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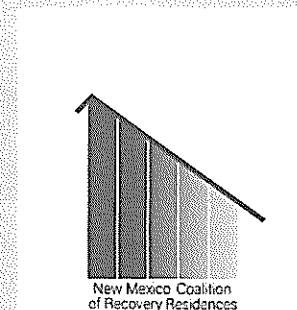
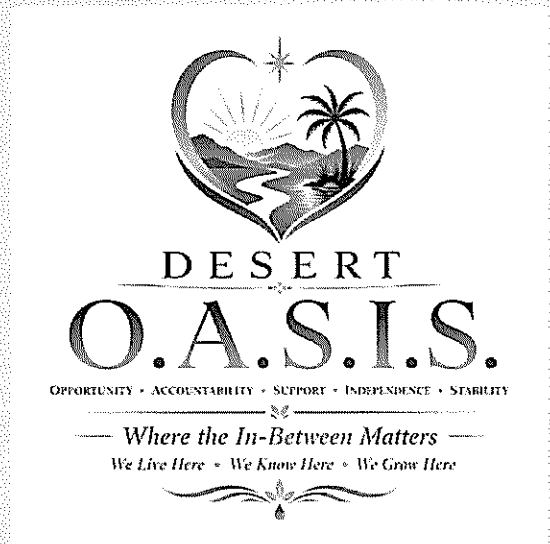
The Journey Through Recovery & Reentry

Building a human recovery ecosystem where the in-between matters.

Standards • Peer Leadership • Mentorship • Warm Handoffs • Community

Small Panel • October 1, 2026

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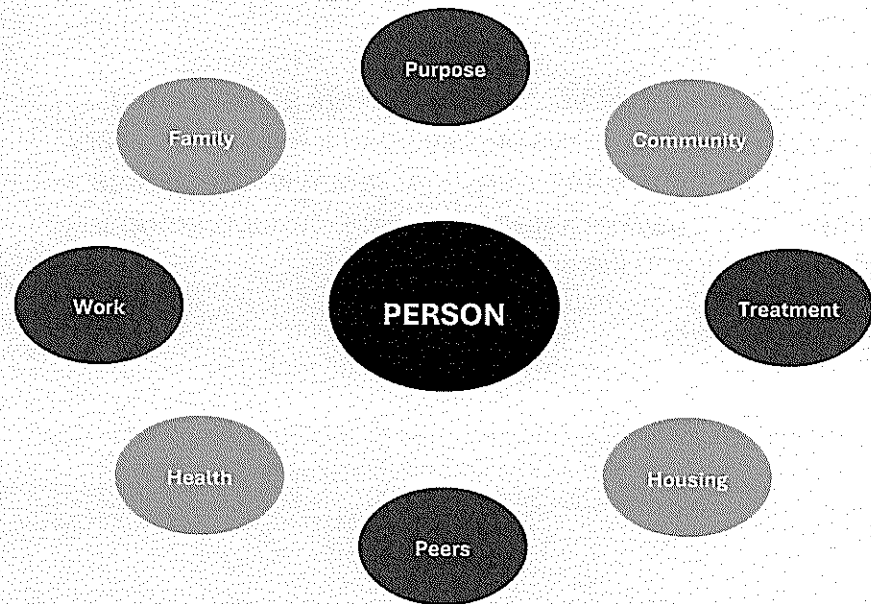
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Awareness is not about locking ideas away. It is about respecting creators, protecting Desert O.A.S.I.S. work, and being transparent about what is ours, what is shared, and what comes from others.

START WITH THE PERSON

Recovery is not one service. It is an ecosystem.

A person may need treatment, housing, healthcare, work, family, peers, purpose, transportation, and community — but those pieces only become a pathway when they connect.



The work is not simply adding services. It is strengthening the relationships between them.

DR. ANDRE L. JOHNSON

The recovery ecosystem: whole-person support connected by relationships.

Detroit Recovery Project describes its work as integrated recovery support that helps people build a healthy recovery ecosystem. Johnson's Recovery Ecosystem work explores the recovery journey through friendships, support groups, family, purpose, and lived experience.

RELATIONSHIPS

People who know you, notice you, and stay connected.

PURPOSE

Meaningful roles, goals, work, service, and identity.

COMMUNITY

Belonging that continues beyond formal treatment.

For Desert Oasis: the mentor, peer, family member, provider, and community can become part of the recovery environment — not separate from it.

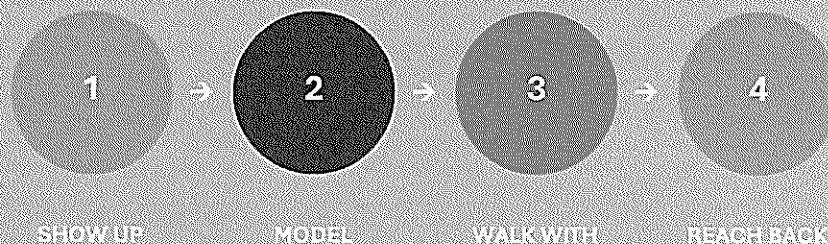
Mentorship turns an ecosystem into a relationship.

A phone number cannot notice when someone disappears.

A portal cannot model recovery.

A referral sheet cannot walk beside someone.

A mentor can.



The person receiving support today can become part of someone else's recovery ecosystem tomorrow.

Lived experience is not an accessory. It helps shape the environment.

NARR defines the Social Model as a community-oriented approach grounded in shared lived experience, peer leadership, participative governance, personal responsibility, and community support.

Domenica Personti's Impact Life is built around recovery residences, peer support, workforce development, treatment, reentry, and community — with values of Connection, Compassion, and Kinship.

PEER LEADERSHIP

Recovery is modeled person-to-person.

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Residents give and receive support.

OWNERSHIP

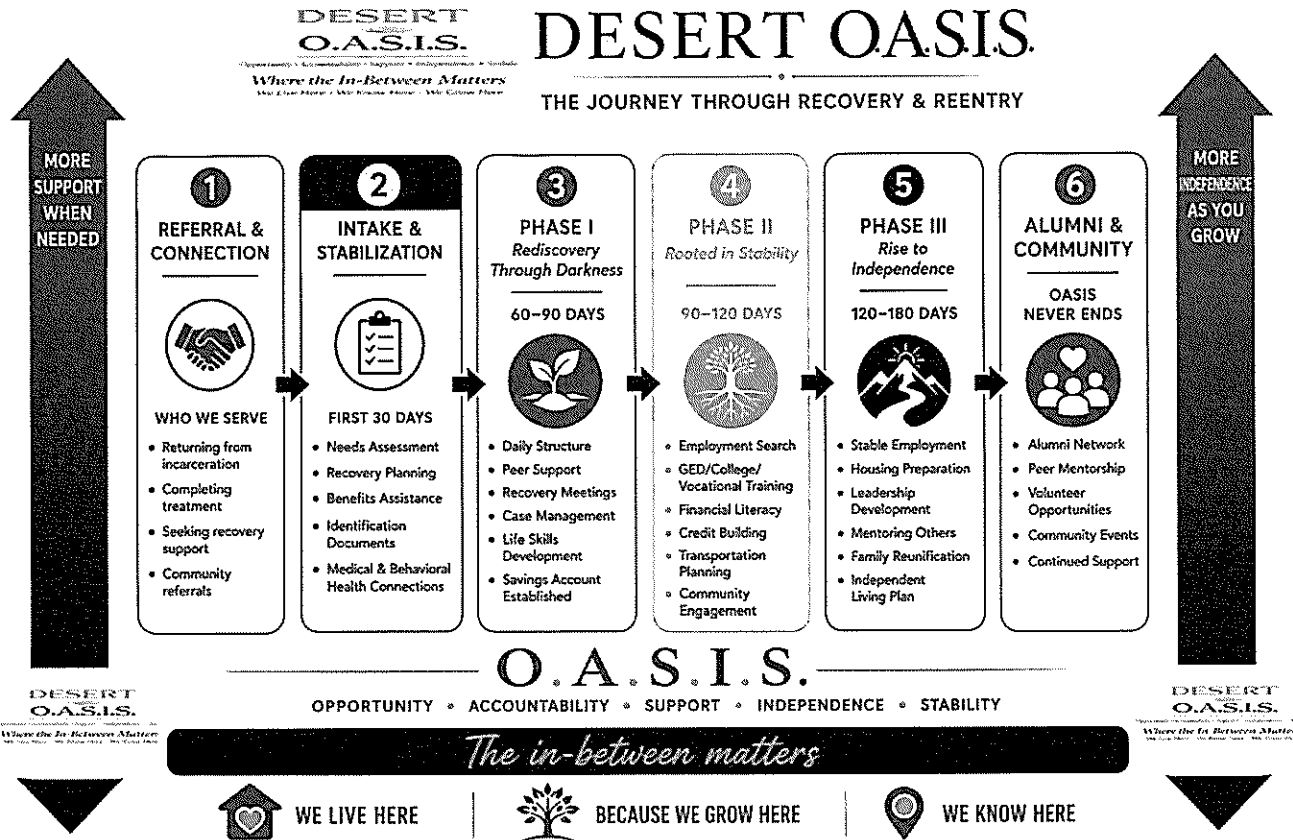
People participate in their recovery community.

KINSHIP

Belonging becomes part of healing.

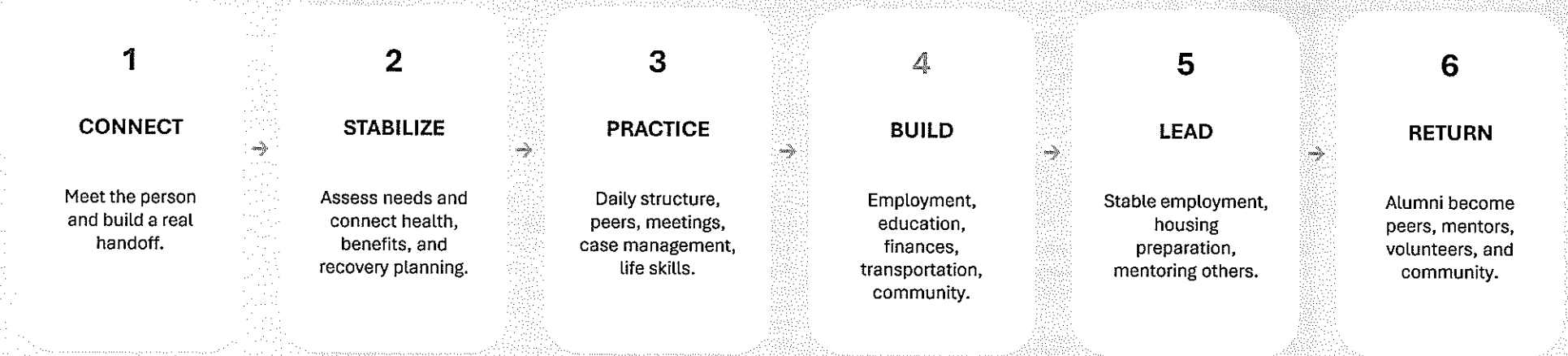
This is not staff doing recovery to residents. It is a community practicing recovery together.

Desert O.A.S.I.S.: support changes as independence grows.



THE JOURNEY HAS A DIRECTION

Support → practice → leadership → community.



The endpoint is not 'finished.' The endpoint is belonging, independence, and the ability to reach back.

WHY STRUCTURE MATTERS

The residence is a living recovery environment — not simply a place to sleep.

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| 01 | ROUTINE | Repeated healthy actions become daily practice. |
| 02 | PEERS | People learn with and from one another. |
| 03 | ACCOUNTABILITY | Expectations are clear, visible, and consistent. |
| 04 | SKILLS | Work, budgeting, communication, health, and life skills are practiced. |
| 05 | BELONGING | Community reduces isolation and creates reasons to stay connected. |

Social model recovery emphasizes interpersonal connection as a foundation for sustainable recovery.

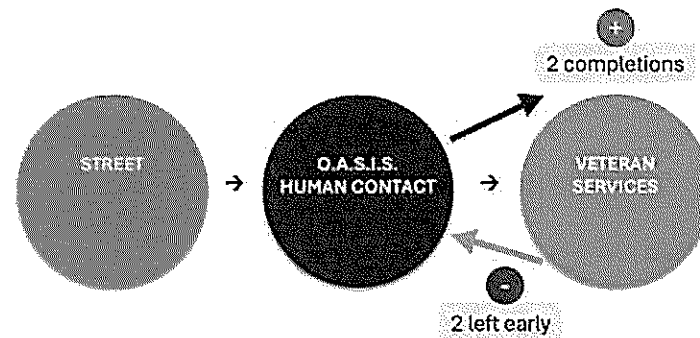
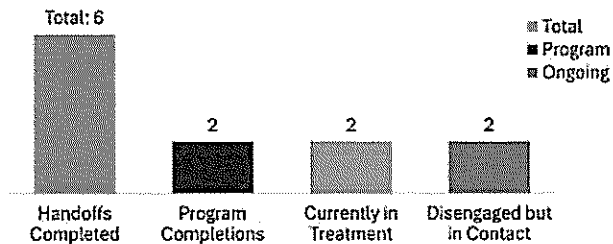
A real example of the in-between.

Case Study: Quantifiable Impact

A veteran experiencing homelessness needed more than a referral.

Desert Oasis helped him get off the street and supported his connection and travel to the Veterans Center in Albuquerque.

Program Outcome Dashboard (September)



The handoff is not complete until the person is connected.

✓ Connection Rate: High (2/6 immediate, 2/6 ongoing)

QUALITY PROTECTS THE ECOSYSTEM

NARR + NMCRR give recovery housing a common standard.

Dr. Patrick Hibbard Research Scientist I
Chestnut Health Systems Lighthouse Institute

SAFETY

Healthy, recovery-supportive environments.

RIGHTS

Clear expectations, dignity, privacy, and grievance pathways.

SOCIAL MODEL

Peer leadership, lived experience, responsibility, and community.

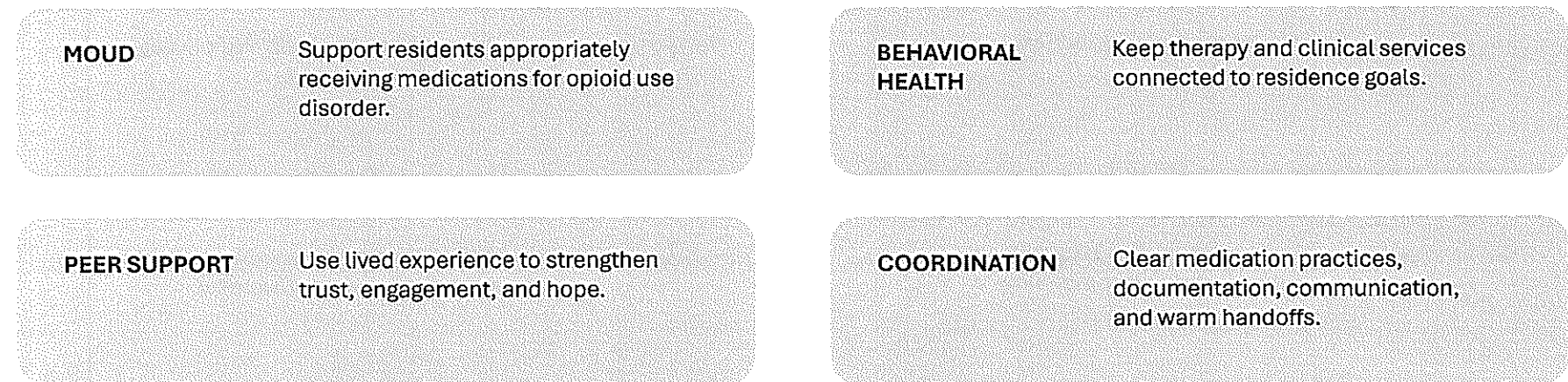
ACCOUNTABILITY

Ethical operations, documentation, and continuous improvement.

The goal is not simply more beds. It is more trustworthy recovery environments.

Recovery support and treatment can reinforce one another.

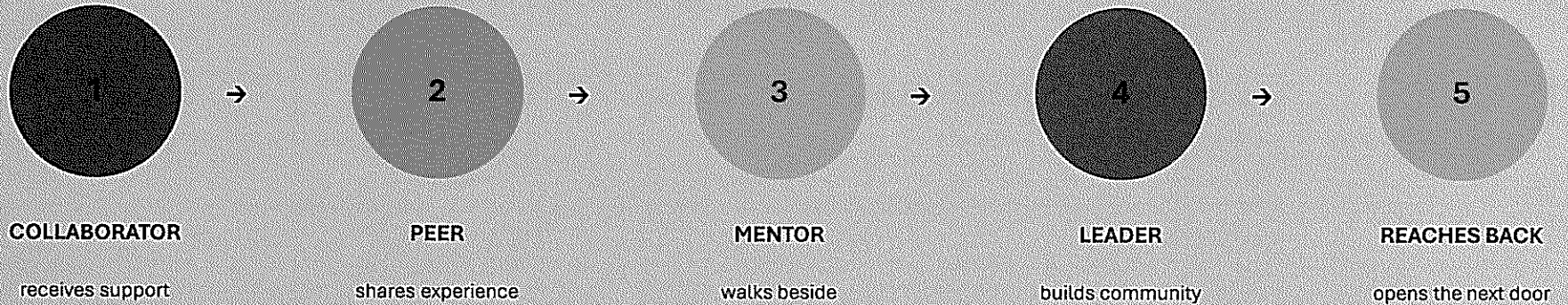
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The social model does not replace clinical care. It creates a recovery environment around it.

WHAT SUCCESS BECOMES

From participant to contributor.



This is the pay-it-forward mentorship chain: recovery capital becomes community capital.

A recovery ecosystem people can trust — and reach.

-  Real names and warm handoffs instead of disconnected referral lists.
-  Peer leadership and mentorship embedded across the continuum.
-  Recovery housing integrated with behavioral health, healthcare, justice, and workforce partners.
-  Transparent standards, outcomes, finances, and ethical expectations.
-  An alumni community that keeps people connected after formal programming ends.

People should not have to become experts in our systems just to receive help.

THE IN-BETWEEN MATTERS

**Treatment matters.
Housing matters.
Healthcare matters.
Peer support matters.**

But relationships are what help a
person move between them.

Our goal is not to build every service.
It is to build the human infrastructure that helps
people reach them, stay connected, grow, and
eventually reach back for someone else.

We live here. We know here. We grow here.

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Additional literature: peer-led recovery models, social model recovery, recovery capital, mentorship,
and continuity of care in behavioral health and recovery residences.



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WE GROW HERE



WE KNOW HERE