies
- Specialized Treatment for Women
- Professionalization
- Vibrancy during 1880s and 1890s



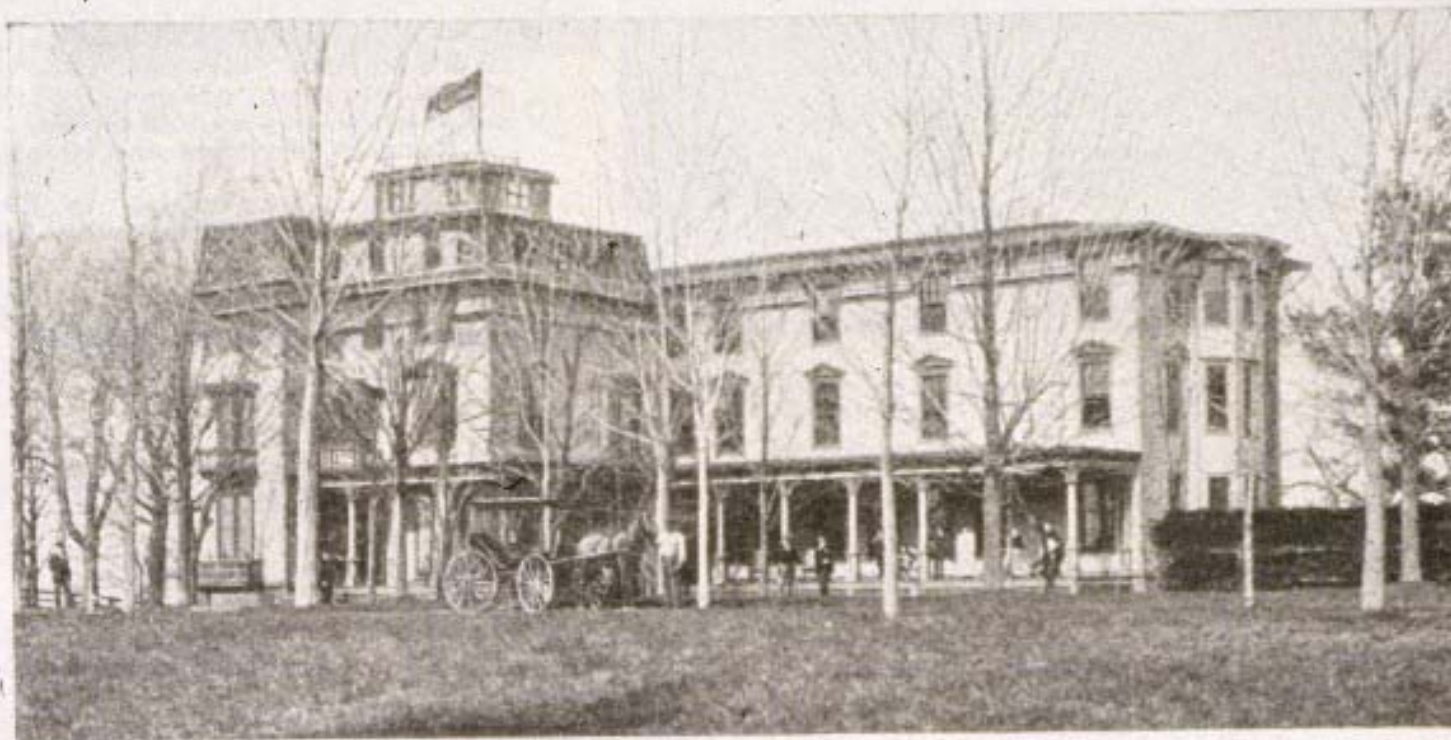
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Fall of 19th Century Treatment

- Inadequate Clinical Technology/Science
- Fragmentation of Field
- Ethical Abuses/ Public Exposure
- Failure of Leadership Development
- Social Policy Shifts--Criminalization
- Economic Depressions

A Shameful Regression

- Inebriate Penal Colonies
- Insane Asylums
- "Foul wards" and "cells" of urban hospitals
- Invasive Treatments, e.g., mandatory sterilization, ECT, psychosurgeries





The Modern Alcoholism Movement

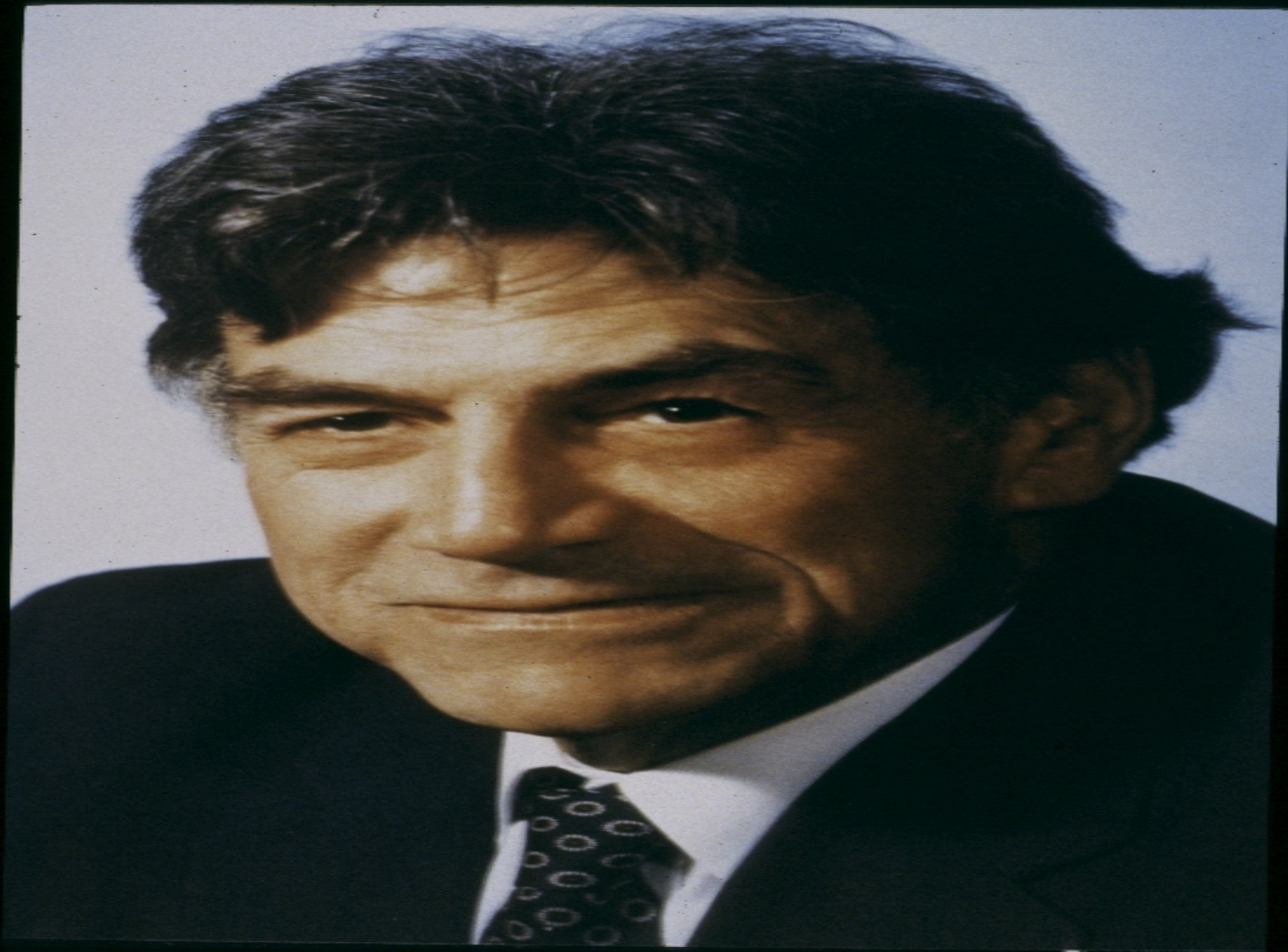
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Research Council on Problems of Alcohol
- Yale Center for Alcohol Studies
- National Committee for Education on Alcoholism





Kinetic Ideas--1942-1944

1. Alcoholism is a disease.
2. The alcoholic, therefore, is a sick person.
3. The alcoholic can be helped.
4. The alcoholic is worth helping.
5. Alcoholism is our no. 4 public health problem, and our public responsibility.



Achievements: 1960-1980

- Federal/State/Local Partnership
- Alcoholism Education and Local Treatment
- --Destigmatization
- --Decriminalization/Diversion
- --Medicalization
- Betty Ford and the "Recovery Movement"

1980s and 1990s

- Commercialization and Profiteering
- An Ideological Backlash
 - Addiction is a myth.
 - Excessive AOD learned, not a disease.
 - Treatment and mutual aid ineffective and harmful.
 - Treatment experiment is a failure and should be de-funded.

1980s and 1990s

- Financial Backlash
- --UR and QA
- --Managed Care
- --Closure/downsizing of Hospital-based and private programs (1990-1995)
- --Mergers and emergence of “behavioral health” framework

Cultural Context: 1980-2000

Restigmatization

Demedicalization

Recriminalization

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Organizational Structure

- NCADD Affiliate Renewal
- CSAT's Recovery Community Support Program (RCSP)
- Faith-based Recovery Ministries
- Methadone Advocacy/Support Groups
- Johnson Institute
- FaVoR

Movement Goals

- Portraying alcoholism & other addictions as problems that have viable solutions
- Providing living role models that illustrate the diversity of those recovery solutions
- Countering images that dehumanize, objectify and demonize people with AOD problems

Movement Goals

- Enhancing the variety, availability, and quality of treatment and recovery support services
- removing environmental barriers to recovery

Kinetic Ideas--2005

1. Addiction recovery is a reality.
2. There are many paths to recovery.
3. Recovery flourishes in supportive communities.
4. Recovery is a voluntary process.
5. Recovering and recovered people are part of the solution; recovery gives back what addiction has taken.

Strategies

- Recovery Representation
- Recovery Rights
- Policy Advocacy
- Recovery Education
- Recovery Resource Development
- Recovery Research
- Recovery Education
- Recovery Celebration

Movement Pitfalls

The major pitfalls of AOD-related mutual aid and advocacy groups have included mission diversion, ill-conceived or ill-defined core ideas, ideological extremism, commercialization, professionalization, charismatic leadership, organizational isolation, external cooptation, premature and superficial success, and unmanageable growth or attrition.







by our
silence
we let
others
define
us

How will anyone know about recovery from addiction if we don't tell them? Will we continue to allow stigma, shame and misunderstanding to destroy our friends, our families, and our communities?

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