



**STRENGTH
IN PEERS**

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**Celebrating 10 years of
hope, support, and advocacy
in our community!**



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STRENGTH IN PEERS



Our Mission

We offer hope, support and advocacy for those seeking recovery so that we can build resilience and thrive in our lives and communities.

Our Vision

We envision a world where we have an abundance of recovery options and are supported in our right to decide our recovery pathway.

Our Services

- Community Resource Centers
- Integrated Recovery Programs
- Comprehensive Harm Reduction
- HIV & Hepatitis C Testing
- Respite Care
- Recovery Homes
- Jail & Homeless Outreach



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Celebrating 10 Years!

A letter from our Founder and Executive Director



Dear Friends,

This year we celebrate 10 years at Strength In Peers—and we know we could not have come this far without you. Since 2015, our vision has been to stand alongside our most vulnerable neighbors: people living with mental health, substance use and trauma-related challenges, those returning from incarceration, people experiencing homelessness, and families struggling to make ends meet. Because of the support of our community and partners, that vision is thriving.

At the heart of our work is peer support—people in active, long-term recovery walking alongside others seeking a new way to live. In 2018, we adopted the Intentional Peer Support framework, which focuses on mutual learning, authentic relationships, and hope. We believe people don't need to be “fixed”— we need connection, encouragement, and resources to forge our own path forward.

Together, we have provided recovery support and resource connection to over 6,000 individuals, became the first peer-run Recovery Community Organization in Virginia to bill Medicaid for peer services, and supported more than 50 staff, interns, and Recovery Corps members in earning their Certified Peer Recovery Specialist credentials.

Like you, and many families across the Valley we are grief stricken by the loss of loved ones to overdose and in 2025 the Virginia Department of Health invited us to expand our harm reduction program so together we can save lives. Our commitment has also been recognized by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, which named Strength In Peers “Peer Recovery Organization of the Year” in both 2023 and 2024.

These milestones are not just ours—they belong to you. Your support ensures that hope, healing, and opportunity reach those who need it most. As we look to the future, our commitment is clear: to keep building a compassionate community where every person has the chance to recover, rebuild, and thrive.

On behalf of Strength In Peers, thank you for your partnership, trust, and dedication over the past decade. Together, we are proving that recovery is possible, and with your continued support, the next ten years will be even brighter.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Fadley', written in a cursive style.

Nicky Fadley
Founder & Executive Director, Strength In Peers



The Power of Peer Support: Saliym and Lisa's Story

Before coming to Strength In Peers, Saliym had been using methamphetamine for more than ten years. His life was a cycle of incarceration, homelessness, and instability—grateful just to have a friend's couch to sleep on for a night or two.

When he walked through our doors, he met Lisa, a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist. She listened as he talked through drug-induced psychosis, the grief of losing his brother to murder, and how that loss drove him to isolate and “just get numb.” At first, Saliym expected “a run-of-the-mill program” that would push him into endless meetings. Instead, he found Lisa.



“Lisa talked to me like a family member,” Saliym recalls. “She pressed me to think about my choices but never judged me. Even when my thinking was all over the place, she stuck with me. I could confide in her—and yes, the bowl of candy in her office helped me feel comfortable too.”

It wasn't always easy. There were setbacks, especially as Saliym worked with Child Protective Services to try to regain custody of his daughter. “There were times I wanted to give up,” he admits, “but Lisa was always like, ‘Nope, you've got this. We're going to get through this.’”

Saliym says the consistent support he received from Lisa and his case manager, Madelyn, changed everything: “Meetings with Lisa and Madelyn saved my life. I could unleash all the things that bothered me, and because they lived it too, they got it.”

Lisa guided Saliym through essential steps: applying for benefits, building a wellness plan, and eventually entering drug treatment when he was ready. A pivotal moment came when Lisa shared her own survival from domestic violence. “Because I had those kinds of charges, I was scared to open up,” Saliym says. “But Lisa made me feel safe. Sharing my truth has even helped others. A friend of mine who survived sex trafficking told me that because I opened to her, she now feels like she can start trusting men again.”

That's the power of peer support—*real connections that spark healing and growth.*

With Lisa's encouragement, Saliym completed treatment at Mt. Regis Recovery Center and is now in a step-down program at Andersen Treatment Center in Roanoke. He hopes to build a new life there: “I want a house, a car, and a nice family. Honestly, I just want a nice, boring life,” he laughs.

Today, Saliym and Lisa still talk every week. She continues to support him with practical needs, like reinstating SNAP benefits, and stands by him as he moves forward. Although he wasn't able to regain custody of his daughter, he says, “I have faith that we'll be in each other's lives if I keep doing the next right thing.”

Recently, Saliym celebrated 90 days of sobriety. With support from folks like Lisa and Madelyn, and through his faith in God, he feels hopeful. “You have to put something bigger above yourself,” he says. “That's what drives me today.” ❤️

Strength In Peers - FY 25

In 2025, Strength In Peers:

- Supported **1,148 people**
- Provided **2,311** one-on-one peer recovery support sessions
- Hosted over **300 peer support groups**
- Provided **recovery and respite care housing** to **72** individuals
- Conducted **1,066** jail group sessions and reentry workshops
- Distributed **803 Naloxone kits** to prevent overdose

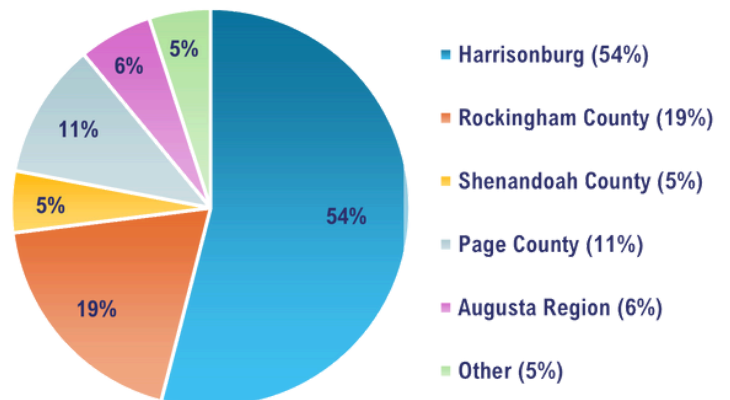
Strength In Peers is the largest peer-run recovery organization in the Shenandoah Valley, offering a full spectrum of recovery-oriented services. We support individuals facing substance use, mental health, and trauma-related challenges—with a special focus on those experiencing homelessness, reentering the community after incarceration, or living in rural poverty.

Our team of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists, all in active recovery, draw on their lived experiences to guide others toward healing, stability, and hope. Since 2015, we have helped more than 6,000 individuals take steps toward a better life.

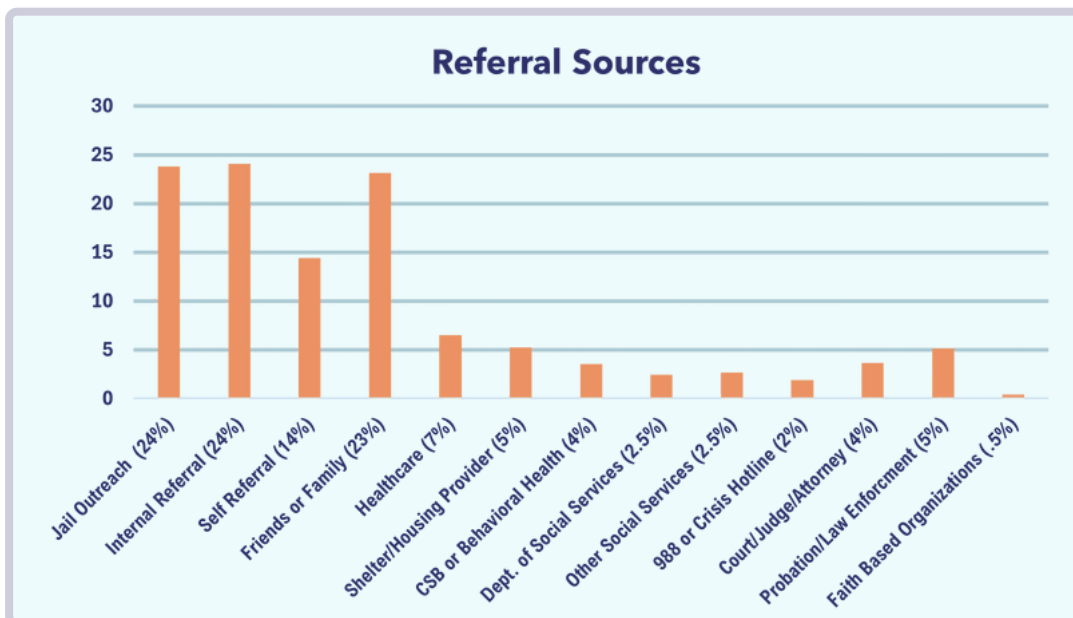
Grounded in lived experience, we envision a world where everyone is supported in their right to choose their recovery pathway. Our mission is to offer hope, support, and advocacy for those seeking recovery—so that together we can build resilience and thrive in our lives and communities.

We proudly serve the City of Harrisonburg and the counties of Rockingham, Page, and Shenandoah. Our Harm Reduction program also extends to Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County.

Strength In Peers Participant Population



Referral Sources



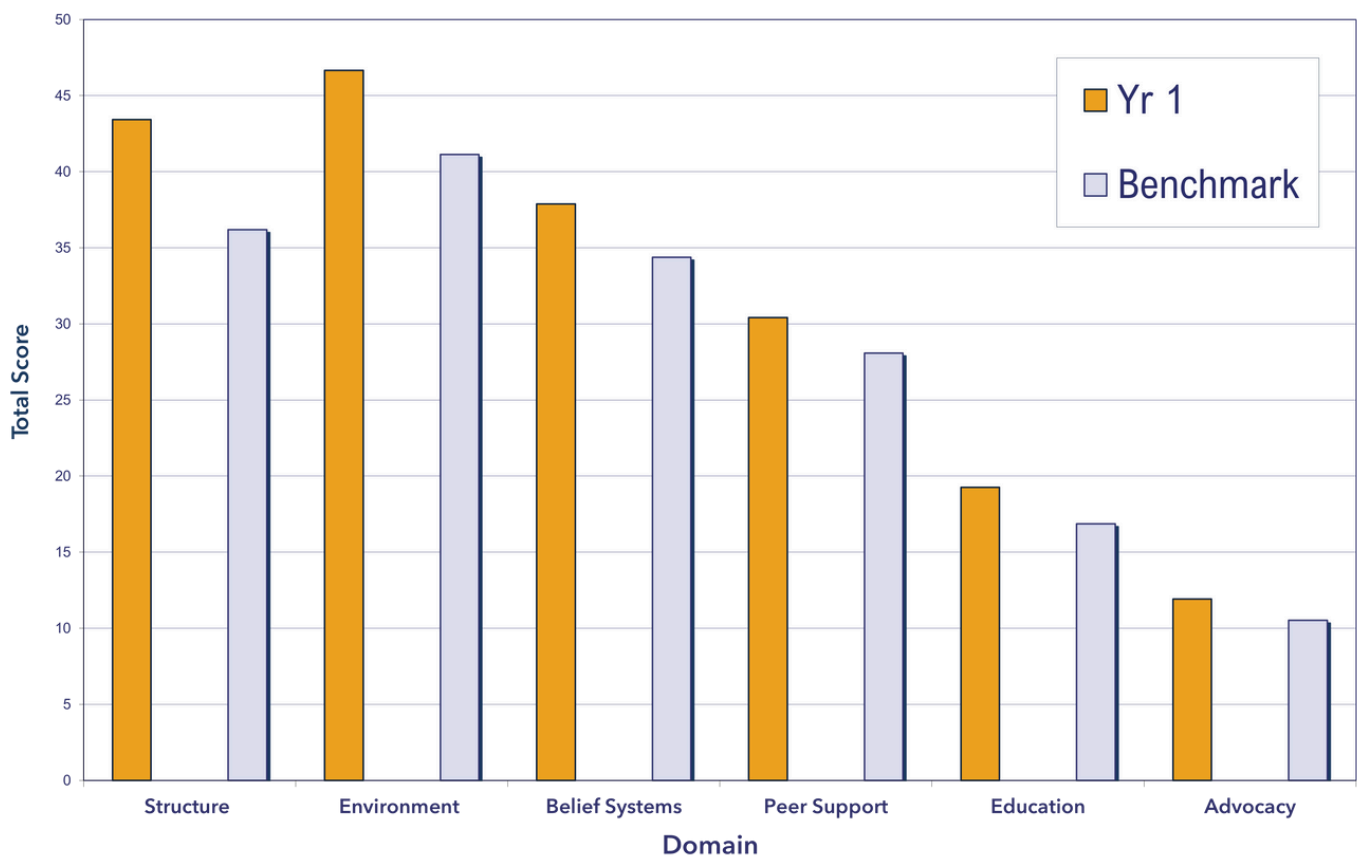
Organizational Assessment

In 2025, Strength In Peers completed its first organization-wide assessment using the Fidelity Assessment Common Ingredients Tool (FACIT). FACIT is a survey created by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to measure how well peer-run programs follow national standards for peer support and recovery-oriented services.

The tool looks at six key areas: **Structure, Environment, Belief Systems, Peer Support, Education, and Advocacy**. Feedback came from four groups—Directors, Leadership, Staff, and Participants—giving us a full picture of our strengths and areas to grow.

In our first year, Strength In Peers scored above the national benchmark. Even with this strong start, we are committed to doing better. Our next steps include adding more coaching on self-advocacy, improving accessibility, creating job readiness opportunities, and encouraging artistic expression.

Strength In Peers Comparison of Domain Scores to National Benchmark



“Going through the assessment was really helpful, and I was glad to be part of it! It was eye-opening to hear all the things an organization like Strength In Peers has to consider. I felt honored to share my voice, hear from other participants, see where our experiences connected, and give input on what could happen in the future.”

~ Alan, Strength In Peers participant



Community Resource Centers

At Strength In Peers, recovery and wellness are never out of reach. Our Community Resource Centers provide case management, computer access, food, emergency supplies, and connections to life-saving health and human services.

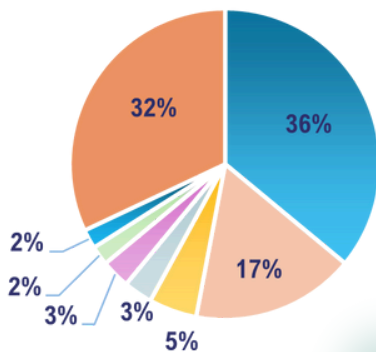
From Harrisonburg to New Market, these Centers are lifelines for people facing homelessness, poverty, addiction, and mental health challenges—offering not only practical help, but also dignity, compassion, and a community of support.

- **Harrisonburg (Main Hub):** Hands-on help with housing, healthcare, employment, and recovery programs, plus peer-led groups such as SMART Recovery, Dual Recovery Therapy, AcuDetox, Sober Living, Yoga & Meditation, and more.
- **Rocktown Health Clinic (Satellite):** Opened in 2025, this site brings together medical, behavioral health, and peer support for truly holistic care.
- **New Market:** Extends walk-in and mobile outreach to Page and Shenandoah counties, breaking down transportation barriers for rural communities.

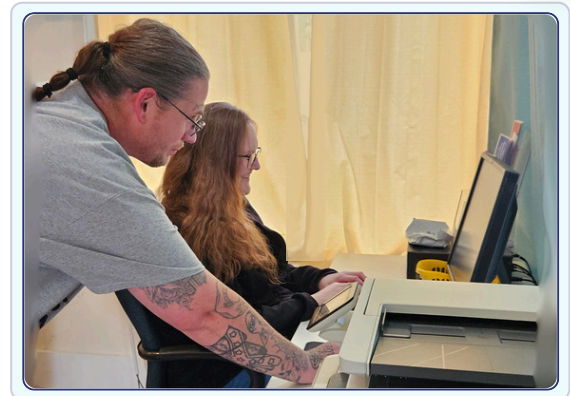
“Working with a Peer Recovery Specialist has been helpful because it provided me with more support and tools for my recovery. Strength In Peers provided me with support when I had no one else to turn to.”

- Lee Williams, Strength In Peers participant

Areas of Support & Referrals Provided to Participants



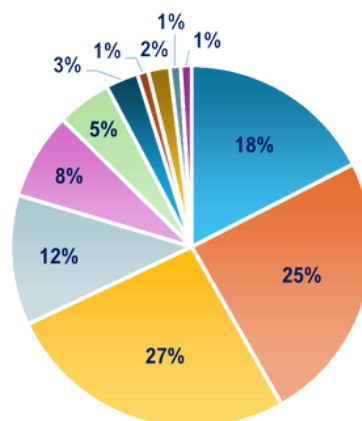
- Housing (36%)
- Employment (17%)
- Mental Health (5%)
- Transportation (3%)
- Public Benefits (3%)
- Food (2%)
- Physical Health (2%)
- Other (32%)



Direct Assistance Provided:

- 592 total people served through our Resource Centers FY 25
- 1,096 food pantry encounters
- 67 people obtained vital record
- 16 people applied for Medicaid
- 11 people applied for SNAP

Referral Sources

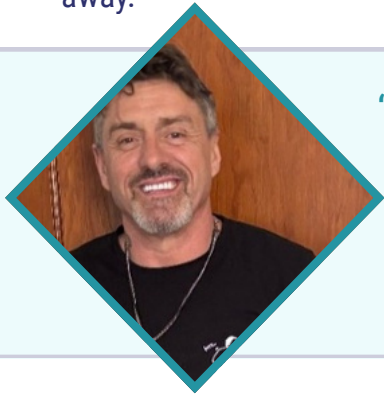


- Strength In Peers (18%)
- Self-Referral (25%)
- Friend/Family (27%)
- Homeless Services (12%)
- Jail (8%)
- Health Care (5%)
- Probation (3%)
- DSS (1%)
- CSB (2%)
- Other Social Services (1%)
- Judge/Attorney (1%)

Recovery Programs & Integrated Services

Strength In Peers' Recovery Programs support people overcoming substance use, mental health, and trauma-related challenges. Led by certified Peer Recovery Specialists with lived experience, participants build trust, share experiences, and gain strength to pursue lasting recovery.

We place special focus on individuals reentering from incarceration, people experiencing homelessness, and those with low income—ensuring the most vulnerable have access to support. Services include **peer-led groups, one-on-one support, and connections to therapy and psychiatric care** through trusted partners. All services are free for individuals with Medicaid or through grant funding, so no one is turned away.



“Working with a Peer Recovery Specialist brings me to a place where I can start to resolve my issues and think outside of my own head – they’ve been there, and the truth matters. Knowing I’m not alone, keeping me grounded in the present, and learning to love others has helped my recovery journey.”

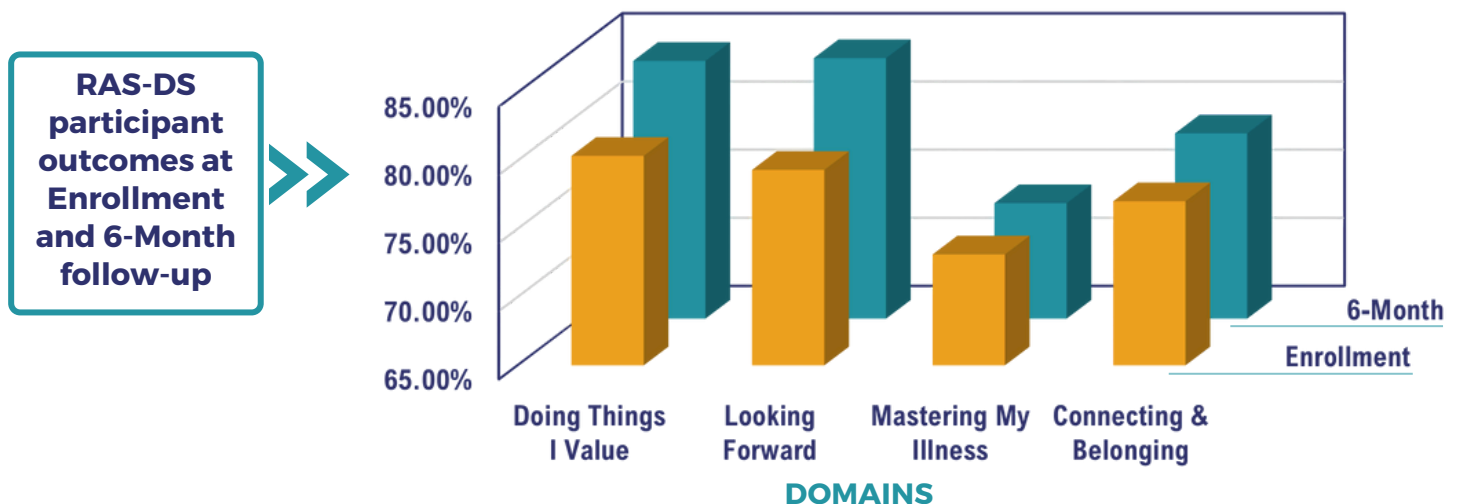
- Tony Drago, Strength In Peers participant



Recovery Assessment Scale – Domains and Stages (RAS-DS)

Strength In Peers uses the Recovery Assessment Scale – Domains and Stages (RAS-DS) to put participants in charge of their own recovery journey. This evidence-based tool helps people reflect on progress, set goals, and work with their support teams in a spirit of trust and collaboration.

For our organization, the RAS-DS also shows how well our programs are working and where we can grow. By combining this tool with personalized wellness planning, we ensure our care is impactful and responsive—helping more people turn hope into lasting change.



Recovery Program Impact:

- **252** recovery program participants FY25
- **47** participants were connected to behavioral health counseling and **15** to psychiatry
- PRSs provided **1,787 peer support sessions** including case management
- Completion of a 6-year federal grant showed that among **212** participants facing homelessness, substance use, and mental health challenges, **81%** were **stably housed** at program discharge

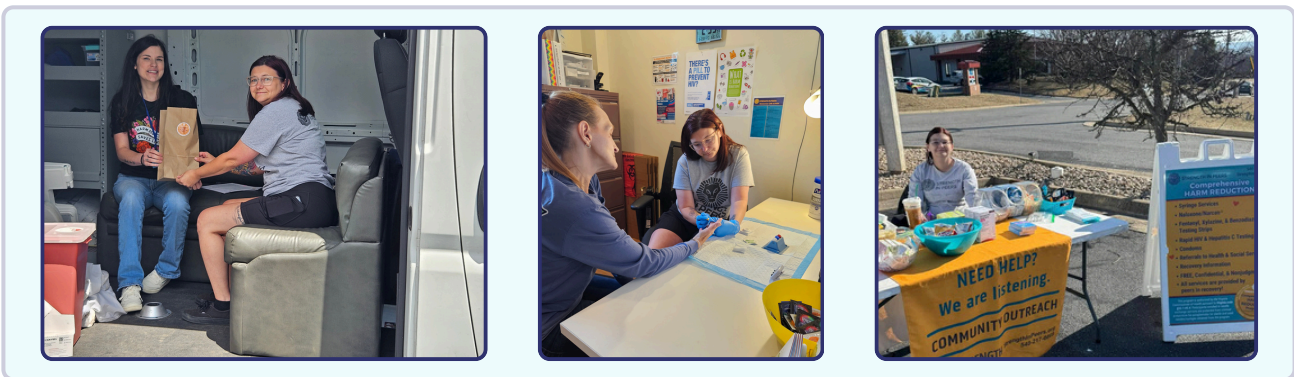
Harm Reduction & Testing: Protecting Health, Saving Lives

Strength In Peers' Harm Reduction program uses proven public health strategies to save lives and reduce the risks of drug use. Services include free sterile syringes, safe disposal, naloxone to reverse overdoses, drug test strips, condoms, wound care supplies, and rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing.

All services are delivered by trained Peer Recovery Specialists—people with lived experience who provide judgment-free support and understanding. This peer connection builds trust, reduces stigma, and helps participants explore recovery at their own pace. Whether someone is ready to taper, abstain, or simply stay safer in the moment, we walk alongside them on their recovery journey.

Our team provides support both in our offices and through mobile outreach across the Valley, while also educating community groups and professionals about the value of harm reduction.

Authorized by the Virginia Commissioner of Health (Virginia Code § 32.1-45.4.), this program reaches some of the most vulnerable in our community. With continued support, we can expand access, save lives, and offer a pathway to recovery.



"Strength In Peers is a place where each individual is treated with the utmost care and respect no matter your needs."



- Jasmine, Strength In Peers participant



Harm Reduction & Testing Impact FY 2025:

- **196** total Harm Reduction participants
- **803** total boxes of **Naloxone** (Narcan®) distributed
- Of 96 participants referred to behavioral health support, **43%** were successfully linked
- **65%** of participants that received referrals to social services were successfully linked
- **57,861 sterile syringes** were distributed
- **40,251 used syringes** were collected **exceeding the annual program target by 65%**
- **333 individuals** received overdose prevention **Naloxone kits** at outreach events
- **75** participants received **HIV testing** and **74** were tested for Hepatitis C (HCV)
- **2,954** Fentanyl; **1,820** Benzodiazepine; **2,185** Xylazine; **815** Nitazene **drug testing strips** distributed
- Participants by area: **40%** City of Harrisonburg, **26%** Rockingham, **10%** Page, **7%** Shenandoah, **17%** Augusta Region*

* Expansion of harm reduction services in the Augusta Region did not begin until January 2025.

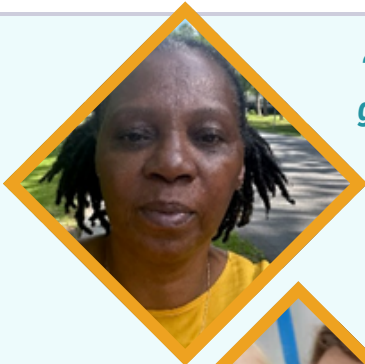
For the first time in years, Virginia is seeing a significant drop in overdose deaths – a nearly 24% decline, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

Respite Care: A Place to Rest, Recover, and Rebuild

Our Safe & Secure Medical Respite Home provides short-term shelter and compassionate, 24/7 care for people who are homeless after being discharged from the hospital with serious physical, mental, or behavioral health challenges. In partnership with Sentara RMH Case Management, we accept referrals for patients who have nowhere safe to go after treatment and welcome them into our 8-bed Respite Home.

Here, participants find more than a warm bed. They receive round-the-clock support from Respite Care Specialists, personalized case management, and peer recovery guidance to help them stabilize, heal, and plan for the future.

With donor and community support, this vital program bridges the gap between hospital discharge and safe, stable housing—ensuring people can recover with dignity and take meaningful steps toward long-term wellness.



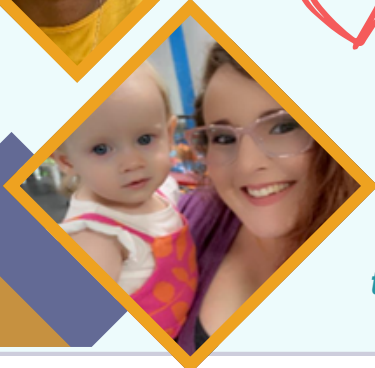
"I'm grateful that a program like this existed when I got released and needed help. It allowed me time to get on my feet, get a job, and get going."

- Merlinda



"I was grateful there was a quiet place for me to get back on my feet."

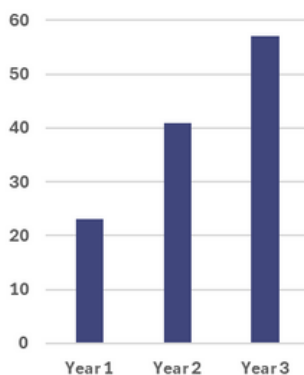
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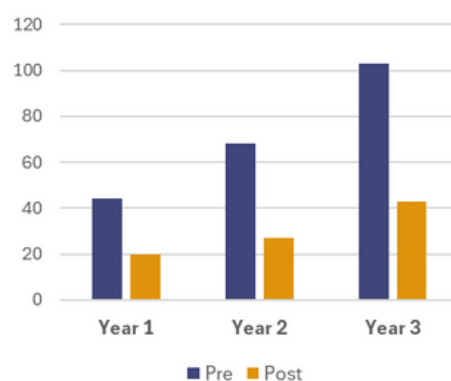
"There was a sense of relief that the Safe & Secure program existed when I was being released from the hospital. I didn't have to go back to that life, and the additional support was a building block to my sobriety."

- Tiffany

Total Participants



Number of Hospital Visits



Total Health Care Cost Savings (2021-2024)

Year 1	\$102,564
Year 2	\$345,083
Year 3	\$389,167

Respite Care Program Impact FY 2025:

- 52 participants served
- 11 referrals to behavioral health support
- 44 connections to social services
- 4 participants engaged in rehabilitation programs
- 20 individuals transitioned to shelter or housing support after discharge



Safe & Secure Medical Respite Home

Recovery Homes

Joe's Place, an 8-bed sober-living home, and Tony's Townhouse, a 4-bedroom sober living home, provide transitional housing for men seeking substance use recovery. Participants are required to maintain sobriety, work towards personal wellness goals, and engage in recovery-oriented activities throughout the week.



Recovery Home Impact FY 2025:

- 20 Recovery Home residents
- 60% completed **Wellness Plans**
- Participants engaged in **2,512 recovery-oriented activities** over the course of the year

"District 39 Probation and Parole has partnered with Strength In Peers since its inception in 2015. The resources and lived experience that they can provide to our criminal justice involved population is important to helping people change their lives. One of the most important parts of what they provide for us is as Peer Recovery Specialists. This gives our population under community supervision an opportunity to see that they can change and grow, start anew, while also becoming inspirational to others.

The staff at Strength in Peers gives hope to a population that sometimes does not see that opportunity from the community as a whole, and it is important for them to be that light of opportunity and change."

- Joshua C. Lutz, Chief, Probation and Parole Officer, District 39 Probation and Parole

Jail & Homeless Outreach

Our outreach teams connect with people who often face the greatest barriers to recovery, including those who are unhoused or recently released from jail. We offer hope, encouragement, and connections to housing and community services, along with essential supplies like socks, rain ponchos, and food.

We also lead peer support groups and reentry workshops in local jails, including Harrisonburg-Rockingham Regional Jail, Middle River Jail, and Page County Jail.

"Strength In Peers facilitates monthly re-entry workshops at Middle River Regional Jail for people who will be returning to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham area. Their Peer Recovery Specialists have a unique perspective in understanding the issues that people being released from jail will face and assist them in various ways. They help with not only recovery from substance abuse and mental health issues, but also with housing, employment, and other public services. Strength In Peers staff are there to support people in their efforts to become sober, productive, law abiding citizens for our communities."

- John Lilly, Program Director
Middle River Regional Jail



Jail & Homeless Outreach 2025:

- 111 individuals reached through Homeless Street Outreach
- 228 individuals served in local jails
- 141 peer support sessions conducted in local jails

The Value of Local Partnerships

Strength In Peers partners with the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) to support residents of the Lineweaver Apartments. Our Peer Recovery Specialists provide one-on-one support, referrals to community resources, and opportunities to build healthy relationships. Residents—many of whom are 55 or older, living with disabilities, or have limited income—also enjoy pro-social activities like barbecues, arts and crafts, and bingo where players receive essential supplies such as toiletries, kitchen items, and household goods.

We also work with Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services to support participants in the Recovery Court program. Our Peer Recovery Specialists offer peer support, case management, housing assistance, and group support for current participants and program alumni. By modeling wellness and resilience, peers demonstrate that recovery and a full life are possible after incarceration.

Lineweaver Program Impact 2025:

- **237 one-on-one peer support sessions**
- **338 pro-social activities**

Recovery Court Program Impact 2025:

- **29 program participants**
- **52%** engaged in one-on-one peer support
- **48%** engaged in peer groups
- **21** support groups offered to participants

Strength In Peers Statewide

In 2025, the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services invited Strength In Peers to deliver two innovative virtual programs. The Problem Gambling Program supported individuals struggling with addictive gambling behaviors, while the Crisis Services Training for Peer Supporters equipped Peer Recovery Specialists across Virginia with best practices for crisis intervention.

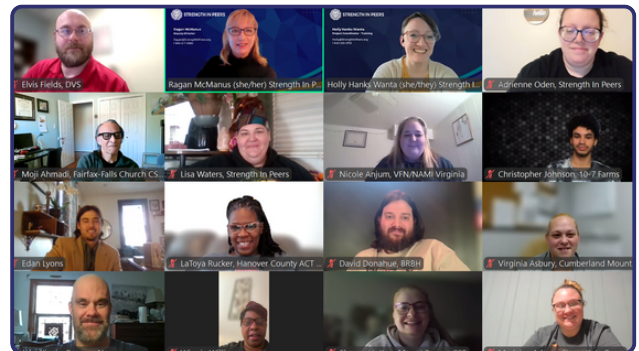
Both programs were offered online, making them accessible to people statewide—including those without reliable transportation. We're proud to share that both programs not only reached diverse communities, but also exceeded state benchmarks.

Problem Gambling Program FY 2025:

- **19** program participants
- Strength In Peers provided **91 peer support sessions**
- All participants completing a 6-month assessment reported reduced gambling and debt, and improved relationships

Crisis Services Training Impact 2025:

- **70 Peer Recovery Specialists trained** in crisis services
- **Preparedness to serve in crisis** rose from 57.3% to 93.7% after training
- Statewide reach included DBHDS jurisdictions in **Region 1 (41.6%), Region 2 (15%), Region 3 (11.7%), Region 4 (5%), and Region 5 (26.7%)**
- **13 Certified PRSs** completed Train-the-Trainer and now serve as statewide Crisis Services Trainers



"As a PRS I have been asked to respond to various crisis situations at schools and in the community. Now I have a much clearer understanding of my role in these situations."



"Great training – it's the most rigorous training I have attended as a PRS. The Strength In Peers trainers were awesome! They kept things flowing, made sure we had breaks and kept us engaged – we covered a lot of information in 3 days!"

- Post-survey quotes from Peer Recovery Specialists who participated in Crisis Services Training, Jan. 2025

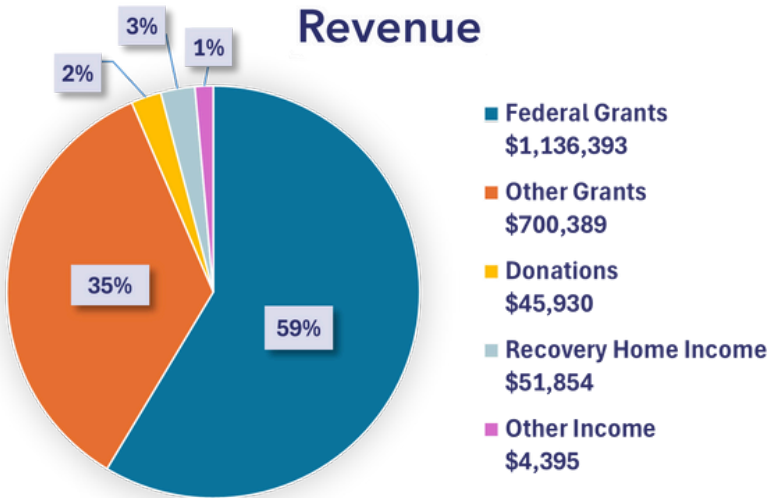
Financials FY 2025

At Strength In Peers, we take seriously our responsibility to manage every dollar with care. We are committed to transparency, accountability, and the thoughtful use of resources to advance our mission of offering hope, support, and advocacy to people affected by substance use, mental health, and trauma-related challenges.

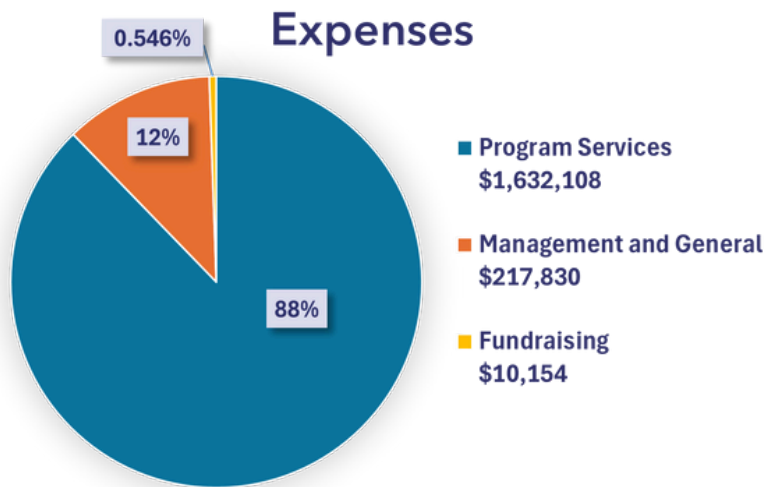
While some federal grants ended this year because of changes in funding priorities, Strength In Peers closed the fiscal year in a strong financial position. Federal grants still make up the largest share of our budget, and we are grateful for this continued investment in peer-led recovery. At the same time, we are working to broaden our support by growing private donations, expanding recovery housing supported through participant fees, and completing the development of our ability to bill Medicaid for peer recovery services.

Our financial stability reflects the strength of our relationships with donors, community partners, and our dedicated team. Together, we are proving that when people and organizations unite around a shared vision of recovery, we can build something lasting that continues to offer hope for years to come.

Total Revenue = \$1,938,961



Total Expenses = \$1,860,092



Assets	
Cash and other current assets	\$521,155
Property and equipment	\$929,007
Other long-term assets	\$36,693
	\$1,486,855
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	\$271,525
Long-term liabilities	\$645,143
Net assets	
Unrestricted	\$570,187
	\$1,486,885



Celebrating a Decade of Support

For the past ten years, our work has been made possible because of you—our federal, state, and local grantors, community partners, businesses, and individual donors. Your commitment, dedication, and belief in our mission are unparalleled. We simply could not do this work without you.

As we reflect on this milestone year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to the many groups and individuals who have taught us, guided us, and supported us along the way.

Thank you for standing with us over the past decade—and for walking with us into the future.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous individuals and businesses who have contributed \$200 or more to Strength In Peers over the past decade and to the public agencies and private organizations that have faithfully championed our mission.

Grants & Contracts:

AIDS Response Effort
Augusta Health
City of Harrisonburg
The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg & Rockingham
CVS Health
Harrisonburg Community Resource Center
Harrisonburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority
Horizon Goodwill
Humana Healthy Horizons
Page County Sheriff's Office
RMH Foundation
Rockingham County
Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit
SAARA of Virginia
Sentara Health
Shenandoah Community Foundation
Storm Electric
United Way of Harrisonburg & Rockingham
United Way of the Northern Shenandoah Valley
U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration
U.S. Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
Valley Associates for Independent Living
Valley Health
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
Virginia Department of Health
Virginia State Office of Rural Health
Woodstock Rotary Foundation

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Bombas
Bridgewater Retirement Community
Bridgewater Rotary Club
Campbell's Print Center
The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg & Rockingham
Consolidated Business Solutions
Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritan Club
Fraternal Order of the Eagles - New Market
Future Generations
Grand Home Furnishings
Harold & Faye Teer Humanitarian Fund

Harrisonburg Baptist Church
Harrisonburg Eagles
James Madison University Student Groups
Lantz Construction Company
LD&B Insurance
Mountain Valley United Methodist Church
National Association for University Women
Nielsen Builders
Open Doors
Reformation Lutheran Church
Regulus Group
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Donor Testimony



"Arlene and I both grew up in Mennonite families. Although our lifestyles were quite different—hers very conservative and mine more liberal—we both embraced the Mennonite and Biblical value of giving to those in need. Neither of our families had much money. Farmers in her family usually made just enough to get by, and in mine, factory workers lived at the mercy of the national economy. Still, you gave what you could.

After we married, we pursued our education, built our careers, raised two children, and even volunteered for two years with the church in Kentucky. Those experiences set the stage for us to be more intentional in our giving later in life. But then the question became: who to give to?

Because our faith instilled in us a concern for the 'least of these'—those who are struggling, overlooked, or living on the margins—we wanted to support an organization that serves people who are too often forgotten or pushed aside. Strength In Peers was a natural fit. Their Community Resource Centers offer life-saving support and practical help for people experiencing homelessness, reentry from incarceration, or life in rural poverty. Their recovery programs and services meet people where they are, without judgment, and their work gives dignity and hope to individuals and families who are often stigmatized or marginalized. Supporting their mission feels like the most faithful expression of our values." - Arlene & David Wiens



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