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Faith Partners
Prevention Committed - Recovery Friendly

Sarah was distraught when she called her Pastor about her adult son. Mike hadn’t been home in several days. She knew that meant he was on a bender. When found, he was so sick he was immediately hospitalized. The Pastor connected him to a member of their Faith Partners Team in recovery who visited him in the hospital. Mike said, “I know I need to get back to A.A. but I’ll need a ride.” Another Team member set up an evaluation. Still another helped Sarah engage with Alanon. This is one way a Faith Partners team works.

Faith Partners supports churches in taking their proper place in helping people with recovery from alcohol, drugs and other life controlling problems. It also helps them provide science-based prevention and education on these problems. “We want every church to be prevention committed and recovery friendly,” says Sandy Morrissey, Region 5 Prevention Director, who manages the project.

According to Rev. Otto Schultz, LADC, Faith Partners Project Developer, “Many churches have members with lived experience recovering from behavioral health issues both as people with dependence and as family members. They want their church to serve people affected by these problems and some are ready to act.” “Faith Partners provides the training and continuing support that keeps teams growing,” says Rev. Bob Kunz, retired Disciples Minister and member of the Edenton Team.

A dozen churches from six denominations have teams in Southeast Nebraska. Faith Partners trains and supports them in prevention, education and recovery support for families hurt by these issues. They are not counselors but friends in Christ.

Faith Partners is planning a six-hour Team Training in January. To learn more about how to help the Sarah’s and Mike’s your church serves, contact Otto Schultz, 402-770-1974 or starfish@inebraska.com.

Sarah and Mike? The Team had succeeded in what it was called to do, providing church support for people needing recovery. But that was over a year ago. Recently, Mike received his 1-year recovery medallion.

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